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## **Province recognizes 136 Alberta teachers for outstanding job**

*Edmonton...* Teachers and principals from across Alberta are being recognized as 2010 Excellence in Teaching Awards semi-finalists for their remarkable job of inspiring Kindergarten to Grade 12 students. This year's 136 semi-finalists were selected from 338 eligible nominations.

"The Excellence in Teaching Awards program gives credit where credit is due," said Dave Hancock, Minister of Education. "The dedicated work of Alberta teachers and principals helps motivate our youth to be successful in school and in life. Their work is vital to the development of students and our province."

Nominees must show leadership, demonstrate creativity and innovation, work collaboratively with colleagues, and create positive and stimulating learning environments that motivate students to exceed their own expectations. Each nomination includes statements of support from the nominee's principal or superintendent, a teaching colleague, and a member of the public. Semi-finalists and award recipients are selected by a committee made up of representatives from the education community.

The program honours semi-finalists across the province at regional celebrations. In addition, semi-finalists can access up to \$1,500 for professional development. From the 136 semi-finalists, 23 award recipients will be selected and honoured in Calgary on May 29 at a dinner and awards ceremony. Twenty award recipients will be able to access up to \$4,000 for professional development, while three teachers who receive SMARTer Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Awards will receive a comprehensive technology package, which includes a SMART board.

"Through this awards program, students, parents, teacher colleagues, and members of the community are able to express their appreciation to teachers for their commitment to K-12 students in classrooms across the province," said Hancock. "It is evident, through the nomination process, that our teachers are using effective practices to engage and support students in the journey of learning."

Alberta Education hosts the 22nd Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards with the support of the Alberta School Councils' Association, the Alberta School Boards Association, The Alberta Teachers' Association, the Association of Alberta Deans of Education, the Council on Alberta Teaching Standards, the Edmonton Journal and the SMARTer Kids Foundation.

Albertans have celebrated Excellence in Teaching since 1989, with more than 8,000 teachers nominated and more than 400 award recipients. For more information about the Excellence in

Teaching Awards, visit [www.education.alberta.ca](http://www.education.alberta.ca) and click on the teachers tab.

The Alberta government has a clear plan for a strong economic recovery. An important part of *The Way Forward* is maintaining support for programs and services Albertans need most, such as health care, education and safe and vibrant communities. For more information on the plan visit [Alberta.ca](http://Alberta.ca).

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**Backgrounder:** 2010 Excellence in Teaching Awards Semi-finalists

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## 2010 Provincial Excellence in Teaching Awards Semi-finalists

### Airdrie

Susan Siry  
Dixie Duff

Good Shepherd School  
Muriel Clayton Middle School

### Ardrossan

Rebecca Gustafson

Ardrossan Junior Senior High

### Barrhead

Joy McLean

Barrhead Composite High School

### Big Valley

Tara Switzer

Big Valley School

### Boyle

Emily Thomson

Boyle School

### Calgary

Krystal Abrahamowicz  
Nicky Amirault  
Peggy Beere  
Catherine Dalton

Westmount Charter School  
MidSun School  
Forest Lawn High School  
Our Lady of the Assumption Elementary & Junior  
High School

Diane De Fazio  
Laura L. Drezick  
Nicole Haycock  
Sandy Karg  
Michael McKillop  
Murphy McMaster  
Tom Musk  
Heather Nail  
Barbara Newman  
Mike Sakatch  
Julie Read  
Keith Taylor  
Dominic Tran  
Ted Wiedener

Bowness High School  
Bishop McNally High School  
R.T. Alderman School  
Menno Simons Christian School  
Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School  
Westmount Charter School  
Westmount Charter School  
Sunalta School  
Chinook Park School  
Lord Beaverbrook High School  
Bowness High School  
Edge School  
Monsignor J.S. Smith School  
Marion Carson School

### Cold Lake

Katherine McKale  
Jared Nichol

Cold Lake Elementary School  
Cold Lake High School

**Eckville**

Korey Von Kuster

Eckville Junior Senior High School

**Edmonton**

Chantal Adams

École J.H. Picard Catholic School

Leanne Arthur

Centre High Campus

Pat Baker

Harry Ainlay School

Mary Barkwell

St. Anne Catholic Elementary School

Noreen Bashir

Edmonton Islamic Academy

Lloyd Bloomfield

Harry Ainlay School

Leonard Bonifacio

Holy Trinity Catholic High School

Monica Bufu

Hillcrest School

Mario Cabral

St. Paul Catholic Elementary School

Eduardo Charpentier

M.E. LaZerte School

Charlene Clarke-Todoruk

W.P. Wagner School

Jennifer Crumpton

W.P. Wagner School

David Devin

Killarney School

Tami Dowler-Coltman

Mount Royal/Virginia Park Campus

Lisa Epp

Killarney School

Kerry Faber

Ekota School

Joe Garreck

M.E. LaZerte School

Francisco Gaviria

Killarney School

Tracy Gerun

Strathcona School

Craig Harle

Strathcona School

Julie Herauf

St. Richard Catholic Elementary School

Robin Hill

Strathcona School

Karen Hogan

St. Benedict Catholic Elementary School

Janet Koehler

M.E. LaZerte School

Amber Krause

M.E. LaZerte School

Greg Kushnir

Ellerslie Campus

Ken LeLacheur

Eastwood School

Karla Loberg

Thornccliffe School

Al Lowrie

Hardisty School

Stacey Mabey

W.P. Wagner School

Kim Marcinek

McNally School

Colleen Marshall

George H. Luck School

Susie Martin

Archbishop O'Leary Catholic High School

Alannah Muirhead

St. Boniface Catholic Elementary School

Erin Ochoa

École J.H. Picard Catholic School

Vessela Ourdeva

Harry Ainlay School

Betty Radford

Lansdowne School

Lisa Richter

M.E. LaZerte School

Sherri Ritchie

Queen Elizabeth School

Deborah Rowley

Father Michael Troy Catholic Junior High School

Robert Schaan

St. Joseph Catholic High School

Bob Shulko

Michael A. Kostek School

Dion Skitsko

Austin O'Brien Catholic High School

James Stuart

St. Richard Catholic Elementary School

Darrell Sumyk

M.E. LaZerte School

Kimberly Talbot  
Leo Turcotte  
Jorge Vargas  
David Albert Vinge  
Gregory Voigt

Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School  
St. Joseph Catholic High School  
Jasper Place High School  
George P. Nicholson School  
Archbishop Oscar Romero Catholic High School

**Fort McMurray**

Garette Tebay

École Dickinsfield Public School

**Gibbons**

Sherry C. Skitsko

Landing Trail School

**Grande Prairie**

Joanne Bardak  
Wanda Gerard  
Joanne Pitman

École St. Gerard Catholic School  
Peace Wapiti Academy  
Alexander Forbes School

**Hobbema**

Kimberley Patriquin

Nipisihkopahk Elementary School

**Jasper**

Sandy Cox

Jasper Junior / Senior High School

**Lamont**

Theresa Wells-Taylor

Lamont High

**Lancaster Park**

Kimberley Anne Payne

Guthrie School

**Langdon**

Kelly Lord

Langdon School

**Leduc**

Chad Starko

Christ The King Junior / Senior High School

**Lethbridge**

Jennifer Gardner

Catholic Central High School

**Olds**

Deborah Thompson

École Olds Elementary School

**Peace River**

Spencer Pinnock  
Carol Van Slyke

Glenmary School  
Peace Regional Outreach Campus

**Penhold**

Judy Lynn Miller

Jessie Duncan School

**Ponoka**

Kevin Prediger

St. Augustine School

**Red Deer**

Suzanne Bleaken  
Teresa Borchers  
Shirley Brault  
Lauren Foord  
Lori Irvine

Aboriginal Family and School Frontline Program  
St. Patrick's Community School  
Grandview Elementary School  
Annie L. Gaetz Elementary School  
École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive  
High School  
Holy Family School  
St. Patrick's Community School  
Maryview School  
École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive  
High School  
École Secondaire Notre Dame High School  
Holy Family School

Donna McCann  
Darcie McDonald  
Leslie McGourty  
Brian Plastow

Kathy Puto  
Audrey Viczko

**Redwater**

Nijel Lindsay

Redwater School

**Saddle Lake**

Robert MacDonald

Onchaminahos School

**Sherwood Park**

Rob Graves

Sherwood Heights Junior High School

**Spruce Grove**

Treena Neumann  
Katy Rogal  
Christopher Shaw

Woodhaven Middle School  
Greystone Centennial Middle School  
Spruce Grove Composite High School

**St. Albert**

Brett Arlinghaus  
Dennis Burton  
Larry Dick  
Denise Lemieux  
Lynne Ross  
Jeff Sharun  
Michelle Sutton

Neil M. Ross Catholic School  
Keenooshayo Elementary School  
Paul Kane High School  
Lorne Akins Junior High School  
Sir Alexander Mackenzie School  
Neil M. Ross Catholic School  
Keenooshayo Elementary School

**Stony Plain**

TJ Skalski

Mother Earth's Children's Charter School

**Thorhild**

Marsha Fernandez

Thorhild Elementary School

**Turner Valley**

Matthew Berrigan

Turner Valley School

**Vauxhall**

Lori-Jo Plotzki

Vauxhall Elementary School

**Vegreville**

Jeanette Footz

Vegreville Composite High

**Vermilion**

Sheila McMann

Vermilion Elementary School

**Vulcan**

Tracy Inaba

County Central High School

**Wabamun**

Patricia Spink

Wabamun School

**Westlock**

Tracy Lyons

R. F. Staples Secondary School

## **2010 SMARTer Kids Innovative Use of Technology Awards Semi-finalists**

**Calgary**Sharon McKenzie  
Jean-François Ouellet  
Kirk VillanuevaOlympic Heights School  
École Sainte-Marguerite-Bourgeoys  
Our Lady of the Assumption Elementary & Junior  
High School**Cold Lake**

Scott MacDonald

Assumption Junior / Senior High School

**Edmonton**Lisa Beebe  
Sam FiliceQueen Elizabeth School  
Centre High Campus**Neerlandia**

Audrey Kluin

Neerlandia Public Christian School

**Picture Butte**

Jennifer Deyenberg

Dorothy Dalgliesh School

**Red Deer**

Adam Sia

St. Thomas Aquinas School

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