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Dexter, Missouri - The party was poppin' at Central Elementary Tuesday night! DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer Lori O'Dell strives to organize a special function for her fifth grade DARE students each year. This year Officer O'Dell hosted a Father-Daughter, Mother-Son Formal. Approximately two hundred students and parents attended the event. Because of the formal's overwhelming popularity, Officer O'Dell noted that the function will likely be the first of a now annual affair for the students.

The children had a wonderful time dancing to the music, forming Congo lines, and posing for silly pictures. The dance was beautifully decorated using supplies borrowed from the high school's Student Council. PTO volunteers provided tasty refreshments for the attendees and SEMO DJ Service's Jim Hager played an exciting remix of popular songs those dancing seemed to thoroughly enjoy.

Fifth grade students complete the DARE program this month. Students have spent the last several years learning how to lead safe, healthy, drug-free lifestyles; however, this school year's study of the topic has been more in-depth than in years past. The students will celebrate their conclusion of the program with a special graduation ceremony on Monday, November 17th at 1:00 PM.

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