

Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56

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Neah-Kah-Nie School District Staff and Students,

It is a great honor to recognize Jaime Simpson and Stacey Dills as the recipients of the third trimester **Treasure Award**. The Treasure Award is awarded to two outstanding Neah-Kah-Nie School District employees each trimester.

Jaime Simpson has worked for Neah-Kah-Nie School District for seven years as a special education instructional assistant at the high school. Her smile and engaging personality bring out the very best in students.

Stacey Dills is the Neah-Kah-Nie School District Student Services/Special Education Director. Stacey recently earned her Education Administration License; previous to Stacey's current administrator position, Stacey was the special education teacher at Nehalem Elementary. Stacey has worked for Neah-Kah-Nie School District for ten years.

Jaime and Stacey 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*

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. This is what Treasure Award nominees wrote about Jaime and Stacey:

Jaime Simpson

Jaime Simpson is an incredibly dedicated staff member who consistently goes above and beyond to support a positive and successful NKN school community.

I have watched Jaime work patiently, calmly, and kindly with all NKN students, in particular she knows what makes kids tick, and is always ready with a suggestion and a smile when intervention is needed. In addition I served with her on the NKN High School Site Council for many years, her input is always to the point and relevant. Jaime is a constant participant in professional development opportunities, staff meetings, and other school events, she consistently goes above and beyond, participating fully and helping to make our school a safe, respectful, and responsible space for all.

Jaime's dedication to the PBIS program, and her quiet encouragement and friendly words make our students happy to come to school every day. If you have ever gotten a doubloon from Jaime you know what a treasure she is, and how lucky we are to have her working in our school.

Stacey Dills

Stacey has taken on numerous programs to oversee for the district and spending many, many, MANY late nights taking time to review, reflect, revise and improve services for students. Her attention to detail and support of both students and staff are unparalleled. She has spent countless hours resolving issues, cleaning up files, streamlining processes and has poured her heart and soul into her work.

Through her leadership, our district special services programs are becoming programs of excellence.

Jaime and Stacey will receive a Treasure Award plaque from the Neah-Kah-Nie School District Board of Directors at the Monday, June 11 board meeting. Each will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Kelly's Marina and will be recognized in front of their peers and students.

Attached to this letter is additional information on how to nominate employees for next year.

Congratulations Jaime and Stacey, you are true TREASURES!

Thank you,

Paul Erlebach, Superintendent and NKN Employee Recognition Committee member

Neah-Kah-Nie School District
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.