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Shreveport Police Department honors 2023 D.A.R.E graduates

The fifth-grade students in the City of Shreveport, are proudly taking the D.A.R.E. pledge to abstain from drugs as they prepare to graduate this fall semester from various elementary schools. Over the past 17 weeks, the dedicated officers of the Shreveport Police Department have diligently educated these young minds through the esteemed Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program.

This comprehensive program encompasses a wide range of essential topics, including fostering responsibility, making informed choices regarding their health and drug use, understanding the consequences of their actions, effectively managing peer pressure, identifying, and coping with stress, honing communication and listening skills, recognizing and reporting instances of bullying, and ultimately becoming exemplary citizens with the support of their networks.

Under the guidance of our highly trained and experienced police officers, these students have acquired the necessary tools to resist the allure of peer pressure and lead healthy, secure lives. The curriculum incorporates immersive role-playing exercises, allowing the students to actively engage with the officers and learn practical strategies to combat pressure and make sound decisions.

The credibility of our officers as instructors is unquestionable, as they possess firsthand experience working within schools and the community. Their presence and involvement have earned them the respect and trust of the youth they serve.

By instilling these invaluable lessons and empowering our students, we are equipping them with the knowledge and skills to navigate the challenges they may encounter. As they proudly take the D.A.R.E. pledge, these fifth-grade students are poised to make a positive impact on their lives and the community.

The Graduation Ceremonies are as follows:

December 7, 9 a.m. Summer Grove Elem	December 13, 0900 Judson Elem
December 8, 08:45 a.m. Turner Elem.	December 13, 0900 a.m. Riverside Elem.
December 8, 1:00 p.m. A.C. Steere Elem	December 13, 1:00 pm. Eden Garden Elem
December 11, 0830 a.m. Shreve Island Elem.	December 14, 0900 a.m. Claiborne Elem.
December 11, 0900 a.m. Southern Hills Elem.	December 14, 0900a.m. Forest Hill Elem.
December 12, 0900 a.m. Pine Grove Elem	December 14, 0830 a.m. Cherokee Park Elem
December 12, 0930 a.m. Midway Elem	December 15, 090 a.m. Caddo Heights Elem.

Chief Wayne Smith and the Shreveport Police Department would like to thank the dedication of our D.A.R.E unit. (Sergeant Jason Jones, Sergeant Brieco Savannah, Corporal Vy'Andrea Williams, Corporal Roderick Lewis, and Corporal Gregory Washington) Please come out and show your support as we celebrate the students.