



**June 8, 2005**

## Local Teacher Receives Award for Making School Cool

**Medicine Hat** – Paul Merrick, a teacher at McCoy High School, will be presented with a 2005 Teacher Award sponsored by The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA). At a school assembly, Merrick will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 to be used to promote math and science education in the school.

**Location:** McCoy High School  
202 8 Street NE  
Medicine Hat AB  
**Date:** Thursday, June 9, 2005  
**Time:** 10:45 a.m.

“Mr. Merrick expanded my mind beyond the confines of the textbook and enriched me with much more knowledge,” writes one student on the nomination form.

“He is a devoted professional educator,” writes a colleague in support of the nomination. “Mr. Merrick makes his class fun without compromising learning.”

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 practice of engineering, geology and geophysics in the province of Alberta. The association’s 42,000 individual and corporate 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:** As the recipient is not yet aware of the award, 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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