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Science Education Partnership Celebrates 20 Years of “Hands-on, Minds-on” Science Education

The Science Education Partnership (SEP) is a unique collaboration between education and business, providing “Hands-on, Minds-on” science learning opportunities for 22,000 students within the Lambton Kent District School Board and St. Clair Catholic District School Board.

This year the SEP celebrates 20 years of making science come alive in the classroom!

The occasion will be marked by celebrations at **Errol Road Public School in Sarnia on Tuesday May 7th at 1 p.m.**, and at **Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School in Chatham on Thursday May 9th at 1:15 p.m.**

Members of the media are welcome to attend. A short ceremony will be followed by a science fun fair in which students will showcase science experiments for the junior grades.

The SEP was formed for the purpose of expanding and supporting a quality “Hands-on, Minds-on” science program for students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Science is best learned by “doing”, and the SEP provides local educators with three programs that make learning science fun and as hands-on as possible:

- Science Kit Program – science materials and equipment are available in the form of an educational kit.
- Adopt-a-Scientist Volunteer program – connects volunteers with a science, engineering or technical background to classrooms.
- Innovative Science Supports Linking School to Community – additional science education programs that celebrate and promote science and technology learning within schools.

As an example, with SEP resources, a grade 4 student will not just read about how a pulley system works, but will build the system, experiment, take measurements, and draw conclusions by using the materials provided in a science kit or through an interactive Adopt-a-Scientist demonstration. All SEP science education programs provide students with learning opportunities which develop and encourage collaboration, creativity, problem solving, and science literacy through the use of hands-on materials.

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