



Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

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Dear Paul Erlebach, School Board Members, and Community Members,

It is my pleasure to recognize Wendy Bakker as this month's Volunteer of the Month.

Wendy is a valuable member of our newly created Parent Group. This group meets monthly with two main purposes, raising funds to support student activities, and supporting our teachers. Wendy was the lead in our most recent fundraising opportunity, Penny Wars. She designed a flyer and a banner to promote the event to students and families, and organized the collection of money and the reward for the grade who raised the most funds. This event was held during the week of April 24-28, and it raised —!

In addition to being an active parent group member, Wendy also volunteers as a helper for our track team. This year, the middle school had 60 students turn out for track and field. Track is a unique sport where students are participating in several events spread over the entire field. Wendy saw the need for additional support, and has attended all track practices and meets.

Rumor has it, Wendy is a former track star herself, and is sharing her knowledge of throwing the javelin and disc with our students. At the last track meet, our students placed 3-7 in the javelin because of her ability to teach them all of her tricks. Another unique aspect of track is the weather. As we all know, spring on the Oregon coast is very unpredictable. There are many days of rain, sometimes snow, and rarely sun. Rain, snow, or wind does not stop Wendy from volunteering her time to support our students.

In closing, it is my honor to recognize Wendy Bakker as this month's Volunteer of the Month. She truly exemplifies all the characteristics of being a volunteer and then some.

Thank you for your dedication to the Neah-Kah-Nie School District.

Lori Dilbeck
Principal, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School