



**May 22, 2007**

## Local Teacher Receives Award for Making School Cool

**Edmonton** – Dean Turchansky, a physics teacher at Archbishop MacDonald School, is the second of four Edmonton teachers to be presented with a 2007 Teacher Award sponsored by The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA). At a surprise presentation at the school's awards night, Turchansky will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 to be used to promote math and science education in the school.

**Location:** Archbishop MacDonald School  
10810 – 142 Street  
Edmonton, AB  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 23, 2007  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

"Mr. Turchansky cares about physics and is passionate about it, and that energy rubs off on the students," writes a student. "He makes physics fun and that is a difficult thing because physics is by no means a party," writes another student.

"Dean Turchansky is a young star and a champion of team building and school spirit," writes a colleague. "He is a knowledgeable and committed educator of the highest standing," 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 Outreach supervisor. "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 49,000 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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