



**Sport BC Community Sport Hero Award Winner – January 2009: Mike Readman
Nominated by Action Schools! BC and Premier's Sport Awards Program (p.s.a.p)**

Mike Readman has been a teacher in School District 59 for 14 years. He is currently the Principal of both Parkhill Elementary and the district's Electronic Education School. A true advocate of physical activity, Mike dedicates endless hours to coaching within his school and at other schools in the district. He has coached volleyball at elementary, middle and secondary schools for many years and is coaching basketball for the first time this year. A firm believer in the benefits of daily physical activity, Mike engages children during the school day through school based initiatives, such as the Premier's Sport Awards Program (p.s.a.p.) and Action Schools! BC.

In the community, Mike is actively involved with hockey, volleyball and baseball. In 2000, he began coaching minor hockey and joined the Dawson Creek Minor Hockey Association Executive Committee as Vice President of Publicity a few years later. He is now President of the Association and oversees the Executive, coordinates goalie practices once a week, and is a fixture at his two sons' Bantam Rep games.

Mike has been instrumental in growing youth volleyball in the Dawson Creek area. He is the Past-President of the Dawson Creek Volleyball Club, a club which he founded in 1994 and which has now expanded to be a co-ed club for youth aged 8-18. He coached the club's under-15 boys' team for four years and is now coaching his sons' Peace Country Volleyball Club's under-15 team. The club is based out of Grand Prairie, Alberta, and welcomes players from Northern BC.

Mike is also highly involved in baseball in Dawson Creek. He has coached house and rep teams for 9 years and has led his teams to three provincial championships.

As a tireless volunteer, supporter, and role model of physical activity in the Dawson Creek area for more than 14 years, and for inspiring thousands of children to pursue active lifestyles, Mike Readman is a Community Sport Hero.