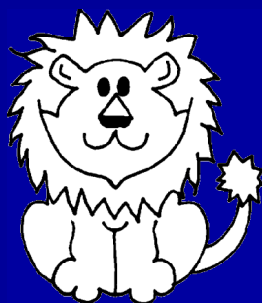


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5th Grade Graduates from DARE Program

By Karol G.

Are you in a grade lower than 5th grade? Well this is an article for you! Recently, Investigator Fulla from the La-Grange Police Department came to the 5th grade classes to teach a program called D.A.R.E. D.A.R.E stands for *Drug Abuse Resistance Education*. D.A.R.E is a program that teaches you to make good choices like not taking alcohol, marijuana, and chewing tobacco. D.A.R.E teaches you how these things can damage your body, like your brain and lungs.

D.A.R.E also teaches you about peer pressure and



how to stand up for yourself. Peer pressure is when your friend wants you to do something you know is bad. Bullying is actually a type of peer pressure. We learned ways to say no to peer pressure. One way is to just say no and walk away. The second way is to

change the subject. You don't have to be in 5th grade to do these things, they will work for anyone.

Here are some rules we have to follow 1: Raise your hand so that only one person speaks at a time, 2: Be positive and respectful, 3: Observe and use the quiet signal, 4: Use the word "someone I know" instead of a person's name, when sharing a story, 5: Answer only the questions that feel comfortable to you. These are great rules for everyone to follow. Thanks Officer Fulla for teaching us so much.

Band and Jazz Awards, Mrs. Nendza Retires

By Toni M.

YAAA! We got a first at the District band competition and on April 30th we went to the State Competition, and we got a 2nd place award.

Jazz band got a 1st at the District and State competitions. Only Concert and Jazz band go to contest.

Mrs. Nendza did expect for us to get a 2nd at contest and said "It didn't matter what the judges said she thinks we are first place winners." Mrs. Nendza thinks we deserved 1st because we played most of the stuff very well.

Mrs. Nendza will be retiring at the end of this year.

She's excited about retiring. Mrs. Nendza spent 36 years teaching and has enjoyed working with the kids. She is travelling to Hawaii in October, and after that she's going to visit her family in California. Then she's going to be babysitting for her family.



Mrs. Nendza said she will miss all the kids the most.

The funniest moment she had in band was when there was a bug by the drums and the people who play the drums are boys and they tried to kill the bug with a bass mallet, but it wouldn't budge. They tried stepping on it, and it wouldn't die so the student teacher had to go back there and squish it with a paper towel. There were some funny times like this in band.

When I say this I think I speak for everyone, we will all miss you Mrs. Nendza! Thank you for teaching us how to play music!