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Local Teacher Recipient of APEGA Teaching Award

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Every year APEGA (Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (Canada)) recognizes exceptional elementary, junior high and senior high school teachers through the Teacher Awards program. This year **Ecole McTavish Junior High School** teacher **Kathy Vladicka** was presented with this exceptional award - one of only twenty province wide. Recipients are chosen for their superior teaching skills and ability to inspire learning in math and science.

Ecole McTavish Principal Scott Barr: "Kathy is one of those teachers that engages students where they are in their learning and makes it come alive for them. Math and science at the junior high level, specifically grade 9, is a tough road for many students. Kathy makes students understand the curriculum in a way that shows them the 'how's' and 'why's' of it and links how it will help them in high school and beyond. By using a variety of hands on teaching methods, incorporating technology, and spending countless hours in planning and improving her practice, Kathy shows a devotion to her students that we all strive to have. No question is too small, no request too big for her from her students. We are proud to have her as a cornerstone of the Math department at Ecole McTavish."

This award announcement comes at a time when the school is also celebrating three **perfect** Provincial Achievement Test results. **Harshil Bhesania** and Angela Wang both received 100% in their Science PATs and **William Fulton** received 100% in Social Studies. All three students are now attending Westwood Community High School.