



Thank you for your interest in the Brookridge Elementary
Watch D.O.G.S. Program!

WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) 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. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wb3gsOoSu4Y>

[PRE-COVID] Our goal was to have you spend at least one half day per semester at Brookridge Elementary to be a positive male role model and to provide an extra set of eyes and ears. Dads, granddads, uncles, step-dads and adult brothers this is your chance to have a day with your student(s) in a fun atmosphere at school.

However, due to Covid-19, adults are not allowed inside the school building during school hours; therefore, the **Brookridge WatchDOGS program will only be supporting Drop-Off activity in the mornings and other random projects that will occur outside of school hours.** By supporting morning drop-off, this will allow our educators to be in their classrooms welcoming our students as they are coming to school.

As opportunities to move back into the school make themselves available, we will review the need to have a background check on file with the Shawnee Mission School District. We look forward to the day when the program can move back in doors!

If you are ready to join us by assisting with the drop off line in the morning, please [click here](#) to sign-up! Volunteer opportunities start on Monday, September 27 and we would like three (3) volunteers per day. To participate:

- Sign-up via the [Sign Up Genius link](#)
- Arrive at the school at 7:30 am on your volunteer day
- Check in at the office
- Wear a WatchDOGS shirt ([purchase via this link](#) for \$14.95+S&H or shirts available in the office to borrow)
- Open car doors, welcome students with a smile and keep the drop off line moving!



Let us know if you have any questions. We have included a short FAQ to hopefully help provide more clarity.

The students and faculty at Brookridge Elementary are excited to have you participate in their schoolday!

Thanks for being a Dad Of a Great student!

Woof Woof,

Jake Urban / Paul Gunja / Brian Brown

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students)

Do I need to wear a WatchDOGS shirt?

Yes, this is a requirement. When volunteering, you must wear an official WatchDOGS t-shirt so staff and students can easily identify you in our school. Due to COVID, we are strongly recommending that you purchase your own T-shirt; however, we do not want the acquisition of a T-shirt to prevent participation. We will be able to provide a T-shirt to borrow, if needed. Here is the site to order: <https://dadsofgreatstudents.com/general/cotton-short-sleeve-t-shirt.html>

How long does the Background Check take?

This varies, but generally I would expect 2-3 weeks, get it done as early as you can. The Background Check is not required to support assistance with the Drop-Off activity in the mornings or other projects that take place outside of the school building. If you are new to Brookridge/WatchDOGS, please feel free to join us in support of outdoor activities until we can get back in the school building and the Background Check process resumes.

I completed my Background Check last year, am I good?

No, you must submit a new Background Check each school year.

I signed up to volunteer, but I need to cancel, what should I do?

If you need to cancel, please update the sign up genius. If it is less than 48 hours in advance, please email Karen Hoffman at karenhoffman@smsd.org, Paul Gunja at gunja33@yahoo.com or Brian Brown at bb4smsd@gmail.com.

I heard we are not supposed to use our phones while at the school, is that true?

Correct - phones should not be used in the presence of a student - if you need to check email or make a call, wait until you are away from the students.

WatchDOGS is great! I want to be more involved - is there anything more I can do?

Absolutely! Many times throughout the school year we are asked to reach out for WatchDOGS to help with random projects, etc. Generally, Brookridge PTA will post those needs on our FaceBook site, so make sure you have joined for those announcements. They may also come from Principal Witt's newsletter as well.

Please feel free to reach out to us at bb4smsd@gmail.com or gunja33@yahoo.com to let me know your interests!