

GV children respond well to D.A.R.E

Twenty-seven students in Mardell Miller's Grade 6 class at Grand Valley and District Public School (GVDPS) graduated from the D.A.R.E Program just before Christmas.

D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. Const. Al Buck from the OPP Dufferin detachment taught the 10-week program. He taught the students about harmful drugs and how to make wise decisions.



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A number of parents attended the graduation. Earl and Susan Butler, who have sponsored the program for a number of years, were in attendance and Earl addressed the students. The Butlers were presented with a special plaque for their sponsorship. Breagh MacDonald, Rayburn Murray, Jessie Stark and Scarlet Williams shared what they had learned

from the course. All the students were awarded D.A.R.E. T-shirts and hats. Everyone enjoyed refreshments after the program.

This appears to be a very important program and if it helps the students to stay off drugs, it will be beneficial. Thank you to the Butlers and Buck.

The Orangeville Community Band, comprised of nearly 70 musicians, performed a series of Christmas songs on Dec. 16 at GVDPS. They gave this concert in support of CONCERN (the Grand Valley food bank). It was a wonderful night of music. Unfortunately, there was a small crowd in attendance. CONCERN and the band would like to thank those who did come and contribute.

If you get an opportunity, I encourage you to go and listen to these wonderful musicians. If you would like to book the band, or maybe join, you can call John Wervers at 519-925-6149, Dave Setterfield at 519-942-1026 or Natalie Soligo at 519-855-6493.