



**May 20, 2010**

## Local Teacher Receives Award for Making School Cool

**Smoky Lake** – Brian Pon, a science and math teacher at H.A. Kostash School, is one of 20 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). Pon will receive a cheque for \$2,000 to be used to promote science and math education in the school.

**Location:** H.A. Kostash School  
5019 50 Street  
Smoky Lake, AB  
**Date:** Thursday, May 20, 2010  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

“Since Mr. Pon has been teaching me math my grades have gone up...he uses new technology to teach us and makes games out of solving problems,” writes one of his seventh grade students.

“He is truly one of our school’s unsung heroes,” writes a 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*.

“This year, to further support student development and support excellence in science and math education, APEGGA has increased the number of Teacher Awards recipients from 16 to 20,” says Jeanne Keaschuk, APEGGA Outreach supervisor. “This award program rewards exceptional teachers who have a profound and lasting impact on students and helps them to continue developing 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 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/Awards/taward.html>

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