

## Useful links

### How to be a good dad

<http://www.fathers.com/how-to-be-a-good-dad/just-be-a-father-of-the-year-just-be-dad/>

### Illinois Fatherhood Initiative

<http://www.4fathers.org/>

### Illinois Council on Responsible Fatherhood

<http://www.responsiblefatherhood.com/>

### National Center for Fathering

<http://www.fathers.com>

### Watch D.O.G.S.

<http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/>

## What are the Watch D.O.G.S. program benefits?

- Students gain positive male 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, social behavior.
- Due to budget shortfalls and cutbacks, often teachers are presented with larger classrooms each year. Fathers and father figures (aka WatchDOGS) provide real and important help for the teachers and the students.

Many school principals have reported that the mere presence of a WatchDOG dad dramatically reduces reports of bullying. On the day of their participation, WatchDOG dads are given a brief review of their involvement and they wear an official WATCH D.O.G.S. t-shirt with a disposable 'Dog Tag' identifying them as a WatchDOG.



Home of  
the Dolphins!

## Young Elementary School

### Watch D.O.G.S. Kickoff Pizza Night

Monday

September 28, 2015

6:00-8:30 P.M.



**JOIN**  
**Watch D.O.G.S.**

Volunteer at your  
kid's school

If you should have any questions or comments  
please contact

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## What is Watch D.O.G.S.?

*WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is a one-of-a-kind, school-based father involvement program that works to support education and safety.*

As a program of the National Center for Fathering, we have more than 4,704 schools in 46 states that participate in the WATCH D.O.G.S. program, in addition to participation in China, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Barbados.

## **Who are Watch D.O.G.S.?**

Fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other father figures who volunteer to serve at least one day a year in a variety of school activities as assigned by the school principal or other administrator.

## **What will I do during the day ?**

- Always wear Official Uniform T-shirts while they are on official WatchDOG duty.
- ENCOURAGE STUDENTS! (*with lots of smiles and high fives, etc.*)
- Help with traffic flow of vehicles and students at arrival and dismissal times
- Monitor hallways and entrances
- Monitor buildings - inside/outside
- Assist at lunch
- Assist at recess, study hall, social times
- Eat lunch with students
- Play or referee on the playground or in the gym
- Read with classes or tutor small groups of students
- Work with flash cards and/or educational games
- Actively and positively engage with their student and others
- Speak to classes about importance of education and career choices
- Be available to mentor male students
- Be chaperones on field trips and away games/ activities
- Assist coaches and activity sponsors
- Help students with test review
- Support fine arts classes (i.e. band, choir, art, year-book, etc.) with your presence and/or experience
- Smile and be a hero for a day!

## **How do I volunteer ?**

Attend the  
September 28, 2015  
Pizza Night KickOff  
event from 6:00-8:30.

Have 2 dates picked out  
to volunteer- one each se-  
mester.

### **Semester 1**

*concludes*

*January 8, 2016*

### **Semester 2**

*will accept volunteers  
until May 13, 2016*