

*Golden Apple Award
Tamara Johns
November 1, 2010*

Tamara Johns is the Manager of the Soldotna Arby's. Tamara Johns has a long history of supporting students from the community. She has been a strong advocate for the Intensive Needs Vocational/Community Program at Soldotna High School. Over the last four years she has accepted intensive special education students at Arby's to learn job skills. Her patience and understanding are remarkable. Tamara has a spirited sense of humor, a wonderful positive attitude and humble willingness to try anything to make her workplace a learning experience for all students. Her expectations are high, yet reachable, making each student feel worthy and competent. Over the years Tamara has hired intensive needs special education students to work during the summer months without a job coach. She has taken these students "under her wing" and given them an independent positive work experience. Tamara is the best!

Ted Navarre, Director of Operations at Zan, Inc., said "As a company and as individuals we believe that we have a responsibility to improve the quality of lives for our employees and our communities, to work hard for positive results and success for everyone, to play fair and to treat our customers, business partners and team as they want to be treated with respect. Tamara exemplifies these core values of our company and is applauded for her achievement today."

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, are proud to recognize Tamara Johns for her dedication to the students, parents and staff in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.