

**Wally Hufford**  
**Golden Apple Award Recipient**  
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Wally Hufford has been employed as a speech-language pathologist with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District since 1986. During this time he has continuously demonstrated excellence in everything he does. He maintains a high standard of professional ethics as well as an innate ability to work with all people. He is a conscientious educator who is trustworthy, thorough and dependable.

Mr. Hufford knows exactly what his students' needs are for articulation and for language development. He communicates with parents and staff members to create a solid program for individual students. Mr. Hufford works well with students from pre-Kindergarten through high school seniors.

There are many areas of outreach in which Mr. Hufford actively participates; CHARACTER COUNTS, Parent Teacher Association and the Nikiski North Star Snowshoe Program to name a few. Mr. Hufford heads the NNS CHARACTER COUNTS program and works diligently to make sure the school incorporates the six pillars into daily lives. For several years, he has provided snowshoe experiences with students; working with administration and local businesses to purchase snowshoes for students.

Lori Manion, Nikiski North Star principal, says of Mr. Hufford, "He is dedicated to education. Upon meeting him, one will recognize that he is dedicated to helping people become the best they can be. His is a critical member of the school staff and is a quiet leader among both the staff and our parents."

It is with great pride that we, the Board of Education, recognize Mr. Wally Hufford for his outstanding dedication to the students of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.