

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 12, 2020

For more information, contact:
Williams County Sheriff's Office
701-577-7700
sheriff@co.williams.nd.us

Williams County School Resource Deputies teaching D.A.R.E. to area students

Williston, N.D., (March 12, 2020) – Since the 1980's, millions of youth across the world have been saying no to drugs thanks to the D.A.R.E. program. D.A.R.E. – or Drug Abuse Resistance Education – equips students in kindergarten through 12th grade with the skills to avoid being involved with drugs, gangs, and violence.

Students in some Williams County schools are receiving the program this year thanks to two new School Resource Deputies with the Williams County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Dan Barstad recently graduated from the D.A.R.E. academy in St. Paul in preparation for delivering the program in Williams County. Kindergarteners, 1st graders, and 2nd graders at Garden Valley Elementary School have been learning about D.A.R.E. from him since the beginning of February.

Deputy Amy Nickoloff, a previously certified D.A.R.E. educator, is delivering the 10-week program to 5th graders in Ray, Tioga, and Grenora.

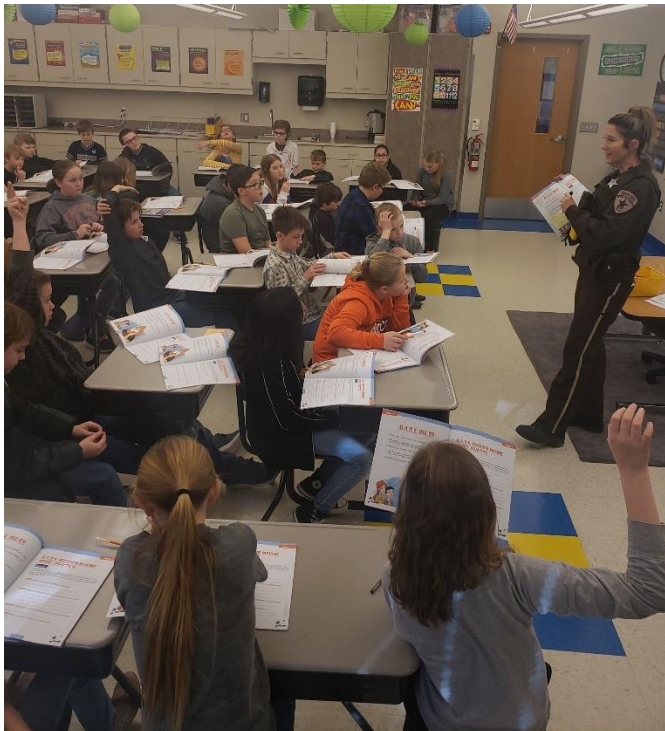
Says Deputy Nickoloff, "D.A.R.E. is an excellent resource for students to learn safe choices to problems they will face. D.A.R.E. gives the students respectful and alternative ways to say no in situations where it's needed."

For more information about D.A.R.E., please visit dare.org.

Pictures for media use are included on the next page.



Deputy Dan Barstad (pictured back right) recently graduated from the D.A.R.E. Academy in St. Paul, Minnesota.



Deputy Amy Nickoloff teaches to 5th graders in Mrs. Mosely and Mrs. DeMoe's classrooms at Central Elementary in Tioga.

###