

*Golden Apple Award
Phyllis Oberhauser
April 5, 2010*

Phyllis is a perfect fit for the kindergarten classroom at Nikiski North Star. In addition to her abilities, Phyllis reaches out to all students throughout the school. Often before and after school you will find Phyllis standing by the kindergarten classroom door providing encouragement to students as they come and go from their classrooms on their way to music, PE or lunch. Phyllis always has gentle and encouraging words for any child that needs a boost. Many students volunteer in the kindergarten classroom because of their friendship with Phyllis. She is the grandma that can sit and listen to a child without criticizing. She can steer a child into discovering the right choices to make and in doing so empowers them to feel good about themselves. What makes Phyllis so special is that she believes that each child in this world is unique and talented, and she makes them feel loved and needed. She doesn't just speak the words-she puts it into practice.

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, are proud to recognize Phyllis Oberhauser for her dedication to the students, parents and staff at Nikiski North Star Elementary School.