WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center For Fathering. There are two 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.

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 WatchDOGS?

WatchDOGS 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, WatchDOGS 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 and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well. Many school principals have reported that the mere presence of a WatchDOG dramatically reduces reports of bullying.

More information about the WatchDOG program is available at [http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/](http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/). A brief video that talks about WatchDOGS at West Bradford Elementary School is available on the West Bradford Elementary School webpage. Please contact Jordan Mirarchi, School Counselor, with any questions.

**Please flip to the other side of this paper for sign up information.**
How to sign up for WATCH D.O.G.S.

Sign Ups will open at 8:00 AM on Friday, September 20, 2019.

Thank you for your interest in the Watchdogs Program at West Bradford Elementary School! We have already had a tremendous amount of interest in the program this year. Please only sign up for one day per family.

To sign up to be a Traditional Watchdog (full day), please follow these 2 easy steps.

1) Go to our SignUp onSignUp.com: https://signup.com/go/tGDZiUg
2) Review the options listed and choose the time spot you like.

-OR-

To sign up to be a Lunch and Recess Watchdog (11:00am-1:20pm), please follow these 2 easy steps.

1) Go to our SignUp onSignUp.com: https://signup.com/go/SBqCMHU
2) Review the options listed and choose the time spot you like.

NEW THIS YEAR:

All dad volunteers for the Watchdog program should obtain two state mandated certifications in order to maintain the safety and security of all of our students. It is not a policy, but expected that we begin to require clearances. Clearances for volunteers are free and they are good for five years. You can find the clearances necessary to volunteer for the program on the district website: https://www.dasd.org/Page/5771

Thank you for your interest in supporting this meaningful program!