Judy Klunder Golden Apple Award Recipient June 7, 2004

Judy Klunder joined the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District educational team in 1983; she has been an extraordinary staff member and a valuable resource at Tustumena Elementary School for 20 years.

As a teacher, Judy comprehends and emulates her favorite quote, "To teach is to touch a life forever." Year after year, children have come to her classroom eager to be filled with knowledge. She is patient and caring with her students yet she sets high standards for them. Each year, students leave Mrs. Klunder's classroom as well prepared, confident, and capable students and citizens.

Judy models leadership by giving 110%; she always makes herself available to students, parents and fellow staff members. Many times the situation calls for Judy to simply listen and at other times she is called upon to share her vast knowledge of learning and education. Mrs. Klunder can find the positive side of every situation; she is able to see the "big picture" and her professionalism never waivers. Judy is well thought of throughout the educational community; she is often asked to serve on school and districtwide committees.

We, the Board of Education, recognize Judy Klunder as a master teacher and invite you to join us in honoring her for two decades of outstanding service to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.