

Dan Leman
Golden Apple Award Recipient
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Mention Dan Leman's name in Ninilchik and the students will respond with respect and admiration for his dedication and concern for their well-being. Whether it be coaching basketball or volunteering countless hours at Ninilchik school, Dan gives his time unselfishly to the kids of the community.

Dan never fails to notice when kids are "doing the right thing," and is never too busy to listen to the students. School principal Mike Wetherbee states that, "Dan is an outstanding individual who exhibits great judgment and character in his pursuit of service to students and the Ninilchik community."

Coach Leman's accomplishments in service to Ninilchik School are what most would consider great in the realm of basketball. Dan began coaching 19 years ago at the elementary level and in 1989 Dan became the varsity girl's coach. During his tenure as girl's coach Dan has racked up a number of accomplishments: he has led teams to the regional title for the past eleven years; since 1992 his team has taken six state titles and three second place trophies; he has been voted the 2A coach of the year on 6 occasions and was ASAA Region coach of the year in 2000; and the Ninilchik girls own two winning streaks - with 57 and 73 consecutive wins.

Dan Leman exemplifies qualities that are desired in all parents and employees. We, the Board of Education, are pleased to recognize Dan Leman for his dedication and outstanding service to the students of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.