

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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November 22, 1999

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: USA TODAY TEACHER FIRST TEAM AWARD WINNER

PERTINENT FACTS:

Bear Valley Elementary School teacher Jody Solmonson tries to make each day special for her fifth-grade students. Recently she enjoyed a special day of her own when she learned she was selected as one of USA Today's All-USA Teacher First Team.

Solmonson was one of 16 teachers and four teaching teams nationwide selected for this award. Through this honor USA Today pays tribute to some of our nation's top teachers for their ability to both inspire and educate. Twenty-year teaching veteran Jody Solmonson excels in both counts.

Solmonson, donning big hats and bright-red high-tops, serves her students hot cocoa and Shakespeare in the morning. She writes weekly letters to each of her students, promotes hands-on learning, and employs innovative teaching methods to enhance the ability of each member of her class.

It's easy to see why this award was given to Solmonson, but there's no doubt the real winners are her students.

It is requested that the School Board recognize Jody Solmonson for being named a member of USA Today's All-USA Teacher First Team.

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