



WATCH D.O.G.S.® Orientation Night (Dads of Great Students)

Calling all China Spring Fathers and Father Figures! We need your help and our China Spring ISD students need your guidance and protection.

WHEN: September 21, 2026 @ 5:30 P.M.

WHERE: 200 Bob Johnson Rd

THIS EVENT IS FOR father and father figures ONLY. Please do not bring children as the material discussed is sensitive and not suitable for students.

WATCH D.O.G.S.® is one of the nation's largest and most respected school-based, family, and community engagement, organizations in the country. Since the program's creation in 1998, more than 6,450 schools across the country have launched a **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** program of their own. Each school year hundreds of thousands of fathers and father-figures make a positive impact on millions of children by volunteering millions of hours in their local schools through this amazing one-of-a-kind program. 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.

On **Monday, September 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.**, we will have our annual **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** Orientation. We will meet at *the Primary School at 200 Bob Johnson Rd.* ***We ask that you do not bring children to this event because some of the things that are discussed are of a sensitive nature and simply not for their young ears.*** The orientation provides you the opportunity for donuts and fellowship while also learning more about the program and how important it is that we continue filling our halls with our amazing **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** **Please join us! WE NEED YOU!** The Orientation is also an opportunity for you to complete the required paperwork (*Volunteer Form, WATCH D.O.G.S.® Registration Form, copy of Driver's License*) in order to begin serving as one of our **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** as soon as possible.

Mark your calendars, and we'll see you on **Monday, September 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.** Also, official **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** uniform t-shirts, along with student t-shirts, are available to order through us until Sept. 30, 2025. Must turn in payment with order form. You can order on the official website if you choose.

More about the Watch D.O.G.S. Program?

Watch D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative program of the National Center for Fathering focusing on prevention of violence in our nation's schools by using the positive influence of fathers and father-figures for a two-fold purpose:

1. to provide an unobtrusive presence in the schools; and to be a positive and active role model for students at their school.
2. to be a positive and active role model for students at their school.

Watch D.O.G.S.® was founded by Jim Moore, a concerned father who chose to take action in response to a 1998 middle-school shooting in Jonesboro, AR. Joined with National Center for Fathering in 2006, **Watch D.O.G.S.®** serves to inspire and equip men to be the involved fathers, grandfathers, and father-figures their students need.

Listed below are just a few of the benefits of having a **Watch D.O.G.S.®** Program:

Schools gain an extra set of eyes and ears. The presence of a father or father-figure enhances a sense of security at the building for students and staff, and helps create an environment conducive to learning.

1. Students gain a positive male role model. Many students do not have a father-figure present in their home and these students benefit when a positive male role model is present.
2. 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 students and hopefully connect with them.
3. Fathers gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they can have on their students' lives in three critical areas: 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. During the day, **Watch D.O.G.S.®** may read and work on flash cards with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow, mentor students, and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with not

only their own students, but other students as well. Their mere presence offers additional security at the school during the day! On the day of their participation, the participants are given a brief review of their involvement and they wear an official Watch D.O.G.S. ® t-shirt or vest with a disposable “dog tag” (name badge) identifying them as part of the Watch D.O.G.S. ®.

Program Recognition:

The Watch D.O.G.S. ® program has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and has been involved in the U.S. Department of Education’s P.F.I.E. (Partnership for Family Involvement in Education). The program has been recognized on the floor of Congress as a program that “can be a great tool in our efforts to prevent school violence and improve student performance because it can increase parental initiative and involvement in their children’s education.” (*Congressional Record, February 7, 2000, page S392*)

Program Goals:

Watch D.O.G.S. ® strives to:

1. Raise the banner of positive fathering through the forum of schools across America and the world.
2. Awaken fathers to the values and benefits of committed fathering.
3. Change culture by where every student has a father or father-figure to connect with in a positive way at school.
4. Help every school in America be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in their students’ lives.

For more information, visit the website at www.fathers.com/watchdogs .

If you have any questions about the Watch D.O.G.S. ® Program at our school, please contact one of the individuals below:

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