

**Ruth D'Amico**  
**Golden Apple Award**  
**May 5, 2008**

If Moose Pass School needs a volunteer, Ruth D'Amico is there, whether it's chaperoning field trips, refereeing soccer games or judging a stinky sneaker contest.

Mrs. D'Amico is the community member representative on the Moose Pass Site-Based Council. She's a volunteer for the Moose Pass Fire Department and is an EMT. According to Moose Pass Principal Wayne Young, "her work with the students at Moose Pass School embodies the concept that it takes the whole community to educate a child."

As a fisheries technician for the U.S. Forest Service, Mrs. D'Amico teaches Moose Pass students the salmon life cycle, directs fish dissections and helps examine salmon eggs through a microscope. She also set up a miniature Web camera inside a fish tank so students could monitor and record the developmental stages of salmon life.

"The students look forward to her visits knowing that each lesson will be packed with learning and fun," Mr. Young said.

Mrs. D'Amico serves as a chaperone and referee, and is a frequent judge for various school activities, including science fairs, forensics contests and even the Battle of the Books stinky sneaker contest.

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, are proud to recognize Ruth D'Amico for all she does for Moose Pass students, inside and outside the classroom.