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Nordegg and Fort McKay Teachers Receive Provincial Awards for Making School Cool

Edmonton – Science and math teacher Kaleena Hanoski (Ta-Otha Community School, Big Horn Reservation) and math teacher Crystal Chudley (Fort McKay School) are two of 16 Alberta teachers to receive a 2009 Teacher Award sponsored by The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA). During surprise presentations at each school, Hanoski and Chudley each received a cash prize of \$2,000 to be used to promote science and math education in their schools.

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*.

“This year APEGGA recognized 16 Alberta teachers who have a profound and lasting impact on students,” says Jeanne Keaschuk, APEGGA Outreach supervisor. “This award program rewards exceptional teachers and helps them to further enhance the classroom experience.”

Praise for Kaleena Hanoski

“Mrs. Hanoski has opened our eyes to science and the outside world,” writes a student. “She is very excited and happy about teaching us science and she passes that on to us,” writes another student.

“Mrs. Hanoski fosters a love of science at our school,” writes a colleague. “Students have a positive attitude about science, their interest in the subject has increased, and their test scores have improved,” writes another colleague.

Praise for Crystal Chudley

“Miss Chudley makes math fun and she teaches us so many cool things,” writes a student. “I always thought that math was hard, but she makes it easy for us. I love math now,” writes another student.

“Miss Chudley made a presentation to staff that really made me see just how awesome a mathematics teacher she is,” writes a colleague. “Our students hate to miss math class because Crystal Chudley is an inspiring teacher,” writes another colleague.

Established in 1920, APEGGA is responsible for regulating the practices of engineering, geology and geophysics in the province of Alberta. The association’s more than 55,000 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: For additional information on the Teacher Awards, please visit our website at <http://www.apegga.org/Members/ScholarshipsAwards/taward.html>

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