

Hello!

Thank you for volunteering to serve as a WatchDOG at Benninghoven! Our school community appreciates your time and willingness to serve as a positive role model to our students! Please take a moment to look through the following information prior to your WatchDOG date.

Please note that you must be an MVP-trained volunteer in order to serve as a WatchDOG. If you have not completed MVP training, please visit the SMSD website for details on how to complete this process. <https://www.smsd.org/families/volunteer-mvp>

If you are a morning WatchDOG, please arrive between 7:45 and 8:00 am and if you are an afternoon WatchDOG, you may arrive in time to have lunch with your student. Please check in with the office and our school secretary, Nicole Cunningham, will give you a schedule for the day and will be able to answer any questions you may have. Morning WatchDOGS conclude after you have lunch with your child, and afternoon WatchDOGS conclude at the end of the school day. (The lunch schedule is below.)

If you have a WatchDOGS t-shirt please wear it. Or you can borrow one for the day, but please return it before you leave for the day. You are not required to wear a t-shirt, but it is fun way for the class and rest of the school to identify you as a WatchDOGS participant.

Please be aware of the following confidentiality notice:

*As a classroom/school visitor as a WatchDOG at Benninghoven Elementary, I understand that I am prohibited from discussing or sharing with others my observations of students at Benninghoven Elementary other than my own child as well as any information I gain about students as a result of my visit to Benninghoven Elementary as a WatchDOG. I further understand that I am required to respect the privacy of other students and individuals I observe during my visit to Benninghoven Elementary.*

Things to keep in mind:

- Respect the learning environment created by the teachers and staff. We are guests and role models.
- Be mindful not to put yourself in situations where you would be alone with a child at any time.
- Kids are naturally affectionate, but do not allow them to sit in your lap, be carried or hugged, etc. A "high five" for a job well-done is adequate.
- Use the adult restroom across from the gym.
- Leave alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and inappropriate language at home.
- Keep your cell phone in your pocket and on silent when you are around students.
- Most importantly, have fun and encourage the students to do the same!

Lastly, you are welcome to volunteer up to once per month per student, so we hope to have you throughout the year at Benninghoven! Thanks for spending this time with your student; it undoubtedly means a lot to them! If you have any questions ahead of your visit, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brian Weber

WatchDOG Coordinator

816-564-0106

[benninghovenwatchdogs@gmail.com](mailto:benninghovenwatchdogs@gmail.com)

## Lunch Schedule

Kindergarten	10:55-11:25
3	11:10-11:40
1	11:25-11:55
5	11:40-12:10
Pre K	
2	11:55-12:25
4	12:10-12:40
6	12:25-12:55