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**Shreveport Police Department Celebrates D.A.R.E. Graduates**

As the school year draws to a close, the Shreveport Police Department proudly honors the fifth-grade graduates of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program across various elementary schools in the city. For the past 17 weeks, dedicated officers have engaged with these students, instilling essential life skills, and empowering them to make positive choices for their futures.

The D.A.R.E. program goes beyond traditional drug education. It equips students with the tools to navigate life's challenges, emphasizing responsibility, critical thinking, and effective communication. Throughout the program, students delve into topics such as resisting peer pressure, managing stress, and identifying and reporting bullying behavior.

Shreveport Police's commitment to the youth of Shreveport extends far beyond law enforcement. Through D.A.R.E., we aim to cultivate a generation of informed, resilient, and empowered individuals who will contribute positively to our community. Chief Smith would like to thank those officers who participate in the DARE program for their continued excellence; Sgt. Jason Jones, Sgt. Brieco Savannah, Cpl. Vy' Andrea Williams, Cpl. Roderick Lewis, Cpl. Gregory Washington thank you for your hard work.

The graduation ceremony marks not only the completion of the program but also the beginning of a journey towards a drug-free and responsible lifestyle. Students take the D.A.R.E. pledge, symbolizing their dedication to making smart choices for their health and well-being.

As proud partners in this endeavor, the Shreveport Police Department extends its gratitude to the educators, parents, and community members who have supported the D.A.R.E. program's success. Together, we are fostering a safer, healthier, and more vibrant future for Shreveport.

**The Graduation Ceremonies Are As Follows For The Month Of**  
**May**

9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Sunset Elementary
10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Atkins Elementary
10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	North Highlands Elementary
10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Queensborough Elementary
14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	J. S. Clark Elementary
14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	Oak Park Elementary
14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Broadmoor Elementary
15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Werner Park Elementary
15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	University Elementary
15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Westwood Elementary
16 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Fairfield Elementary
21 <sup>st</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Linwood Charter