

Kid Cops

■ Police Dept. mentored hundreds of youngsters as dept. kicked off the yearlong Kid Cop program.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — On May 25, the Police Dept. announced the beginning of the yearlong Kid Cop 2006 program, which provides the area's youths with positive role models and deter involvement in crime. The event took place on the Port lot across from the Harbor Area Police Station known as Bay View Fields.

At the day's Mini-Academy, approximately 850 students received mentoring, were fingerprinted, participated in a mini-obstacle course, met with police officers, explored police equipment, and graduated with an oath to be good citizens.

The Club sincerely appreciates the help of Capt. Joan McNamara, Reneé Fletcher and Sr. Lead Officer Joe Buscaino.



From left: Frank King, P2+6 Air Support Pilot, with Ms. Hamano and her first-graders from 186th Street Elementary School.



Shenika Allen, San Pedro Police Academy Magnet High School, helped Moises, 8, get fingerprinted.



From left: Jim Biazevich, P2, and Steve Erickson, P2 with Teri, 7, as she prepared for the obstacle course.



Bill Mc Donald, Motorcycle Officer P2+2, South Traffic, with his students.



Sashae' Madison, San Pedro Police Academy Magnet High School, helped Demetria, 7, write her name.



From left: Natrese Thomas, PSR II, Club Member, with Chris, 6, and Marisol Vielma, PSR II, Club Member with Moises, 7.



The Juvenile and Sex Crimes Unit, back, from left: Edward Trujillo, P2; Pam Neil, Detective III; and Chuck Martin, Detective I. Front: Rachel Ramirez, P2; and Tanya Bowie, Detective II.



From left: Gina Holmstrom, K-9 Handler, with Kieara, 7, who's 24- to 30-pounds heavier with all the gear she has on.



From left: Deputy Chief Earl Paysinger with Maree Reed, Teacher's Assistant, and her students.



Andrey Wilkins, Sr. Lead Officer, with Giovanni, 6, on an ATV



From left: Sal Jaramillo, Sr. Lead Officer, with Antonio, 6.



Irmina Dumaplin, Sr. Lead Officer, with Elisa, 6, on an ATV.



Sr. Lead Officer Joe Buscaino directed the students where to go to take their oath of good citizenship.



From left: Capt. Joan McNamara, Club Member, and Capt. Paul Pesqueira, with the students from 186th Street School after receiving their Kid Cop badge.



Captain Joan McNamara, Club Member, lead the students to the oath of good citizenship.



From left: Nicole Adams, San Pedro Police Academy Magnet High School, fingerprinted Raquel, 8, while Jaime Gonzalez, San Pedro Police Academy Magnet High School, helped Benjamin, 8, write his name.



From left: Christy Higuera, P2; Michael Pounds, P3; Gloria Vazquez, San Pedro Police Academy Magnet High School; Adan Guerra, San Pedro Police Academy Magnet High School; Sandy Alvarenga, San Pedro Police Academy Magnet Coordinator; and Estephania Vasquez, San Pedro Police Academy Magnet High School.



Brad Wilbourn, P3, Dive Unit, with Mrs. Yamasaka and her first-graders



J.T. Alpaugh, Reserve Officer, Harbor Mounted and Air Support Division, with Marlen, 7, Paulina, 7, and Raul, 7.