

**Golden Apple Award
Laureen Wentz
March 2, 2009**

Laureen Wentz is an aide and tutor at Homer Flex School and is a valuable resource for students beyond just academic help.

Principal Karen Wessel said, "Laureen effectively manages many tasks during her days at Flex. She is a great listener who cares deeply about these students; at the same time, Laureen has good boundaries and knows how to redirect and intervene when they need this attention. Tireless and dogged in her support of our special education students, Laureen gives gentle but firm guidance in their time management and organization, a key to their academic progress. Laureen is a vital member of our team; her observations, her perceptions, and her amazing abilities to problem solve have been critical to our success as an alternative program."

Mrs. Wentz's insights into the academic needs and general behavior of students contributes greatly to the school's and students' success. Her intelligence in and passion for math and science makes her an energetic and engaging tutor. Students respond positively to her earnest, one-on-one attention.

"She is remarkable in both the affective and cognitive domains of education, a great teacher of young adults and a great support for them as they grow socially and emotionally," Wentz said. "I cannot thank her enough for her dedication to our program, our staff, and especially our students."

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, are proud to recognize Laureen Wentz for her enthusiasm in education and positive support of students and staff at Homer Flex School.