

**Lassie Nelson**  
Golden Apple Award Recipient  
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Lassie Nelson has been a member of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District education team for eight years. Lassie was head secretary at Nikiski Middle/High School beginning in 1996 and transferred to central office as administrative secretary in 2001. Lassie currently serves as administrative secretary to two administrators, Melody Douglas and Gary Whiteley.

Lassie has provided assistance, in some fashion, to literally everyone in the school district; the impact of her work spreads far and wide. Lassie is a model employee; she arrives early, stays late, maintains confidentiality, completes quality work in great quantities, but more importantly to her friends and co-workers is that Lassie is a great human being. She is considerate, sharing, witty and quite the practical joker.

One of Lassie's greatest strengths lies in dealing with the public. She has the ability to interact with parents, staff, and students, helping resolve and defuse complaints and potential sticky situations, all the while maintaining her pleasant and personable disposition. Lassie is able to resolve many issues easily because of her extensive background as a school secretary, and her former experience as school board secretary and accountant.

Melody Douglas states that, "Lassie is as good as gold on any given day however; recently she went above and beyond the call of duty." The District had the opportunity to capture additional revenue for fiscal year '04 however the Department of Education and Early Development granted a short turn-around time period to complete the necessary calculations. Due to a recent software upgrade the interface between the new software and the State reporting system has not been finalized. Lassie did much of the review and analysis manually, working long hours in order to meet the reporting deadline.

Exceptional employees such as Lassie Nelson deserve to receive recognition. Please join us, the Board of Education, in recognizing Lassie Nelson for her outstanding contribution to education on the Kenai Peninsula.