

**Tonia Parlow**  
**Golden Apple Award Recipient**  
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Whether the topics are reading, writing, academic standards, dyslexia or various other educational themes, Tonia Parlow has influenced the views of students and colleagues.

With 16 years of teaching experience, 14 of them with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, Tonia Parlow believes it is her job "to motivate, encourage a love of learning, help the student overcome obstacles, and develop educational curiosity that will last a lifetime."

Tonia shares the excitement of her work with other teachers and her students. Tonia sets high standards for herself and encourages her students to do the same. Homer Middle School principal Glen Szymoniak states, "Mrs. Parlow is a motivating force in leading other staff members to pursue standards based instruction. She shows exceptional skill in preparing students for life beyond middle school. She delivers lessons that prepare students for college, seeking jobs and becoming informed citizens."

This evening, we, the Board of Education, recognize Tonia Parlow, Homer Middle School's eighth grade language arts teacher, and invite you to join us in honoring her for her outstanding service to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.