



**June 29, 2006**

## Local Teacher Receives Award for Making School Cool

**Buffalo Head Prairie** – Janessa Connor, a teacher at Blue Hills Community School, will be presented with a 2006 Teacher Award sponsored by The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA). At a general school assembly, Connor will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 to be used to promote math and science education in the school.

**Location:** Blue Hills Community School  
Buffalo Head Prairie, AB  
**Date:** Friday, June 30, 2006  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

“Miss Connor makes science fun by doing exciting science projects and experiments,” writes one student on the nomination form. “She makes things clear, encourages, is special and knows her stuff,” writes another.

“Miss Connor is a dedicated educator, skilled at bringing out the very best in students. Science is her passion,” writes a colleague in support of the nomination. “She creates a positive, fun-filled learning environment where students not only learn math and science with their eyes and ears, but also with their hands,” writes another colleague.

The APEGGA Teacher Awards program celebrates math and science teachers in elementary, junior and senior high schools for the excellence they demonstrate in shaping the intellectual and creative development of students and for their outstanding efforts to *Make School Cool*.

“Each year APEGGA recognizes 14 Alberta teachers who have a profound and lasting impact on students,” says Jeanne Keaschuk, APEGGA senior outreach coordinator. “This award program rewards exceptional teachers and helps them to further enhance the classroom experience.”

Established in 1920, APEGGA is responsible for regulating the practices of engineering, geology and geophysics in the province of Alberta. The association’s 44,000 members play a significant role in every segment of the economy, and their technical and management expertise ensure Alberta remains at the forefront of technological innovation.

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**Note:** APEGGA requests that you not contact the recipient for comment until after the presentation. For additional information on the Teacher Awards, please visit our website at <http://www.apegga.org/Members/ScholarshipsAwards/taward.html>

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