



Seagull Spirit!

Neah-Kah-Nie School District No. 56

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To: The Neah-Kah-Nie School Board

Nehalem Elementary School would like to honor Mia Burch as the Neah-Kah-Nie School District Volunteer of the Month. When we talked about this honor at a staff meeting, Mia's name came up over and over as someone we wanted to publicly appreciate.

Mia has been volunteering in many ways at NES. She is an Art Mom and teaches art to our students each month. She is passionate about bringing out creativity in all students! Mia is instrumental in the Backpack Program and puts bags of food together each week to then unobtrusively place in student backpacks to take home for the weekend. Mia volunteers in the classroom of her daughter and has for many years. Mia has also been running after school with the S.H.E. Warriors and attending practices with her daughters.

Mia was one of the parents that gave hours and hours to the new NES mosaic mural this spring. She worked closely with the Oregon Coast Children's Theater artistic director to cut and lay tile, grout tile, and was even offered a job with the company because of her drive and talent. Our beautiful mural was completed and installed on time because of Mia's dedication to the project.

As you can see, Mia is a huge part of our school and has a hand in many, many programs. This year she has even jumped into the classified substitute pool and is working 3 days a week this spring in a 4/5 classroom as an instructional assistant. Mia is simply amazing.

Thank you, Mia, for giving so much of yourself to Nehalem Elementary. We sure appreciate you!

Kristi Woika, Principal