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Local Teacher Receives Award for Making School Cool

Thorsby – Barney Olsen, a science teacher at Thorsby Junior Senior High School, is one of 19 teachers across the province to be presented with a 2010 Teacher Award sponsored by The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA). At a surprise presentation, Olsen will receive a cheque for \$2,000 to be used to promote science and math education in the school.

Location: Thorsby Junior Senior High School
Thorsby, AB
Date: Thursday, June 10, 2010
Time: 12:20 p.m.

“Mr. Olsen thinks of cool and unique projects to work on that help us grasp a better understanding of math and science,” writes a student.

“He is an excellent mentor and has assisted a number of students to find their path in life,” writes a parent.

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.

“APEGGA and its members recognize the vital role teachers play in sparking interest in science and math at a young age,” says APEGGA President Kim Farwell, P.Eng., MBA. “To encourage math and science teachers in shaping the intellectual and creative development of students, we increased the number of Teacher Awards recipients from 16 to 20.”

Established in 1920, APEGGA is responsible for regulating the practices of engineering, geology and geophysics in the province of Alberta. The association’s over 57,000 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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