## Pat Nolden Golden Apple Award Recipient April 21, 2003

Pat Nolden began his employment with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in 1984. Room 90N has been his *home-away-from-home* during his entire 19 year tenure as a science teacher at Soldotna High School. In addition to his teaching assignment, Pat has also served as the Soldotna Stars hockey coach for more than a decade.

Mr. Nolden has earned the respect of students and parents of the Soldotna High community. His excellence as an educator is evident in his having been recognized as a British Petroleum Teacher of Excellence. Even though Mr. Nolden's classes are never easy and he requires his students to work hard and contribute to the learning environment, students always show a desire to register for Mr. Nolden's classes. He is an avid supporter of students and education; he has the unique talent of sparking creativity and discovery in inquiring young minds.

Not only has Mr. Nolden become an asset to Soldotna High School, but he has also contributed to many school district committees and is viewed as a leader among his peers. He also gives of himself within the community, coaching and volunteering at many levels and events.

Pat Nolden is committed to the education of students and always seems to give 110% to his efforts. It is for his outstanding service to education that we, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education recognize Pat Nolden. Congratulations!