



Dads of Great Students

Kirkwood Elementary School is proud to announce that their partnership with WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) to increase male role models for our students while they are at school.

Studies by the U.S. Department of Education have demonstrated that a positive adult male role model will have a uniquely positive impact on the development and educational success of a child. This dramatically increases the child's likelihood of graduating and getting mostly A's along the way, while at the same time dramatically decreasing the likelihood of that child living in poverty, getting involved with drugs and alcohol, and avoiding potentially devastating choices that result in a criminal record or a teen pregnancy.

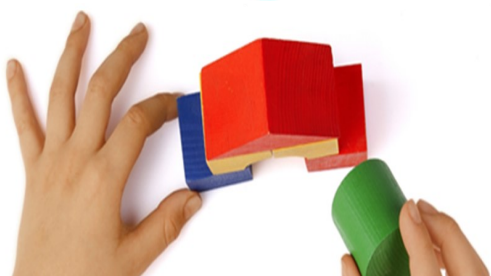
The U.S. Department of Education has identified the WATCH D.O.G.S. ® program as an effective way to increase male involvement in our nation's schools.

Each school year thousands of men volunteer to work at least one day in their child's school through the WATCH D.O.G.S. ® program. These men work alongside the educators to help as crossing guards, car/bus rider facilitators, hallway monitors, library assistants, lunchroom helpers, classroom and homework tutors and playground/gymnasium coaches. The possibilities are endless. Every school year these men have a positive impact on the lives of hundreds of thousands of kids.

At Kirkwood Elementary School, our students have gained 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. Our school gained an extra set of eyes and ears. The presence of WATCH DOGS has helped to create an environment conducive to learning.

We currently have 6 WATCH D.O.G.S. who have shared their time at our school. We are always interested in gaining more WATCH D.O.G.S. If you are interested in becoming part of our WATCH D.O.G.S. program, please contact our office at (509) 865-4750.

Building the future of public education



THANK YOU Toppenish School Board!

**Clara Jimenez, Richard Lommers, Gonzalo Macias,
Rebecca Perez and Sherri Darrow.**

Toppenish School District thanks you for your dedication and commitment to improving student achievement and to providing the best education for all of our students. We appreciate your leadership and dedication as we celebrate January School Board Recognition Month.



The Toppenish School District is committed to creating and sustaining a comprehensive, coordinated effort to improve the overall safety and well-being of our students, educators and administrators. To do this, we

believe this must involve community-wide programs and initiatives involving parents, teachers, administrators, local law enforcement, mental health & wellness professionals and elected officials to take meaningful action to protect our students.

Today, we are happy to announce the district-wide launch of the "Say Something Anonymous Reporting System" (SS-ARS) beginning the new year. This program teaches students, teachers, and administrators how to recognize the warning signs and signals, especially within social media, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and *Say Something to a trusted adult or use its anonymous reporting system. Specifically, the program educates participants to:*

- Recognize the signs and signals of at-risk behaviors – especially within social media
- Take every sign and signal seriously; act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult, OR
- Report it anonymously through SS-ARS 24/7 Crisis Center, mobile app, or website
- Respond to and manage the submitted tip via a multi-disciplinary educator and administrator teams
- Sustain the curriculum and awareness via student clubs, in-school activities and call-to-action weeks

The SS-ARS program is being provided through Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a nation-wide non-profit organization. To date, SS-ARS and other SHP prevention programs have helped stop multiple school shootings, suicides, and gun threats; reduced bullying and cyberbullying; intervened upon cutting, drug use, racial conflicts, and other violent and victimization acts. We know this program will do the same for our district.

Students & Employees of the Month



Tatiana Camacho Gutierrez
Secondary Schools Student of the Month
Toppenish Middle School



Kimberly Morales
Elementary Student of the Month
Preschool



Clint Mattern
Educator of the Month
Lincoln Elementary School



Maria Alicia Ramirez
Classified Employee of the Month
Food Services/ Kirkwood

Thank You!

Special Thank You to **Dad s Restaurant** for providing meal certificates to the Students of the Month program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 13	Garfield PTO, 5:30 PM	February 5	No Preschool classes
January 14	Kirkwood PTO, 5 PM Lincoln PTO, 5 PM Valley View PAC/PTO, 5:30 PM	February 10	Garfield PTO, 5:30 PM
January 15	JOM Parent Meeting, 6 PM	February 11	Kirkwood PTO, 5 PM Lincoln PAC/PTO, 5:30 PM Valley View PAC/PTO & Valentine Family Night, 5:30 PM
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday -NO SCHOOL	February 12	TMS Grade Patrol JOM Parent Meeting, 6 PM
January 21	TMS Grade Patrol Title VI Indian Ed Parent Meeting, 6 PM	February 13	Lincoln Family Night, 5:30 PM
January 22	Migrant Parent Meeting, 6 PM	February 14	Valentine's Day Mid Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
January 23	Lincoln Family Night, 5:30 PM TMS PTO, 5:30 PM	February 17	President's Day - NO SCHOOL
January 24	NO SCHOOL (Staff Development Day)	February 18	No Preschool Classes School Board Meeting, 7 PM
January 28	Public Hearing- Federal Impact Aid Funds, 6:45 PM, District Office Regular School Board School Board Meeting, 7 PM	February 19	Migrant Parent Meeting, 6 PM

**Public Hearing: Federal Impact Aid Funds and
Regular School Board Meeting
January 28, 2020 @ 6:45 PM**

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Safety Tips when Walking on Snow or Ice:

1. **Plan ahead, give yourself sufficient time and plan your route.** Give yourself extra time—don't assume a clear path for driving and walking will be available.
2. **Wear shoes or boots that provide traction on snow and ice.** Wear flat-soled shoes (avoid shoes with heels).
3. **Use special care when entering and exiting vehicles, climbing or descending stairs, entering or leaving buildings.** Proceed slowly with caution. Remove snow/water from shoes when entering buildings. Use handrails for support. Try to keep center of gravity over your support leg. Use your vehicle for support when exiting. Keep your hands out of pockets.
4. **Walk on designated walkways as much as possible.** Don't take shortcuts over snow where snow and ice removal is not feasible. Look ahead when walking. A sidewalk completely covered with ice may require travel along its grassy edge for traction. Don't text, read, or talk in the cellphone when walking.
5. **Walk safely on snow or ice.** Take short steps or shuffle for stability. Bend slightly forward walk flat-footed. Be prepared to fall. In case this happens fall with sequential contacts at your thigh, hip and shoulder. Avoid using outstretched arms to brace yourself. Bend your back and head forward to avoid hitting your head against the ground.



Valley View Elementary—The Yakima Police Department, in partnership with a donation from the UA Local Union 598 Plumbers and Steamfitters, handed out bikes to a few lucky kindergarten students!

A special thank you to Sergeant Grant for delivering the bikes, and to Mrs. Grant for helping make arrangements!

We are so grateful to the Yakima Police Department, Sergeant Grant, and the UA Local Union 598 Plumbers and Steamfitters for their generosity!

Thank you Levy Supporters!

With your generous support we will be able to provide our students a new gymnasium at Toppenish High School with:

- Commons/Meal Area to alleviate overcrowding during school breakfast and lunch sessions.

- Innovative STEM classrooms & lab facilities (Fitness/Wellness, Health, PE)

- 3,000 capacity facility to accommodate the 9-12 student body for Assembly/Pep Rallies



THS Talent Show

