



The National Program

Watch D.O.G.S. is a program of the National Center for Fathering. The goal of the program is "To help every school in America be positively influenced by the committed involvement of fathers and father figures in the lives of their children and students." To learn more about the national program, go to www.fathers.com/watchdogs.

Program Effectiveness

- 89% agree that WATCH D.O.G.S.® is a valuable component of the school's efforts to promote a safe and positive learning environment for students.
- 79% agree that since implementing the WATCH D.O.G.S.® program, the school has experienced an increase in father involvement in areas other than WATCH D.O.G.S.® (parent-teacher conferences, volunteerism in the classroom or after school, PTA/PTO involvement).

Program Recognition

- Involved in the U.S. Department of Education Father Involvement in Education Project beginning in 2005.
- Invited by the National PTA to be a founding member of the MORE Alliance (Men Organized to Raise Engagment).
- Recognized as a "best practice" by Joyce L. Epstein, Ph.D., Director of Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships, Johns Hopkins University.

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get involved...



A fun and easy way for dads to get involved at Fischer.

JUST SIGN UP FOR ONE DAY THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

Create a memory you and your child will remember for years to come.

WHAT IS WATCH D.O.G.S.?

- A PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
- DESIGNED FOR FATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES
- SPEND A DAY WITH YOUR STUDENT
- IMPACT YOUR STUDENT AND THE WHOLE SCHOOL



WATCH D.O.G.S.® is the father involvement initiative of the National Center for Fathering. Today, more than 1,659 programs in 38 states and New Zealand participate in WATCH D.O.G.S.. Conrad Fischer's program, founded in October of 2010, is the 10th in Illinois and the first in District 205.

What does a day as a Fischer Watch DOG look like?

Watch DOG Duties

The most important duty of a Conrad Fischer Watch DOG is to interact with the students. In the morning when you arrive, you will help to greet the students as they get off the bus. Dads are asked to arrive at 7:45am, in time to discuss the morning schedule, change into your Watch D.O.G.S T-shirt and be ready to meet the kids as they arrive at school. The official Watch D.O.G.S greeting is a high five. Next you will be introduced in the morning announcements.

You'll get an orientation and tour of the school before being introduced to your student's class where you will spend a majority of the day helping the students with class work, going out for recess or acting as a reading buddy. Make sure to bring a lunch as you will be eating in the school lunch room where you will have the opportunity to eat with your student and engage the other students at your table.

HOW DO I SIGN UP



Either call Mr. Navarro, school social worker, at (630) 617-2313 to request a specific day, or drop by the front office and tell them you are interested in signing up to volunteer as a Watch DOG.

WATCH D.O.G.S. ON THE WEB



Check out our website at fischer.elmhurst205.org/watchdogs. There you can see the official calendar with the days you are signed up to volunteer, get more information about the program, and see the most up-to-date media from our school's program.

DONATIONS



Donations serve to help us purchase shirts and other supplies necessary to keep the program functioning. If you would like to make a donation to the Conrad Fischer Watch D.O.G.S program, call Jane Bailey, principal, at (630)832-8601.

Can you make the commitment to show up one day this school year for your child?

The whole school benefits when dads commit to being an important part of our school.

