

## Neah-Kah-Nie High School Volunteers of the Month

### **Kirk Dickey**

I would like to introduce Kirk Dickey to you, a 1980 Neah-Kah-Nie graduate. Kirk came to his first NKN Robotics practice last Winter. Soon after he started attending Kathryn Harmon's High School Engineering Design Class daily, and from there he ventured over to the Woodshop to help Corben Ray set up the district's new plasma cutter. Since then, Kirk has continued to attend our classes at NKN offering dry humor, years of experience as a Boeing Test Engineer, and an interest in helping students on their path to finding a rewarding career for themselves. We often say that as kids get older, adults get more uncomfortable coming into schools to volunteer. We appreciate Kirk's willingness to work with teenagers, sharing his life experience and valuable knowledge with all of us. Many thanks from Kathryn Harmon, Dan Gernert and all of the students at NKN.

I have very much enjoyed getting to know Kirk in this last year. He has a willingness to share the knowledge he has gained from working in a field that is in need of future employees and a smooth way of interacting with teachers and students. His real world experience is a great way to engage students and I am grateful for his presence. Thank you Kirk!

### **Dave Allen**

Dave Allen has been a volunteer football assistant coach for the past two seasons. Throughout two seasons, Dave's role has evolved from helping coach, running back to our defense and offense of line as well as maintaining our field painted and ready for our home football games. Lining up the field and painting it for each football game takes many, many, many hours and we really appreciate Dave for being willing to step up and take on that task. This season Dave has also stepped in and helped re-organize and clean the coaches' equipment office and the football equipment room. Thank you for everything you have done over the two years, we really appreciated having you around to help with whatever needed to be done. -The football team

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