



Neah-Kah-Nie School District No. 56

NEHALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Kristi Woika, Principal

Seagull Spirit!

Heaven Hartford, Family Resource Coordinator

January 13, 2025

Dear Teri & Meals for Seniors Volunteers,

Thank you so much for all the time and energy you all put towards your volunteer services for our community. I love the spirit and energy that goes into supporting and caring for our seniors and families in need.

And thank you so much for adopting seven of my families for the Holidays! When I called these families to ask if they would like assistance with Christmas gifts and food, I could hear their excitement and joy tinged with the tears of relief. The holiday season is an especially difficult time of year for families experiencing poverty. The expectation of gifts, doubled with two weeks out of school without the breakfast and lunch provided through our nutrition program compounds the stress of many families.

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Dear Laura Swanson, Fulcrum Resources & Volunteers,

Thank you so much for all the time and energy you all put towards your volunteer services for our community. The salmon you provide is a premium product that many in my Backpack Program wouldn't normally have access to. I love the spirit and energy that goes into preserving our local resources and giving to those in need. Thank you all for your continued service!

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Dear Kate & Mark (Coast Kids),

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My families really appreciate all the lice kits you provide for them. It is especially true now during the cold and flu season. I know how stressful it is to have one more thing to deal with! The support we provide these families with a simple gift goes a long way to making them feel like their whole community is here for them.

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Dear Nehalem Bay Community Services Volunteers,

Thank you so much for all the time and energy you all put towards your volunteer services for our community. It seems like the number of families you serve at Nehalem Elementary School continues to go up each year. I know you spend all year fundraising, well before you shop for and organize the Munch-a-Lunch, Back-to-School clothes/supplies & Christmas Baskets/Gifts.

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Dear Judy & Chung,

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Dear Lions Club Volunteers,

Thank you so much for all the time and energy you all put towards your volunteer services for our community. It seems like the number of families you serve at NES continues to go up each year. I know you spend all year fundraising, well before you shop for and organize the Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets/Gifts.

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Dear North Tillamook County Women's Association,

Thank you so much for your generous \$500.00 donation to Nehalem Elementary School's Family Resource Center. I was able to purchase warm socks, rain boots, running shoes, winter coats and raincoats for many of the children at NES. I also purchased extra school supplies to have on hand and to pass out to families to take home.

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Warm Regards,

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January 13, 2025

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