

De Patch Golden Apple Award September 8, 2008

McNeil Canyon Elementary School kindergarten teacher De Patch demonstrates the importance of lifelong learning.

Ms. Patch has been an employee of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District since 1990. In that time she has made it a priority to participate in ongoing professional development opportunities and often enrolls in courses at the local community college. She goes out of her way to assist colleagues at McNeil, as evidenced by her commitment to the intervention process and the many connections she makes between her kindergarten students and students in the intermediate class.

She is a dedicated educator who spends many additional hours during the week and weekend preparing for assignments. Principal Pete Swanson said, "De is one of those top performers who goes above and beyond in the daily activities and duties of her assignment. Specifically, her preparation for daily lessons is very thorough and always child-centered. I have worked with several kindergarten teachers and De ranks at the top."

Ms. Patch sits on one of the school's parent-teacher committees and is a dedicated supporter of the various student activities that occur at McNeil, including providing supervision for the after-school skating program.

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, are proud to recognize De Patch for being a valued, dedicated member of the McNeil Canyon Elementary educational team.