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D.A.R.E. Award Dinner

On Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., D.A.R.E. Officers from Franconia Township Police Department will be dining with twelve Souderton Area School District 4th graders. Over 250 D.A.R.E. students competed in a D.A.R.E. essay competition, and twelve winners were selected. These winners will be treated to a special award night dinner for their achievements.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) is a nationwide program that is presented in elementary schools to help fourth and fifth graders make positive choices when confronted with offers of drugs, alcohol and smoking. D.A.R.E. is taught to 4th graders at Franconia Elementary, Vernfield Elementary, and West Broad Street Elementary by Officers Timothy Boyle and David Klepfer.

The twelve winners will be meeting at the Franconia Township Police Department, 671 Allentown Road in Franconia Township, at 6:30 p.m. to have a personal meet and greet with the Officers. They will then be driven to a private dinner via a stretch limousine, courtesy of K-La Rens Transportation Service, Inc of 1530 Bustard Road in Kulpsville.

The children will be treated to a private dinner with Officers at Caruso's Brick Oven Trattoria, located at 424 North Main Street in Souderton until 8 p.m. The children will dine at the restaurant, which has been especially reserved for the award dinner. Food and refreshments will be provided to the winners compliments of Caruso's.

We invite you to attend and cover this award dinner to help recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of the D.A.R.E. program and these twelve D.A.R.E. student's outstanding commitment to making positive choices.

Should you need any further information or special accommodations, please feel free to contact the Police Department.

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