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Local Teacher Receives Award for Making School Cool

Edmonton – Amaya Ortigosa, a teacher at Dan Knott Junior High School, will be the first 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 ceremony, Ortigosa will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 to be used to promote math and science education in the school.

Location: Dan Knott Junior High School
1434 - 80 Street
Edmonton, AB
Date: Thursday, May 17, 2007
Time: 1:30 p.m.

“In Mrs. Ortigosa’s class science becomes part of daily life. She inspires students to look at the world through curious and hopeful eyes,” writes a parent. “She is one of those teachers you want one hundred of,” writes another parent.

“Mrs. Ortigosa works closely with each and every student. She is dynamic, caring and shares her expertise generously with her colleagues,” writes one teacher in support of the nomination. “She is the type of teacher that is willing to go the extra mile to make a difference in a student’s life,” 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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