



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 Lizzie Solley as the Neah-Kah-Nie School District Volunteer of the Month. When I spoke to staff to ask who to nominate for this recognition, Lizzie's name came up right away. Here are some of the wonderful things staff said about her:

- "Lizzie comes to the library to help with her class's library check out each week and mostly spends her time helping kids choose books for their weekly genre reading. I really appreciate the time and effort she puts in because between the two of us, we can help more kids. Lizzie is thoughtful, approachable and an avid reader and kids respond to the attention."
- "Lizzie has been known to take a few kids at a time on rainy day recesses to learn to fold origami. I have several examples of their work here in the library. With her help, last year's 5th grade class made folded origami flowers from discarded books that were presented as appreciation gifts to staff. "
- "Lizzie helped out last year with our Battle of the Books. It was really cool to see her grow in her leadership skills. She was sharing ideas with me on how to help the kids prepare for the battle and was here to help on meeting days."
- Lizzie has worked two or three full days per week in Virginia Birkby's classroom since last year. She carools in with Virginia and never misses a day. This year alone, Lizzie has clocked in 312 volunteer hours. That's 39 full days so far of volunteering! Below are some of the wonderful things she does for Virginia and her students:
 - Providing extra help for students needing to learn their math facts by practicing with them, assessing, and tracking their growth.
 - Creating colorful anchor charts to support reading instruction (She's quite the artist!)
 - Teaching origami art during recesses. She is currently gearing up to volunteer as an Art Mom and teach origami school-wide!
 - Lizzie checks assignments, reteaches as necessary and monitors and records corrections.
 - Supervising students on the playground, at lunch, and in the gym before school.
 - She visited with parents at Open house and attends all class field trips.
 - Lizzie supports students in the classrooms during instruction.

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

Kristi Woika, Principal