

**Laura Sheldon  
Golden Apple Award  
September 8, 2008**

Secretaries are often recognized as the glue that holds a school together, as well as the oil that keeps things running smoothly. McNeil Canyon Elementary School secretary Laura Sheldon is equal to both roles.

Principal Pete Swanson said, "Of the many secretaries I have worked with in my career, Laura ranks at the top of a very fine group."

Ms. Sheldon maintains an unfailingly pleasant and cheerful disposition, no matter how hectic or stressful things may get in the office. With the principal taking on teaching duties, she is left to accomplish her regular tasks as well as handle any of the unexpected issues that crop up during the day. She does so with an efficiency that maintains the office's productivity.

Ms. Sheldon is also there to meet student needs, which run the gamut from requests for supplies to the repair of broken eyeglasses.

She also finds time to provide volunteer support to the Homer Hockey Association, sit on two of McNeil Canyon's parent-teacher committees and raise five children on her own.

Mr. Swanson said, "Her eleven years of service with KPBSD at McNeil Canyon Elementary in the same position speaks volumes about her dedication to the education of McNeil Canyon students."

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, are proud to recognize Laura Sheldon for her cheerful, efficient and dedicated service to McNeil Canyon Elementary School.