



TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

20 Maple Avenue, New City, New York 10956

February 10, 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians of Fifth Grade Students,

The Clarkstown Police Department continues to provide our fifth grade students with the D.A.R.E. program. D.A.R.E. is a Police Officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children in the fifth grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug-free and violence-free lives.

D.A.R.E. was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles and has proven so successful that it is now implemented in 75 percent of our nation's school districts and in more than 52 countries around the world. D.A.R.E. began as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education program and has been updated to reflect students making good decisions and addresses the topic of bullying.

On Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00 pm, I will be hosting an Introduction to D.A.R.E. meeting to give an overview of the program and also to answer any questions you might have. The meeting will be held in the **Upper Nyack Elementary Library**.

I visit the fifth grade classrooms each week for forty-five minutes. The lessons are age appropriate for fifth grade students. The students have workbooks to support the class lessons. If you want to explore the workbook, please ask your child to bring it home with the understanding it is to be back in the classroom for the weekly lesson.

Upon completion of the curriculum, the students will have a D.A.R.E. graduation in June.

I am looking forward seeing you on **February 26th**.

Sincerely yours,

P.O. Kathleen Gavin

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