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On Friday, October 13, Deputy Justin De Bruin and his canine partner, Sonny, visited the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class at the Boyden-Hull Elementary School in Boyden, IA. Each year, when the 6<sup>th</sup> graders are in their drug unit, their teacher, Mr. Todd Puttmann, schedules a canine visit through the Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer (SRO), Deputy Waylon Pollema.

Pollema gave a short presentation on illegal drugs to the class. De Bruin talked about his training and experiences with Sonny including a demonstration showing how Sonny works. Pollema said, "Over the years, this has been a very educational classroom activity. The students learn about illegal drugs, why they are dangerous and how law enforcement uses their canines; the highlight is always the canine demonstrations."

The students were shown the training equipment that De Bruin uses with Sonny and were excited to see their other 6th grade teacher, Mr. Nathan Alexander, practice being apprehended by Sonny.

