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Dozens sign up to volunteer to make an impact in Pioneer students' lives

ARLINGTON- Dozens of fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other father figures signed up this morning to become WATCH D.O.G.S. at Pioneer Elementary School during a "Doughnuts with Dad" event. Dads and others, along with their students, enjoyed doughnuts while learning more about the program. WATCH D.O.G.S. stands for Dads of Great Students but the program is for all males who want to help out at the school.

"This is a great opportunity for dads and others to see what students do during the day," said Kim Caldwell, Pioneer's Assistant Principal who oversees the program. "The volunteers help by greeting students in the hallways, reading with students, having lunch with them and playing with them on the playground. Our students thrive off this interaction with adults!"

All volunteers go through a background check and Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying presentation. Kevin McGrath, who has two children at Pioneer, is starting his third year as a WATCH D.O.G.S. volunteer.

"It's really fun to be involved with my kids' school and see what they and their friends are doing," said McGrath. "I'm able to help out a few times every quarter and it provides a nice window into their school life."

Volunteers don't have to have a child attending school in the district. Community members are also welcome to help at any of the district's schools. Please contact your local school if you would like to volunteer.

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