Caddo schools celebrate DARE graduation

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Caddo Parish fifth-graders at six local schools will celebrate their successful completion of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (**D.A.R.E.**) program with graduation ceremonies next week, 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:

December 9, 8:30 a.m., Blanchard Elementary **(Sheriff Prator will be the guest speaker);**

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December 10, 1 p.m., Vivian Elementary;

December 11, 12:30 p.m., Keithville Elementary;

December 12, 1 p.m., Timmons Elementary; and

December 13, 12:45 p.m., Walnut Hill Elementary.