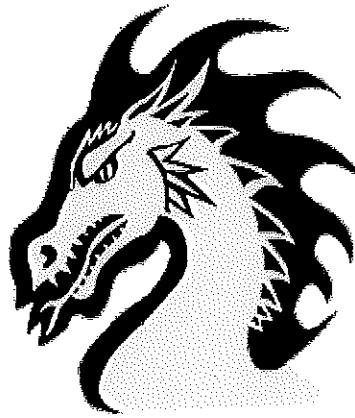


# D.A.D.S. 4 DRAGONS



## Who are D.A.D.S. (Dads Assisting Dedicated Students)?

D.A.D.S. are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer for at least one day each year at an official D.A.D.S. 4 DRAGONS school. During the day, D.A.D.S. may read and work on flash cards with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow, mentor students, and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well. Their mere presence offers additional security at the school during the day! On the day of their participation, the participants are given a brief review of their involvement and they wear an official D.A.D.S 4 DRAGONS t-shirt identifying them as D.A.D.S. 4 DRAGONS

## Purpose of D.A.D.S.:

- 1) To provide an unobtrusive presence in the schools, and
- 2) To be a positive and active role-model for students at their school.

## Program Benefits

- Schools gain an extra set of eyes and ears. The presence of a father or father-figure enhances a sense of security at the building for students and staff and helps create an environment conducive to learning.
- Students gain a positive male role model. Many students do not have a father-figure present in their home and these students benefit when a *positive* male role model is present.
- Fathers get a glimpse of their students' everyday world and learn about the increasingly complex challenges and decisions today's youth are facing. As a result, they can learn to relate better to their student and hopefully connect with them.
- Fathers gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they can have on their student's life in three critical areas including: academic performance, self esteem, social behavior.

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