

**Linell McCrum**  
Golden Apple Award Recipient  
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It has been said that Linell McCrum is one of the "grandams" of Kalifornsky Beach Elementary School. Linell joined the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District educational team in 1986 as a special education assistant; she accepted a special education teaching position in 1989. Mrs. McCrum has been an extraordinary staff member and a valuable resource at Kalifornsky Beach Elementary School for 17 years.

Linell's classroom provides a positive, safe and nurturing atmosphere for students. She promotes learning and encourages each of her students to give 100%. Even though Linell teaches special education, there is no stigma surrounding her classroom; as a matter of fact, students specifically request to participate in her program.

Linell maintains her pleasant and personable disposition under the rigorous demands facing special education teachers. She maintains a close, positive relationship with the parents of her students; sharing difficult and trying information with tenderness and compassion.

Her cheerful smile, her sense of humor and her infectious laugh brighten every school day. A former administrator described Linell in this way, "She is like Mary Poppins ~ she's practically perfect in everyway!"

Please join us, the Board of Education, in recognizing Linell McCrum for her outstanding service to education and to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.