

Carmen Stephi
Golden Apple Award
April 13, 2009

As Soldotna High School Principal Todd Syverson likes to say, if the term "above and beyond" were in Webster's dictionary, there would be a picture of Carmen Stephi with it.

For the past several years, Mrs. Stephi has been a key leader on the school's PTSA, often volunteering to assist with open house and student registration activities. She helped raise thousands of dollars for the PTSA through promoting the E-Script program. The money has gone to purchase lights for Student Council dances, activity games for Fun Friday events, scholarships for students, and more.

Last spring, Mrs. Stephi chaired the Junior After-Prom Party and the Senior After-Grad Party Committees, which provided drug-free functions that were a huge hit with students. She sought funding for and a location to host both activities. She has volunteered again to chair the Senior After-Grad Party Committee this year.

The school physically bears the stamp of Mrs. Stephi's efforts. She worked on a grant with Lowe's to refurbish the rock garden in front of the school. She spent much of the spring and summer last year digging up dirt and hauling new white and blue rocks and gravel for the garden.

"Superman may be faster than a speeding bullet, but even Superman could not have kept up with Carmen Stephi as she rebuilt the entire SoHi display," said Mr. Syverson. "Soldotna High School has many great parents, but Carmen Stephi has truly been a Super Star and has made SoHi a better place to learn, work and play."

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, are proud to recognize Carmen Stephi for being a rock star and super star for Soldotna High School.