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DARE Graduation set for March 4

The annual graduation ceremony for the Branson Police Department's D.A.R.E. Program will be March 4 at 7 p.m. in the Presleys' Country Jubilee Theater on West Highway 76.

This year about 360 fifth grade students from Branson and Kirbyville schools are participating in the graduation program.

"The DARE graduates always appreciate it when not only members of their families, but also members of our community are present for this special program," said Corporal Matt Gregory, DARE officer with the police department.

The yearlong program in the classrooms teaches young people about the dangers of drugs, and more importantly, how to resist drugs and alcohol offered to them by their peers.

For the past 18 years the Branson Police Department has been sponsoring DARE in Branson and Kirbyville schools. That translates into more than 5,000 young people learning the important life skills that DARE officers so effectively teach to help these students become responsible and productive citizens in our communities.