

DARE Graduation
Wednesday, May 28, 7:00 pm
Seaside Elementary School

Good evening,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I welcome you and extend congratulations on this very special occasion.

I am pleased to have the opportunity tonight to recognize these outstanding young people for their successful participation in the DARE program.

This year, millions of school children around the world will benefit from DARE, the highly acclaimed program that gives kids the skills they need to recognize and resist social pressures to experiment with tobacco, alcohol, other drugs and violence.

DARE was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles and has proven so successful that it is now being implemented in more than 43 countries around the world. A series of classroom lessons teach children how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.

For offering this important opportunity to youth in our community, I would like to take a moment to recognize the tremendous work of Constable Curtis MacKinnon. I applaud his dedication to promoting the benefits of the DARE program in our schools and his work with students.

Thank you Constable MacKinnon.

To the graduates - I commend you on the high standards you have set for yourself. Your commitment is a source of great pride for your family, school and community. You should be very proud of your achievement.

Thank you for inviting me and congratulations to the students. Well done!