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Local Teacher Receives Award for Making School Cool

Cochrane – Matthew Townley-Smith, a math and physics teacher at St. Timothy 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, Townley-Smith will receive a cheque for \$2,000 to be used to promote science and math education in the school.

Location: St. Timothy School
501 Sunset Drive
Cochrane, AB
Date: Thursday, June 3, 2010
Time: 3:25 p.m.

“His unwavering educational philosophy is simple: students learn science by doing science,” writes a colleague. “Everything we did in physics was introduced to us with real life examples,” writes a student. A parent even commented that Townley-Smith inspired their daughter to pursue computer science and engineering.

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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