

## **PlastiVan Visits Ottawa Hills High School to Mix Science and Fun**

The *PlastiVan* will make a stop at **Ottawa Hills High School on Thursday, April 28** offering 90-minute programs on the science of plastics to students throughout the school day. The presentations will be in room 244 in the business wing of the school, the first of four presentations will begin at 7:55 a.m. *PlastiVan* arrives full of fun experiments created to teach students about plastic science and technology and show them how plastic products are a part of everyday life. "Plastics are about so much more than soda bottles and milk jugs," said Marjorie Weiner, outreach director for the National Plastics Center. "The students will be having a good time and they'll learn molecular and earth science during the presentations. We'll also be telling them about many of the fun, high tech jobs that are out there."

The students will be exposed to the myriad of ways plastics are currently being used and the new technologies that are being developed for the future. The experiments help explain the importance of recycling and reuse of all types of products.

The *PlastiVan* is one of three that travels throughout the nation to share the resources of the National Plastics Center and Museum in Leominster, Mass., by making presentations to children at all grade levels, teachers and the general public. Funding for the *PlastiVan* visit to Ottawa Hills High School, in the amount of \$1,300, was made possible by the generosity of ADAC Plastics. "We see the sponsorship of the *PlastiVan* as an investment in the youth of Grand Rapids. By supporting this cause we hope students will consider a career within the plastics industry through this educational opportunity," said Jim Teets, President and Chief Operating Officer, ADAC Plastics, Inc.