

PlastiVan makes stops at Georgetown high schools

PlastiVan, an internationally-recognized education program that provides students with a "hands-on" experience in the chemistry of plastics, recently visited Georgetown District and



Christ The King High Schools. The visits were made possible through a "Helping Make Communities Better" grant from BASF Canada. Christine Logan, a student at Georgetown District High School, studied the properties of polymers by making slime.

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PlastiVan is a "science on wheels" van that travels throughout North America teaching students, educators and the public about the chemistry, history, manufacturing and environmental issues involved with making plastics. The program is provided through the National Plastics Center and Museum in Leominster, Massachusetts.

Approximately 150 students at the local schools participated in lab experiments that included making "slime" and nylon thread using liquid polymers, and learning about the chemistry of disposable diapers. Students also studied the properties of polymers by sticking a wooden skewer through a balloon without popping it.

"The PlastiVan workshop gave the students a chance to see the wide range of plastics that we use each day. The students enjoyed the chance to make different types of polymers, and the lab activities helped to reinforce many of the concepts from the Grade 10 science course," said Doug McCallion, Science Department Head, Christ the King 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 Georgetown facility, we manufacture vitamin/mineral premixes for the animal nutrition industry, however BASF does manufacture some of the plastics the students learn about during these sessions," said Stuart Carsience, Site Manager at BASF's Georgetown site.

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Grace Anglican Church
317 Main Street East
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Front row: Margaret Eggleton-Kaye, Dorothy Hunt. Back row: Lois Fraser, Cec Peacock, Bev Smith, Maureen Walker. Missing from photo: Ron Hunt.

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Congratulations, Cec on your retirement as Manager of the John Elliott Theatre. Have fun in Barrie, Bev.

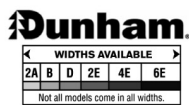
A good time was had by all who were part of this small but effective group.



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