



October 13, 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian

This week your child began the *NEW D.A.R.E.* program. *NEW D.A.R.E.* is a ten week cooperative program between the Souderton Area School District, Franconia Township Police Department, and you, the Parent/Guardian. This is our 6th year instructing this new program. As a way of keeping you informed and involved, we will be posting on our website a weekly newsletter telling you what we talked about in *NEW D.A.R.E.* We strongly recommend that you discuss with your child what we did and talked about during the lesson. The website is www.franconiadare.org. Click on Parent Information & Forms to locate the news letters.

The D.A.R.E. Graduation ceremony is planned for **Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** at Indian Crest Junior High School, 139 Harleysville Pike, Souderton, Pa. 18964. The snow date is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 11, 2009.**

Today was the first lesson in the *NEW D.A.R.E.* curriculum and was an "Introduction" to a number of things. Your child:

- Met their D.A.R.E. Officer
- Learned that the D.A.R.E. acronym stands for:
 - Drug
 - Abuse
 - Resistance
 - Education
- Learned about the D.A.R.E. question box
- Was introduced to the *NEW D.A.R.E.* decision making model

DARE Decision Making Model
D efine
A ssess
R espond
E valuate

- Practiced using this model with a partner

For homework, they were each given this letter to take home and share with you.

Please sign this letter and have your child bring it back to school.

Parent/Guardian

We are looking forward to an exciting time with *NEW DARE* and hope that you will help by discussing with your child the things we cover in class. Their D.A.R.E. Planner will remain in class until the end of the program.

Next week's lesson is titled "Tobacco and You"

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at:

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Sincerely,

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