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It's Not Rocket Science! Walton Charter Academy Students Meet 'Ion Jones and the Lost Castle of Chemistry'

- Chrysler Group and PPG Industries Bring Interactive Chemistry Program to Southeast Michigan Students
- Chrysler Group Provides Grants to Help Schools Purchase Science Kits
- Chrysler Group Employees Go Back to Class to Explore Science with Students

September 20, 2012, Pontiac, Mich. - This week, students at Walton Charter Academy teamed up with chemistry adventurer Ion Jones on a global quest to explore rainforests, deserts, glaciers, ancient temples and prehistoric carbon deposits. While the journey – presented courtesy of Chrysler Group LLC and PPG Industries – is imaginary, the science involved is real.

Led by "Ion Jones" (a parody of the "Indiana Jones" movie hero), "Ion Jones and the Lost Castle of Chemistry" is a 45-minute interactive, traveling science exploration show created and presented by Carnegie Science Center of Pittsburgh with support from PPG that teaches students how chemistry affects industry, technology and the environment. By the time students reach the "Lost Castle," they have explored and observed chemistry in action courtesy of a fiery volcano, a cola geyser, an exploding hydrogen-filled balloon and other chemistry experiments.

"Chrysler Group is proud to be part of this effort to introduce children to the magic of science and technology, as well as the critical disciplines of math and science," said Jody Trapasso, Senior Vice President - External Affairs, Chrysler Group LLC and President of The Chrysler Foundation. "We hope this program produces the next generation of innovators who help change the world."

Beyond the live shows, Chrysler Group provided each participating school with a \$1,000 grant to purchase scientific kits. Once the kits are received, employees from the Chrysler Group's Chassis Engineering organization will team up with the schools to help students learn about the science concepts that they utilize as part of their everyday work.

In addition to making a stop at the Walton Charter Academy, the interactive assembly made its way to Alcott Elementary, Pontiac; Great Oaks Academy, Warren; and Roose Elementary, Warren. Meanwhile, students at Anderson Elementary School, Trenton; Hedke Elementary School, Trenton; Hillside Elementary School, Farmington Hills; and Whitman Elementary School, Pontiac, learned about the science of climate change and renewable energy technology with "Captain Green's Time Machine," another interactive Science on the Road educational program developed by PPG and the Carnegie Science Center. In total, the programs reached more than 3,000 students.

"PPG is strongly committed to helping enhance the quality of life in communities where it has a presence such as Metro Detroit, especially through educational initiatives such as these Carnegie Science Center assemblies," said Cindy Niekamp, PPG senior vice president, automotive OEM coatings, based at the company's Automotive Technology Center in Troy. "We are excited to bring these programs to Walton Charter Academy and other schools in the Detroit area, and we hope they help students see how fun and exciting science and technology can be."

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Carnegie Science Center developed the interactive Science on the Road educational programs, with donations from the PPG Industries Foundation and PPG Industries. Additionally, PPG employees collaborated with the science

center's education specialists to develop the multimedia shows and accompanying materials.

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About Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the science center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the science center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes and off-site education programs. For more information, visit www.carnegiesciencecenter.org.

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