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LET'S TALK SCIENCE
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Mitchell youth make slime and measure wind speed during Science Night

Let's Talk Science Partnership Program volunteers from The University of Western Ontario will be doing hands-on science activities for students in Grades K to 6 during the annual Science Night at Mitchell Public School on April 21.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. and running again at 8:00 p.m., students and parents will participate in three hands-on science activities to learn about chemistry, weather, and astronomy. The students will have a chance to make colourful slime and make and test a device to measure wind speed. To celebrate 2009 as the International Year of Astronomy, the students will also have a chance to learn about the solar system and how to identify constellations in the sky.

"Having a night dedicated to science with so many fun activities and shows going on is a great way to spark an interest in science at any age," says Nicole Kaiser, Special Programs Coordinator, LTS Partnership Program.

Media are invited to follow the groups of students as they learn about these exciting areas of science.

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About the LTS Partnership Program:

Since 1993, science, engineering and technology students at post-secondary campuses across Canada have been teaming up with educators to ignite excitement in science in elementary and secondary students. The LTS Partnership Program exists at 28 universities and colleges across the country and its dedicated volunteers deliver fun and engaging hands-on science workshops and activities to thousands of children and youth. The program has recently extended its outreach to rural and remote communities.

About Let's Talk Science:

Let's Talk Science is a national non-profit science outreach organization, founded in 1993, that strives to improve science literacy in children and youth. With a team that includes scientists, early childhood educators and teachers, Let's Talk Science is uniquely positioned to develop effective educational programs that engage children, youth, and adults in learning and improving science literacy. Let's Talk Science specializes in early years education, volunteer science outreach programs, professional learning and training, science literacy research and advocacy and custom program development.

For more information about Let's Talk Science and the Partnership Program, please visit www.letstalkscience.ca.