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Local Teacher Receives Award for Making School Cool

Sherwood Park – Al Borkent, a teacher at F.R. Haythorne Junior High School, will be presented with a 2006 Teacher Award sponsored by The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA). At a school awards program, Borkent will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 to be used to promote math and science education in the school.

Location: Strathcona Christian Centre
Clover Bar Road and Wye Road
Sherwood Park, AB
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2006
Time: 1:45 p.m.

“The first day of school Mr. Borkent dressed up as Sir Isaac Newton and did a demonstration; I knew that the class would be good!” writes one student on the nomination form. “He finds interesting ways to make us think and learn,” writes another.

“Mr. Borkent appeals to the students about the magic and mystery of science,” writes a colleague in support of the nomination. “His enthusiasm for teaching is not only contagious to students but also to other teachers,” 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 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 practices of engineering, geology and geophysics in the province of Alberta. The association’s 44,000 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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