

# *Khanh Dang*

Khanh Dang has demonstrated outstanding personal commitment to improving the lives of children and youth in so many ways. She has been actively involved in the school and is dedicated to improving the community. We are delighted to announce that Khanh is one the 2018 Golden Acorn Recipients!

Khanh has been extremely active and involved in the PTSA. She is the Art Docent lead for her daughter's 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom as well as the art docent assistant for her daughter's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. She is an active member of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion committee. Khanh also volunteers in the classroom and especially enjoys helping the students in reading and math.

Khanh is a strong supporter and organizer of robotics clubs across the district, including Liberty High School where her oldest daughter attends. At Newcastle Elementary, Khanh has led the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Lego League (FLL) Robotics Program for two years, challenging and enriching the minds of 20 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders each year. As the lead parent, she gives countless hours, not only for the once a week meeting, but also at her home over the weekends so that team members have additional time to practice, build and learn together. She trains and guides the other parent mentors and leads her own group of students through the competition season. This year, she also served as an expert resource for the newly developed robotics teams at Apollo Elementary and Briarwood Elementary. Khanh is on the steering committee to get FLL into all the Issaquah district elementary and middle schools in the next two years.

As if the above wasn't enough, Khanh is the committed troop leader for two girl scout troops, leading 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade groups. She has hosted monthly Girl Scout meetings at her house for 3 years. Her enthusiasm and commitment is exemplified by co-leading a cookie rally for 80 girls and co-sponsoring the Shamrock Skate event. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are earning a bronze award for their Kind is Cool campaign to stop bullying. Her 5<sup>th</sup> grade troop is traveling to San Francisco in April to join 7,500 other 5<sup>th</sup> graders for the Golden Gate Bridging event, where the girls graduate from Juniors to Cadettes. Khanh is also the school representative for the Girl Scouts service unit which helps with recruiting new scouts.

Khanh's dedication to children does not stop within the Newcastle community. Khanh volunteers at the SeaFair Clowns backpack event, packing hundreds of backpacks for a selected Seattle school of high need.

Newcastle is very fortunate to have such a wonderful and dedicated volunteer. We are proud to honor Khanh as one of our 2018 Golden Acorn Award winners.