

**Carole Nolden  
Golden Apple Award  
February 16, 2009**

It is difficult to say whether co-workers value Kenai Middle School secretary Carole Nolden more for the quality of her work or the positive attitude she maintains while doing it.

Ms. Nolden is responsible for tracking attendance, maintaining student records, input of grades and receipts, creating newsletters, and many other tasks. Her position at the office window means she is the first one to welcome parents, greet students, answer questions and help staff. Fellow secretary Cindy Fusaro said, "She treats our students, staff, parents and community members with respect and kindness each day no matter how busy we are in the office."

Principal Paul Sorenson said students readily seek out Ms. Nolden for information and advice, and her interactions with them are intuitive, positive and proactive. KMS special services aide Lynn Kocinski said, "She is wonderful at recognizing when students are in crisis and is not afraid to make sure they are taken care of. No student goes without lunch, snack or clothing as long as Ms. Nolden is around."

Ms. Nolden maintains her energetic attitude and dedication to students and staff beyond her assigned duties. She unfailingly helps with school activities and goes the extra mile for students and staff, no matter what the need or request. She often volunteers at activity nights and dances, helped organize a volleyball camp over holiday break, learned and taught a computer program for track, helped organize an auction to raise money for a student with leukemia, cooks for staff, shops for student and staff appreciation, and the list goes on.

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, are proud to recognize Carole Nolden for her cheerful, compassionate and dedicated work in supporting students and staff at Kenai Middle School.