



# Media Release

## Tri-Village Elementary

4th Annual Kick Off

WATCH D.O.G.S.®

(Dads Of Great Students) Program

**WHO:** Students and fathers and father-figures of Tri-Village

**WHAT:** 'Dads and Kids' Pizza Night to kick off a new innovative father involvement program called WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students). WATCH D.O.G.S.® is the safe schools initiative of the National Center for Fathering ([www.fathers.com](http://www.fathers.com)). It was created in response to the Jonesboro, AR school shooting in 1998. Since then, the program has spread to more than 800 schools in over 30 states.

**WHEN:** *Tuesday, September 25th, 6:30*

**WHERE:** *Tri-Village, (315 South Main Street, New Madison)*

**WHY:** Fathers and father-figures are invited to sign up to spend one day this year volunteering, serving as a positive male role model and helping increase a sense of security in the building. During their WATCH D.O.G.S.® day, dads will engage in various activities such as welcoming students during arrival, reading to classes, tutoring small groups of students, having fun at recess, or simply sitting down and connecting with students during lunch. They can share about their careers and experiences . . . the possibilities are endless!

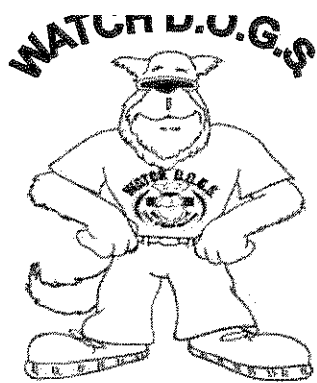
### **Program benefits**

- Schools gain an extra set of eyes and ears. The presence of WatchDOGS (Dads Of Great Students) can increase a sense of security at the building for students and staff, and it helps create an environment conducive to learning.
- Students gain a positive male role model. Some students do not have a father-figure present in their home and the number of male teachers has been steadily declining in recent years. More positive male role models are needed in the school setting.
- Fathers and father-figures can spend meaningful time with their students in the school setting and gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they can have on their student's life, just by being a 'dad'.
- When WatchDOGS invest a day at school, they can learn how better to partner with the school to meet educational goals of students.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

WATCH D.O.G.S.® information: 1-888-540-3647, e-mail [watchdogs@fathers.com](mailto:watchdogs@fathers.com) or visit [www.fathers.com/watchdogs](http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs)

- Pizza Night information: **Principal Josh Sagester, 937.996.1511.**



# Pizza Night Invite



Attention All 'DADS' of  
Tri-Village Students!

**'Dads and Kids' Pizza Night Event!**  
**FREE Pizza, Drinks and a *GUEST*  
*SPEAKER!***

Fathers and Father-figures,

On (Tuesday, September 25th) from (6:30 – 7:30 P.M.) we will be having our 4th annual 'Dads and Kids' Pizza Night at our school. You will meet here in the school auditorium at (6:30 pm) for FREE pizza and drinks. At (6:45) we will have a presentation about our WATCH D.O.G.S.<sup>®</sup> (Dads Of Great Students) Program. WATCH D.O.G.S.<sup>®</sup> is an innovative program being used by schools across America which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in their student's life. The goal is to have these men spend at least one day a year at the school to be an extra set of eyes and ears as a positive male role model.

Dads, granddads, uncles, step-dads and adult brothers . . . this is your chance to have a night out alone with your student in a fun atmosphere at school.

**In order to come, you need to do two things:**

1. Fill out the bottom portion of this slip and return it with your student (ASAP) saying that you will attend the pizza night so we'll have an accurate head count for the food.
2. Mark your calendars, and we'll see you (Tuesday, September 25th) from (6:30 – 7:30 P.M. in the auditorium).

Sincerely,

**Mr. Sagester, Elementary Principal**

Return Bottom Portion to School by (Friday, September 21st) Return one form per family!

\_\_\_ Yes!!! We'll be there!

(#) \_\_\_ of 'Dad' and students attending

Father/Father-figure Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): Home \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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