

# “WATCH DOGS” AND “DEN MOMS” VOLUNTEERS

Utilizing volunteers within a class



DEN MOMS  
(Logo to be determined)

# What is Watch Dogs?

- ▣ **WATCH D.O.G.S.<sup>®</sup>**, a K-12 program, invites fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other father figures to volunteer at least one day all day at their child's/student's school during the school year.
- ▣ **Program Goals**
  - ▣ 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

# “Den Moms”

- ▣ **Den Moms:** To provide an opportunity to include Mothers or positive female role-models in their student’s education. The goal is to volunteer at least one day a school year.
- ▣ **Program Goals**
  - ▣ 1) To provide positive female 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

# Before you get to the class....

- ▣ Watch Dog/Den Mom Volunteer will check in with the Main Office...
- ▣ They will Sign-in and are provided with a binder that includes:
  - ▣ A letter of introduction
  - ▣ Gotchas and lunch ticket
- ▣ They will be given a schedule and a student will tour them through the building to show them each of their classes.
- ▣ They will be wearing a Watch Dogs/Den Moms shirt and name tag to identify them.

# Greeting

- ▣ Teacher will welcome you.
- ▣ Provide you with an agenda of what the class will look like for the day.
- ▣ Brief summary of any specific expectations/safety procedures (ex. in science if you are doing a lab)
- ▣ Let you know what students are currently doing and how they can help/be involved.
- ▣ Encourage you to ask you questions (it is better for them to know what you want communicated to students)

# Tasks that are good for you as a Watchdog/Den Mom

- ▣ Assisting students with reading/identifying tasks through reading directions.
- ▣ Helping students with work.
- ▣ Modeling a behavior (ex. Reading out loud along with students -give the volunteer a heads up on this to see if they are comfortable with this)
- ▣ Reinforcing your expectations - (ex. You give a direction to students and they help you monitor students are doing it).
- ▣ Providing positive reinforcement to students (ex. Rewards, gotchas, etc).
- ▣ Helping students that are behind on work to catch up on assignments.
- ▣ Helping a specific student that usually needs 1 on 1 support to stay on task.

# Positives of Watch Dog/Den Mom Volunteers

- ▣ You bring a community presence into a classroom.
- ▣ Potentially bring a non-education perspective to content being taught.
- ▣ Positive role-model for students
- ▣ Potential for mentoring at-risk students

# Other Tasks for Watch Dogs/Den Moms

- ▣ Supervising Halls, Lunches, Student Choice Activities
- ▣ Assisting in the Library
- ▣ Assisting with progress monitoring
- ▣ Supervising End of Quarter Rewards, Seal Activity, and other activities.

# End of the Day

- ▣ As a Watch Dog/Den Mom Volunteer, you will check out through the office.
- ▣ Watchdogs are asked to do an exit survey to reflect on their day and provide us with feedback to improve the program. (Den Moms this eventually will be a request but the survey is not yet completed).
- ▣ You will also have the ability to schedule another opportunity to volunteer if you wish.