

Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56

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Neah-Kah-Nie School District Staff, Students, and Community,

Congratulations to Leo Lawyer, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Principal, and Levi Nugent, Neah-Kah-Nie School District Technology Director as **Treasure Award** recipients. Leo and Levi were nominated by very appreciative staff members and selected by the Neah-Kah-Nie School District's Employee Recognition Committee. There was a record number of nominations this trimester. The committee would like to thank staff who nominated so many viable candidates. You are encouraged to continue to nominate exceptional staff for this prestigious award.

Leo and Levi are recognized for their contribution to one or more of the following Neah-Kah-Nie School District values:

- ❖ *Excellence in education-Preparing student for the future*
- ❖ *Progressive professional practice*
- ❖ *Learning that requires rigor, relevance, responsibility, and relationships*
- ❖ *Building positive community partnerships*
- ❖ *Being responsible, respectful, and safe*
- ❖ *Building a positive school and district climate*
- ❖ *Celebrating the school district's diversity*
- ❖ *Open collaborative communication*
- ❖ *Fiscal responsibility and prioritization*

Principal Lawyer will complete his seventh year as the Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Principal/Athletic Director. As the instructional leader of the middle school, Principal Lawyer carefully and intentionally chooses the actions that have the biggest impact on student learning-and he avoids those actions that do not. Principal Lawyer provides the necessary minute-by-minute leadership that ensures great teaching to guarantee great learning.

As the Neah-Kah-Nie School District's Technology Director, **Levi Nugent** has all the characteristics of an exceptional technology director. Levi supports teachers to use technology as an instructional tool. He is a problem solver. Levi forms personal relationships with every district employee. He is an active member of the school district's technology committee. Levi has a vision for the use of educational technology with structures. Levi is a continuous learner.

Levi has served the school district for the past twelve years and is the main reason NKN schools is a leader in the use of technology.

Treasure Award nominating letters include the following:

Leo Lawyer

I nominate Leo Lawyer simply because he is the glue that binds our school together. He always has an answer for every question. Leo exhibits strong leadership and gives me a feeling of confidence.

I love our school and the climate it has. I wouldn't love my job quite as much if Leo was not our leader. There are many reasons I nominated Leo. He deserves the Treasure Award for his exceptional service.

Leo Lawyer

Leo is a great leader for his students and staff. He is dedicated and professional. He listens to concerns from everyone, whether it's from parents, students, staff or community members and then he takes action accordingly to address the issue.

He provides a safe, fun and wonderful atmosphere for students to learn and grow in. I believe each and every staff member at the middle school would agree that Leo is a fabulous principal and athletic director!

Levi Nugent

Levi is an unsung hero in our school district. What would we do without him? Levi exemplifies what we want in a Neah-Kah-Nie School District employee. He is an effective communicator who works to keep the over 1000+ devices in the district all running without a hiccup. When you call on him, he is there ready to figure out the problem. You may find him in a classroom, in an office, in a server closet, or maybe in the attic pulling wire. It doesn't matter if it is your laptop, printer, copier, Chromebook, document camera, ActiveBoard, or your phone. We are so technologically driven that if one of our devices fails we cannot do our work. It doesn't matter if you are an employee or a student. We all need our technology to accomplish what we need to do.

As technology changes he is constantly learning how to manage and support new devices and products, and the laws that govern our online presence. Add to all this his participation on the District Technology Committee, and the regional technology committee.

When you see Levi out and around the district please let him know how much you appreciate him. He is the one who makes sure that we can do our jobs.

Leo and Levi will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Sea Breeze Gifts, Rockaway Beach. The Neah-Kah-Nie School District Employee Recognition Committee will present a Treasure Award plaque to Leo and Levi.

Staff, students, and community members are encouraged to nominate exceptional Neah-Kah-Nie School District employees to the school district's Employee Recognition Committee. The committee then selects two ***Treasure Award*** recipients each trimester.

Attached to this letter is additional information on how to nominate an employee for a ***Treasure Award***.

Congratulations Leo and Levi! You are true Neah-Kah-Nie School District TREASURES!

Thank you,

Paul Erlebach, Superintendent
Neah-Kah-Nie School District Employee Recognition Committee

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Treasure Awards
Employee Recognition Program

The Neah-Kah-Nie School District's employee recognition program, *Treasure Awards*, is a way for students, staff, parents and community members to nominate a district employee for his/her outstanding work.

The *Treasure Award* was created by a representatives from employee groups, administrators, and school board/community members.

The goal of *Treasure Award* is for a sustainable employee recognition program that honors the hard work and dedication of school district staff.

School staff, volunteers, and community members are encouraged to nominate school district employees for the *Treasure Award*. Two staff will be selected each trimester to receive the award.

Please take a few moments to review the toolkit ([here](#)) that describes the *Treasure Award*.

A link to the nomination form can be accessed here ([here](#)). Copies of the form are also available at NKN schools and the district office. Internet Explorer and Chrome are the easiest browsers to access the fillable PDF. If you use Chrome, save the nomination form on your desktop. If you use Firefox, open with Adobe.

Hard copies of the nomination form may be sent to:

Neah-Kah-Nie School District
Attn: Treasure Awards
PO Box 28
Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

If you have questions, please contact a school administrator.