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## WATCH D.O.G.S ARE EVERYWHERE

WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) is a family and community engagement educational initiative with two primary goals:

- Provide positive male role models for students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important, and
- Provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying

WATCH D.O.G.S began in 1981 in a school in Springdale, Arkansas and has since grown into a nationally recognized program that has brought hundreds of thousands of father and father figures into schools across the country. These men have provided millions of hours of volunteer time and have tremendously impacted the educational process of millions of students throughout the United States.

The program benefits students in many ways, such as:

- Students gain positive role models
- Schools gain extra sets of eyes and ears which help deter all types of negative behaviors
- Teachers gain extra hands-on help during all aspects of their day
- Fathers get a glimpse of their students' everyday world and the increasingly complex challenges and decisions today's youth are facing
- Fathers gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they can have on their students' lives, especially in terms of academic performance, self-esteem and social behavior



WATCH D.O.G.S. has become an important part of our elementary school culture. The program is currently active at Erving, Gudith, Wegienka and Yake Elementary schools.

According to Mr. Tim Podlewski, Yake Elementary Principal, Yake's program begin in May, 2010 and has been growing ever since. Yake currently has over 100 "fathers" volunteering every year. Podlewski commented, "Watch D.O.G.S. have really become a staple in our buildings." "They assist with building patrols (both inside and outside) to make sure our doors are locked and secured, they volunteer in classes throughout the day, . . . they work with small groups on enrichment or remediation activities in the media center, and . . . they have lunch with their children and assist with recess either indoors or outdoors."



Yake dad Dave Dawrych and his sons, Mason and Miles



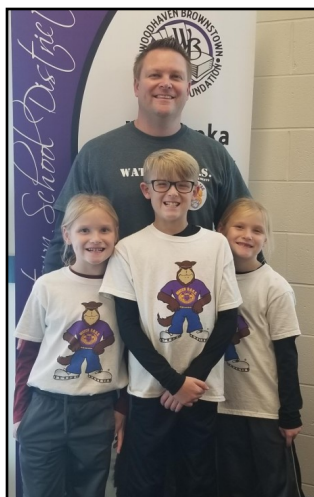
Yake dad Mike Clemons with his children, JoJo, Harper and Holden

Mr. Tom Martin, Gudith Elementary Principal, says his WATCH D.O.G.S. are very active at Gudith. Martin got the program off the ground about three years ago, during the 2016/17 school year. Martin commented that he currently has "20 dads that serve multiple times throughout the school week." He further commented that "Students love having a WATCH D.O.G. in school", and as a principal, Martin said, "Having an extra set of eyes and hands during lunch and recess is very helpful."

At Wegienka Elementary, Principal Mrs. Michelle Briegel says that WATCH D.O.G.S. has been up and running at Wegienka for seven years. Briegel commented, "We are fortunate to have a full calendar of male role figures each school year . . . ranging from dads, grandpas and uncles." Briegel further commented, "Their day . . . starts with helping outside welcoming students in the morning. It then continues with being part of the morning announcements with their children and then helping in classrooms and the lunchroom . . . and concludes with helping at dismissal."



Gudith dad Brian Wojcik and children, Jeremy, Aaron and Christine



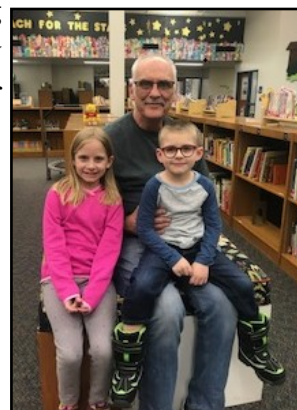
Wegienka dad Jeremy Lovell with his children, Amelia, Ethan and Avery

Mrs. Caterina Berry, Principal at Erving Elementary, has approximately 30 WATCH D.O.G.S. serving her staff and students. The Erving program has been successfully running for the past eight years. Berry stated, "With teacher guidance, they work in the classroom playing educational games with students, reading with groups of students, helping the lunch staff during all lunch periods and helping with arrival and dismissal in the parking lots."

Thank you to all the WATCH D.O.G.S. who serve our staff and students daily by providing positive male role models and creating lasting memories throughout our elementary schools. We've come to learn it truly "takes a village" to raise a child.



Erving dad Chris Lucas with children Amelia and Elliot



Erving grandpa John Malloy with grandchildren Audriana and Colton McGowan



# WHS NAMES TOP TEN FOR THE CLASS OF 2019

On February 22, 2019, Woodhaven High School named its "Top 10" students for the Class of 2019. Class rank is based on a point system that consists of 50% GPA and 50% SAT score calculated as follows:  $(\text{GPA} \times 400) + (\text{SAT}) = \text{Ranking}$ . Class ranking is determined after final grades from the 1st semester are calculated, establishing the Top 10 for each graduating class. Of special interest this year — Nine of the top 10 all have GPAs higher than 4.0. The announcement is typically made in late February or early March, giving students time to celebrate their accomplishments with their families before hectic end-of-the-year activities begin. Students will be honored at the annual Awards & Honors Night on April 23, 2019. Congratulations to the Class of 2019's Top 10 and Senior Scholars!

Kaab Husain — Valedictorian

Ethan Nycz — Salutatorian

Rebecca Roman

Maaz Munawar

Blake Hawes

Abuzer Anwar

Prahar Dave

Shahwaiz Shah

ShanShan Chen

Awais Chaudhry

## WARRIOR ATHLETES ON A ROLL



Our Warrior athletes are tearing it up on the court, on the ice, on the mats, on the lanes and in the pool - everywhere they compete. Varsity Basketball clinched its 4th consecutive Downriver League title. Senior guard Josh Warren recently became the all time leading scorer in Woodhaven history. Wrestling was crowned Downriver league champs with Kyle Emery, Jacob Phillips, Mason Grasso, Josh Watters and Markus Sturgill being named individual league champions. Emery, Grasso, Watters and Mikale Mitchell all advance to the state finals. Hockey set a new school record winning 21 games, and defeating 2018 Div. 3 State Champs Detroit County Day twice this season. The Varsity Competitive Cheer team clinched its first ever district title in Woodhaven history. The varsity girls bowling team won its 6th straight Downriver League title while the varsity boys team shares the league title with Taylor. Both are ranked in the top 10 in the state.



Wrestling — 2019 Downriver League Champs

## KIDS AGAINST HUNGER

On Saturday, February 2, 2019  
WBSD elementary students, with the

help of Woodhaven Kiwanis, once again hosted the Kids Against Hunger Campaign and filled over 30,000 meal bags that will be shipped to over 60 countries worldwide. This is the 14th consecutive year that Kiwanis has teamed up with WBSD schools and other downriver school districts to pack meal bags for hungry children. Thank you to all who participated and teaching our students the important of helping those in need.



Erving Elementary



Yake Elementary



Hockey defeats Detroit  
Country Day



Bates Elementary



# A Day in the Life of a Warrior . . .

**Warrior Strong**



Mrs. Lemon's students work on problem solving in math



Mr. Satterfield sporting a new scarf



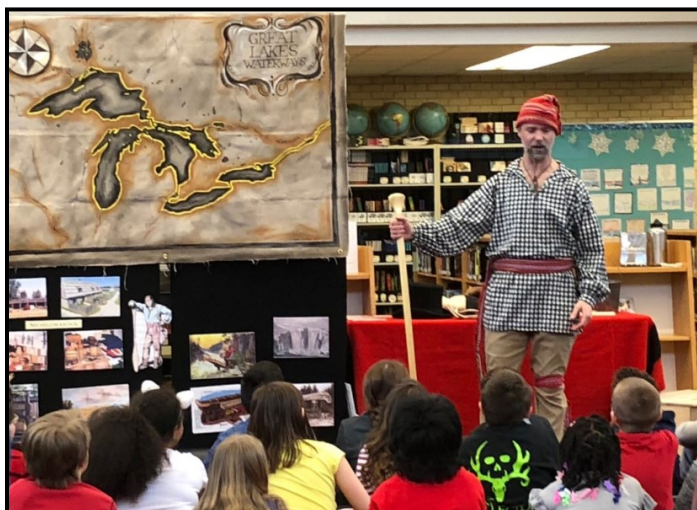
ARC Basketball Games 2019



Josh Watters 100 career wrestling wins



Yake 100 days of school



Bates Elementary students learn about Michigan's French fur traders

Dental Occupation students inducted into the National Technical Honor Society

