

# Local schools celebrate DARE graduations

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Caddo Parish fifth-graders at seven local schools will celebrate their successful completion of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (**D.A.R.E.**) program with graduation ceremonies starting Monday, said Sheriff Steve Prator.

Caddo deputies have spent the past 17 weeks teaching the [D.A.R.E.](#) curriculum at Caddo Parish schools. The program teaches youngsters how to build self-esteem, learn how to deal effectively with unwanted peer pressure, and find healthy alternatives to drugs, alcohol, violence and gangs.

Ceremonies are scheduled as follows:

- May 13, 1 p.m., First Baptist Church School
- May 14, 1 p.m., St. Joseph School
- May 14, 1 p.m., Herndon Magnet
- May 16, 12:45 p.m., Walnut Hill Elementary
- May 16, 1 p.m., Mooringsport Elementary
- May 17, 11 a.m., Southfield School
- June 5, 1 p.m., Oil City Elementary