

# Regency Park Elementary School's

WATCH D.O.G.S. Program

(Dads of Great Students)



[Dads Trade Overtime for Quality Time - ABC News](#)

# Purpose/Goal of Program

- Improve:
  - Family volunteerism
  - Positive adult presence on campus
  - Safety/student behavior

# Who Are WATCH D.O.G.S.?

- Fathers
- Father figures
- Grandpas
- Uncles
- Brothers
- Neighbors
- Mentors





# Brief History

- **Started in 1998 in Arkansas as a reaction to the Jonesboro shooting**
- **Gained support and encouragement from community as a means to promote father/father-figures to be involved**
- **Sponsored by the National P.T.A. and National Center for Fathering**
- **Program is in 35 states and in New Zealand**

# How WATCH D.O.G.S. Can Support Your School?

- Encourage Students
- Monitor hallways, traffic, playground
- Assist at lunch in the cafeteria
- Assist at recess
- Eat lunch with their child/children
- Play a sport with students
- Read to or with children
- Work on educational games with students
- Positively engage with students
- Help students complete test reviews



# Basic Overview of Program

- **Ask for one full day from each ‘DAD’**
- **Daily overview:**
  - **Family photo**
  - **Orientation**
  - **Daily schedule**
  - **End-of-day survey**
  - **Call next day’s D.O.G.S.**

# WATCH D.O.G.S.

## General Safety Guidelines

- D.O.G.S. should not use student restrooms.
- D.O.G.S. should never be alone or unsupervised with students.
- D.O.G.S. should never espouse political or religious beliefs with students.
- D.O.G.S. should never engage in any activity or conduct that brings disrespect to himself, Regency Park Elementary or the integrity of the school.

# What Commitment is Needed From the School Staff?

- **Support recruitment efforts**
- **Be flexible and supportive**
- **Provide encouragement and be positive**



# How to Get Started

- Explore program and talk with stakeholders
- [www.fathers.com](http://www.fathers.com)
- Find Teacher Leaders & Top DOG
- Materials from fathers.com Website \$500
- Kick-off Pizza Night Event Roughly \$500
- Schedule two D.O.G.S. a day
- Contact w/ ?'s: [michael.reed@twinriversusd.org](mailto:michael.reed@twinriversusd.org)



# Your WATCH D.O.G.S. Site Team



- Staff representatives/facilitators
- Top DOG
- D.O.G.S. Committee
- Watch D.O.G.S.

# Questions

