



Welcome to Arrowhead's Watch D.O.G. DADS Informational PIZZA Night





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.



Dads of Great Students

Background Information



Dads of Great Students

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 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 child’s 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 students 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.

Who are Watch D.O.G.S (Dads Of Great Students)?

- Watch D.O.G.S. are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer for at least one day each year at an official WATCH D.O.G.S. ® school throughout the day.
- We are in year five of the program and our students and staff are very appreciative of having Watch Dogs in the building.
- Thanks to all the Watch Dogs who have volunteered their time and service to Arrowhead thus far.
- We look forward to having you here as a “first time” Watch Dog or a repeat customer.



Watch Dogs help Arrowhead

- Watch D.O.G.S may read and work on flash cards with students.
- Play at recess or eat lunch with students.
- Watch the school entrances and monitor hallways.
- Check school doors and help in the cafeteria.
- Assist with traffic flow and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with not only their own children, but other students as well.
- Many school principals have reported that the mere presence of Watch D.O.G.S. dramatically reduces reports of bullying.
- On the day of their participation, Watch D.O.G.S 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 Watch D.O.G.S.
- If you do not have an official WD T-Shirt, one will be provided.
- *****We do allow half day Watch Dog Volunteers*** AM/PM Kindergarten**

Watch D.O.G.S. Schedule

*Please wear WatchDOG t-shirt and visitor pass at all times when volunteering.

During **lunch** feel free to eat lunch with your child or consider sitting with a student who looks like they may a buddy. If possible, please offer to assist lunch teachers with cleaning tables, etc.

During **recess** please consider: joining a game with a group of students, helping students referee a game, or talking with a student who looks like they may need a buddy.

**To access the survey, please do the following: www.fathers.com/watchdogs On the right, click on *End of Day survey*, Take survey, Our school code is 1038

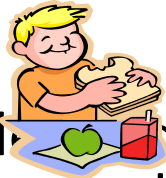
Time	Activity
8:30	Arrival & check in with child. Have pic taken for Wall of Fame Review of the day's schedule
8:55-9:00	Greet students at bus loop
9:05-9:10	Morning Announcements (main office)
9:10-9:15	Building walk-thru and grounds
9:15-9:50	Visit 1st Grade Wing Team Time
9:50-10:10	Help George in the cafeteria with table set-up
10:10-11:00	3 rd Grade Special Visit, Mrs. Yocum PE_____ Art_____ Music_____ Library__X__
11:10-11:55	Attend student lunches (cafeteria) OR attend kindergarten recess (back playground)
12:00-12:30	Continue with lunches OR attend 1 st grade recess (back playground)
12:30-12:45	Monitor hallway and outside grounds
12:45-1:15	Attend 4 th Grade recess (side playground)
1:15 -1:25	Break...feel free to enjoy some Scooby Snacks from main office
1:25-1:55	Assist art teacher with hallway artwork
1:55-2:25	Attend 2 nd Grade recess (side playground)
2:30-2:45	Attend Kindergarten recess (back playground)
2:50-3:20	Attend 3 rd Grade recess (back playground)
3:20-3:30	Complete Watch Dog Survey Computer Lab –room 147
3:30-3:40	Afternoon Announcements Dismissal/Assist at front bus loop

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[Watch Dog Video](#)



Career Survey

- Kindly complete the three question Career Survey.
- The purpose of the survey is to promote career education for all of our students.
- Potential career presentation for our students.

Updates for clearances

- As of January 1, 2015, all school volunteers, school staff, and school vendors must renew their volunteer clearances every **five** years. ***NEW***
- More information from the Methacton School District will be forthcoming related to volunteer protocols.
- <http://www.methacton.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=1>
- PA Criminal Background check
- PA Child Abuse History Check
- FBI Clearances/Fingerprinting - (PA Resident 10 years)

Important Reminders

- Please follow the lead of the teachers. Our goal is to minimize any potential classroom disruptions.
- Please follow your assigned schedule.
- Please avoid any impromptu visits to unassigned classrooms.
- Please be respectful of student confidentiality.
- Please only use the Men's restroom in the front main lobby.
- Please keep our 3 school rules in mind as you go about your day. (BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL and BE RESPONSIBLE)
- Please do not enter the staff lounge.

I have read the preceding information.

X _____

Watch D.O.G.S. Do's



- Wear your Watch D.O.G.S. t-shirt to school
- Promote and model the Arrowhead School Rules
 - Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible
- Be friendly and encouraging
- Monitor hallways and school grounds
- Assist in assigned areas
- Eat lunch WITH students
- Play or referee during recess
- Respect and maintain student confidentiality
- Be a HERO for the day
- Help our students adhere to the school rules
- Follow the lead of the Arrowhead Staff
- **Please follow WD schedule**
- **Follow the teacher's lead**

Watch D.O.G.S. Don'ts



- Be alone or unsupervised with students
- Go into student restrooms
- Discuss politics or religion with students
- Share your Watch D.O.G.S. t-shirt with someone who is not an approved volunteer
- Engage in any conduct that brings disrespect to self or students
- Try to handle a situation that you are unsure about or uncomfortable with (seek support from staff)
- Issue student consequences or discipline
- Please do not visit your child's classroom during unscheduled times as this could cause a disruption
- Enter the staff lounge

Great Days to Help

- Halloween
- Veterans' Day Assembly
- Arrowhead Fundraising Day
- Field Day
- Other special events TBD and shared throughout the school year.

Questions/Comments



Calendar Sign up

- For now.....please sign up for one session.
- We want to allow the opportunity for dads to participate in the WD program.

Month/Year:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Thank You...

For attending this important evening and for expressing your interest in supporting the Watch D.O.G.S. program!

