

# News Release



## **BASF sponsors “PlastiVan” at North Park Secondary School in Brampton**

### **Traveling exhibit teaches students the “chemistry of plastics”**

TORONTO, Ontario, January 11, 2008 - PlastiVan, an internationally recognized education program that provides students with a "hands-on" experience in the chemistry of plastics, recently visited North Park Secondary School in Brampton. The visit was made possible through a "Helping Make Communities Better" grant from BASF Canada.

The traveling PlastiVan offers an exciting, fast-paced program for up to 300 children in grades 4 through 12. This hands-on Plastics Science Lab is educational and fun. Participants get to make "slime," learn about the chemistry of diapers, discover how strong plastic grocery bags are and why, and much more.

“The demonstrations were obviously designed to attract the student's interest, and the experiments, which involved every student, held their interest right to the end of the period,” said G.C. Gladden, Head of Science at North Park Secondary School.

“As part of our continuing commitment to the communities in which we do business, we are proud to sponsor the PlastiVan program. At our Toronto facility, we manufacture polyurethane specialty products, coatings,

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adhesives and sealants; however, BASF does manufacture some of the plastics the students learn about during these sessions, "said Barry Nicholas, Manager of BASF's Toronto Site.

The Plastivan program is provided through the National Plastics Center & Museum in Leominster, Massachusetts.

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