

# **Shelia Garrant**

## **Golden Apple Award**

### **June 2, 2008**

In her six years of volunteer time to Tustumena Elementary School, Shelia Garrant has packed enough projects and accomplishments in to fill up 12 years of service.

Ms. Garrant was elected president of the school's Parent Teacher Organization in 2002 and remained in the position for the full six years she was allowed by organization statutes.

In that time she made many valuable contributions to Tustumena. She organized poetry contests for kids, initiated staff luncheons on parent-teacher conference days, helped with the annual student pumpkin decorating contest and spearheaded the school's "cash raffle," which raises money to provide bus transportation for field trips, quarterly reward activities and incentive prizes for students. She also supervised the student volunteers who compiled Tustumena's yearly "Memory Book," and even convinced the PTO to purchase each classroom teacher a digital camera so the school would have enough photos for the book.

Ms. Garrant spread her volunteering efforts to the Kasilof community by organizing a penny war between classrooms where students and families competed to see which class could collect the most pennies. The proceeds, more than \$1,000, were donated to a local family that suffered losses from a house fire.

Tustumena Principal Ken Halverson said, "Ms. Garrant not only made a long-term commitment to our Parent Teacher Organization, but she demonstrated a leadership quality that we all grew to appreciate and admire."

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, are proud to recognize Shelia Garrant for her many efforts on behalf of students during her tenure as Tustumena PTO president.