## Deborah Piper Golden Apple Recipient March 20, 2006

As a 30 year member of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District educational team, Debbie Piper continues to provide immeasurable contributions to the students of McNeil Canyon Elementary School.

Debbie began her teaching career in Utah in 1975. The following year she moved to Homer and began her tenure with the District. Debbie has taught at East Homer Elementary School and Paul Banks Elementary School; she transferred to McNeil Canyon Elementary School in 1983.

McNeil Canyon principal, Pete Swanson states, "Debbie is a very important part of the successful McNeil team; she is one of those top performers who goes above and beyond in the daily activities and duties of her assignment. She has made significant commitments to education, to her colleagues, to the community and most importantly, to her students."

In addition to time spent in preparation and teaching, Debbie spends many extra hours each year writing the Artists in Schools grant and ensuring that the program is integrated with classroom instruction. Debbie also participates in ongoing professional development opportunities and has recently completed a Masters of Education degree.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education is honored to have a quality team member such as Debbie Piper and extends recognition to her for outstanding service to the school district.