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Local Teacher Receives Award for Making School Cool

Red Deer – Jonas Marchinko, a science teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School, is one of 14 Alberta 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 following a special school assembly, Marchinko will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 to be used to promote math and science education in the school.

Location: St. Mary's Parish next to St. Thomas Aquinas School
3821 – 39 Street
Red Deer, AB

Date: Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Time: 2:45 p.m.

"Mr. Marchinko is enthusiastic, energetic and excited to teach every day," writes a student. "His teaching techniques make science a different experience each day," writes another student.

"Jonas Marchinko exemplifies a professional teacher. His passion and excitement for science is infectious," writes a colleague. "Jonas has a zest and zeal for all that he does and he touches every life he meets," 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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