Golden Apple Award Eileen Bryson February 1, 2010

Eileen Bryson has been a member of the KPBSD teaching team for over 25 years. She has been a kindergarten instructor at Nikiski Elementary, Sears *Elementary and the Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Sciences. Colleagues describe Mrs. Bryson as someone who is never afraid to advocate for sound educational projects for all students even though they may be out of reach, difficult to do or time consuming to plan. Mrs. Bryson has always been respected by parents for providing an enriching, meaningful and positive start to school for their children. Parents describe Mrs. Bryson as a teacher who made them feel welcome, needed and a part of their child's education. Students have fond memories of their time with Mrs. Bryson. She integrates literacy, social studies and community culture to provide great ongoing instruction throughout the entire school day. Mrs. Bryson uses all of the resources the community has to offer to show the students the world around them, and how to make the most of it. Her students are enriched by ties to the Kenai Community through a multitude of annual events that include the potato digging at the Arness farm, animal exploration, field trips to no-name creek, Kenai beach, local community stores and governmental safety offices. Mrs. Bryson uses every possible resource available to have her students understand the importance of all available resources. Mrs. Bryson knows exactly how to make each and every child not only learn, but want to learn. We, the Kenaí Península Borough School District Board of Education, are proud to recognize Eileen Bryson for her dedication to the students, parents and staff in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.