

# Golden Apple Award

**Ms. Nancy Kleine**

**May 24, 2012**



Ms. Kleine typifies the work ethic and moral fiber that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District strives to instill in all of our students and educators. Ms. Kleine is an outstanding educator who exemplifies the ability to build relationships with students and others. As evidence, she is able to inspire and motivate students to achieve and reach their potential. She is particularly skilled at motivating at-risk and drop-out students to regain their confidence and desire to earn a high school diploma. Many of these students are from the Kenai Youth Facility, treatment centers, and are homeless. Further evidence of her success is receiving a standing ovation from her students at graduation who thank her for her dedication to inspire them to achieve and earn a KPBSD high school diploma. Many students come back years later and thank her for what she has done for them.

Ms. Kleine is an exemplary educator and distinguished teacher leader. Some highlights above and beyond the important responsibilities of educators in KPBSD include: facilitating the accreditation process for Connections Homeschool Program, and teaching a quarter long research based Understanding and Supporting At-Risk Students class to the Connections staff. She is the 504 coordinator, Professional Development liaison, Secondary Advisory team chair, and member of the Drop-out Prevention and Credit Recovery Committee. Ms. Kleine has provided an alternative to out of school suspension for students, taught community-based Drug, Alcohol Prevention and Parenting classes, has been an adjunct instructor for the University of Alaska, and is a member of the Children's Advocacy Coalition of Homer, Alaska. She facilitates the daily administrative functions for Homer Connections. Ms. Kleine is a leader and a friend to staff members, administrators, and students.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education is proud to recognize Ms. Nancy Kleine for her dedication to the students, parents, and staff at Connections Homeschool Program, and for her years of service in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.