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WATCH D.O.G.S (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center for Fathering. There are 2 primary goals of the Watch D.O.G.S. program

1. To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.
2. To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

Watch D.O.G.S. began in 1998 in a single school in Springdale, Arkansas and has since grown into a nationally recognized program that has brought hundreds of thousands of fathers and father figures into the school classrooms and hallways across the country, creating millions of hours of "in-school" volunteer time and having a tremendously positive impact on the educational process.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Students gain positive role models
- Schools gain an extra set of eyes and ears. The presence of a father or father figure will provide an additional deterrent to bullying, enhance a sense of security in the building, and will help to create an environment conducive to learning.
- Fathers get a glimpse of their students' everyday world and learn about the increasingly complex challenges and decisions today's youth are facing. As a result, they can learn to relate better to their student and hopefully connect with them.
- Fathers gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they can have on their student's life in three critical areas including: academic performance, self-esteem, and social behavior.
- Due to budget shortfalls and cutbacks, often teachers and support staff are presented with larger classrooms each year. The WatchDOGS volunteers provide real and important help for teachers/support staff and the students.

WHO ARE WATCH DOGS (DADS OF GREAT STUDENTS) ?

WatchDOGS are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer at school during the school day in the classroom, at recess, eat lunch with students, watch the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow and other assigned activities where they actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well. If you can make it on a regular basis that is great. If you can only make it one day for the year that is great as well, we are looking for male role models to provide presence in our school.

HOW TO GET STARTED WITH WATCH D.O.G.S

Contact the school for Volunteer application or contact Rick Gooding 1-360-780-0310 or Ernie Penn 360-640-9632