

Amy Severtson selected as Edwin Parr nominee

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Chinook's Edge is pleased to announce Amy Severtson is the Chinook's Edge nominee for the Edwin Parr Award. [The award](#) honors exceptional first year teachers in Alberta.

Severtson teaches at Bowden Grandview School and, in particular, she teaches classes in Phys. Ed., Career and Technology Foundations, and Health to middle school students. She also teaches Math, Science and Social Studies to grade five students. Severtson grew up in rural Central Alberta, graduating from Innisfail High School. She has degrees in Education, and Science in Kinesiology.

"Amy has been a tremendous addition to our Bowden Grandview family," says Jeff Thompson, Principal, Bowden Grandview School. "She takes her position and job seriously, but yet continues to have fun while she is doing it. She cares deeply for her students and has developed deep and meaningful relationships with them. The kids know this and they work hard for her. This shows in their success academically and as they strive to become well-rounded students."

"Amy exceeds the [Teaching Quality Standard](#)," says Jody Dennis, Division Principal, Chinook's Edge School Division. "She creates such an amazing atmosphere in her classroom. She is so inclusive with all of her students and she fosters effective relationships with her students, staff and the community as well. She already understands how to differentiate for the variety of learners in her class at an advanced level."

"We are pleased to nominate Amy Severtson for the Edwin Parr Award," says Holly Bilton, Chair Chinook's Edge Board. "We are impressed with the teacher Amy has become so early in her career. The way her students speak about her is inspiring. Thank you, Amy, for joining our Chinook's Edge team and for making a difference with students."

"I am honored with this nomination," says Severtson. "My colleagues here at Bowden Grandview have been so supportive and the division has been amazing. I feel I have been really set up for success. Also, I want to credit my students. My favorite part of teaching is the opportunity to build relationships with the students I teach."

Severtson impressed her colleagues this year not only with her exceptional teaching and relationship building skills, but also by developing an opportunity for students to connect with the community and get a taste for business. Severtson applied for and was granted money from the division and Board, available for innovative projects. With the funding she developed a Christmas farmers' market.

"The kids were allowed to research a business of their own, develop products, and market them," says Thompson. "The market was so successful that all the kids basically sold out in 20 minutes."

The Edwin Parr Award is given to six first year teachers in Alberta annually. One is given in Central Alberta, and the winner of that award is recognized by the Alberta School Boards' Association.

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