



Benton Elementary Students paid their respect in honor of Deputy Robert Kunze



Students at Benton Elementary lined the street Friday afternoon while a motorcade carrying Kunze's body passed their schools. They waved flags and even showed some great emotion the fallen deputy was transported from Central Community Church to Resthaven Cemetery.

Principal Shane Dent said some of the students have parents who worked with Kunze on in the Wichita Police Department's Patrol West. He said those children were hit particularly hard.

While not everyone was able to attend the service, they still want to show their support.



"I feel safe because he tried to protect us with all his life."
- third-grader, Aaleyah Owens.

Deputy Robert Kunze's ID number is depicted in blue cups in front of Benton Elementary's playground on West Maple. Friday's funeral procession for Kunze will go by the school and students will be outside holding flags. Kunze was killed on Sunday while responding to a suspicious character call near Wichita. **Jaime Green** The Wichita Eagle