

# **Mercedes Gibbs Golden Apple Award February 4, 2008**

Mercedes Gibbs is adept at brightening schools through her custodial work and her personality. Mrs. Gibbs has worked at Ninilchik School, Sears Elementary, Nikiski Middle-High School, Soldotna High School, and most recently brought her positive attitude and work ethic to the Soldotna Elementary/Soldotna Montessori building.

Coworkers note Mrs. Gibbs' initiative and attention to detail. She is always on the lookout for tasks needing her attention, and she never hesitates in doing them.

Mo Sanders, principal of Soldotna Montessori, said, "Mercedes attends to the smallest job with care and efficiency. She is willingly flexible and often changes her personal routine to meet the needs of the students and staff in our wing of Soldotna Elementary. Mercedes has a sense of grace and warmth that makes her an incredible asset to our school."

Soldotna Elementary Principal Carolyn Cannava said, "Mercedes is an important part of the custodial team at Soldotna Elementary School. She always has a smile and a positive attitude and goes the extra mile to keep our school safe and clean."

Mrs. Gibbs maintains a sunny outlook, no matter what is asked of her. And coworker Patty Rich said she is no stranger to hard work, during the school year or the summer, when she spends countless hours processing salmon roe.

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, are proud to recognize Mercedes Gibbs for providing a positive and polished environment for students.