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Lakeland Police School Resource Officers Plan Activities in Honor of National DARE Day on April 10, 2008.

Each year, one day is declared as National DARE Day by the President of the United States. This day is to celebrate the lessons of DARE and to recognize the DARE officers who provide the knowledge to our youth so they can make wise decisions in the future. This year, President Bush has declared National DARE Day as Thursday, April 10, 2008.

DARE Lessons are taught to Kindergarten through fifth grade, covering important topics, such as personal safety, drug awareness, and conflict resolution. One of the new DARE lessons being offered for the 2008-2009 school year will be a lesson on the dangers of Prescription & OTC Medicines.

This year schools will be showing their support by students and staff decorating the schools for National DARE Day. Special messages from the officers to their students will be aired during the day to the classes at the schools.

The school will be offering an opportunity for any media wishing to photograph this event on Thursday, April 10, at Cleveland Court Elementary School, 328 East Edgewood Drive, Lakeland, between 9:00 am and 10:00 am. Staff and children will be available to photograph and interview upon request. Please park vehicles on the southwest side of the school on Rogers Terrace. Contact person at Cleveland Court Elementary is Officer Laura Plumley. Media inquiries should be directed to Sergeant Terri Smith, 863.834.6917.

This information is also posted on www.lpdonlinenews.com. Additional information regarding National DARE Day can be found at: [View the Official Web Site for National DARE Day.asp](http://www.lpdonlinenews.com/View_the_Official_Web_Site_for_National_DARE_Day.asp).