

# Attention, Alta Murrieta Dads and Father Figures! We Need You!



## Watch D.O.G.S. Kick-Off

**Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

**6:00pm – New MPR**

### **WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)**

“Heroes of the Hallways” ... our school-based father-involvement initiative that organizes fathers and father figures as positive male role models for the students and to enhance school security, to provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important and to provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

**Who are Watch D.O.G.S. and how does WATCH D.O.G.S. work?** Watch D.O.G.S. are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer for at an official WATCH D.O.G.S. school. WATCH D.O.G.S., a K-12 program, invites fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other father figures to volunteer at their child's/student's school during the school year. Fathers and father figures can sign up to volunteer at our Watch D.O.G.S. Kid-Off event or by calling the school office any time throughout the school year. The program is overseen by a “Top Dog” volunteer who partners with the school administrator to coordinate scheduling and identify opportunities for Watch D.O.G.S. to provide assistance at the school. Watch D.O.G. dads and volunteers perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day including monitoring the school entrance, assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunch room, or helping in the classroom with a teacher's guidance by working with small groups of students on homework, flashcards, or spelling.

**What do Watch D.O.G.S. do (while they are at 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, patrol 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 Watch D.O.G. dad dramatically reduces reports of bullying. On the day of their participation, Watch D.O.G. dads are given a brief review of their involvement and they wear an official WATCH D.O.G.S. t-shirt with a ‘Dog Tag’ identifying them as a Watch D.O.G.

**If you plan on attending our kick-off event, please RSVP at <https://goo.gl/QcVnol> so we can plan accordingly when ordering pizza for the event.**

**For more information, visit:  
<http://fathers.com/watchdogs/>**