**PTA B-MORE® (Men Organized to Raise Engagement)**

Mission: Our goal is to establish a male presence within Dogwood Elementary and the surrounding community that communicates our dedication to the enrichment of every child’s education and safety. By leveraging our talents and leadership we hope to offset poor behavior, provide mentorship and deter any threats that may be posed by outside forces.

Through the engagement of fathers and father figures in the school and community, B-MORE will allow parents to rest assured their child has additional guidance and monitoring to better understand the challenges their children are facing daily. By assisting the school faculty in the educational and social development of children we can effectively prep them to be ready for the next stage of their schooling and the importance of school involvement.

The raising of a child rests on the shoulders of MEN and WOMEN, collectively.

***THE TEN B-MORE PRINCIPLES***

1. *Develop male leaders; work with fathers and male role models to enhance positive male parenting and involvement with youth*
2. *Fathers communicate with school staff and families on trends or issues prevalent to the children*
3. *Fathers may volunteer at least one day each month. During the day, they may read with students, eat lunch with them, and watch school entrances and hallways, mentor students, and any other assigned activities.*
4. *The school get an enhanced sense of security at their buildings*
5. *Help to instill a self of self-respect and self-worth to children through positive reinforcement*
6. *Act as a resource for families, communities and schools on fatherhood initiatives and issues*
7. *Students gain positive male role models, including students without such role models*
8. *Fathers learn about the complex challenges facing today’s youth*
9. *Fathers gain awareness of the positive impact they can have on a student’s academic performance, self-esteem, and social behavior*
10. *Provide best effort to the faculty to allow children the most conducive environment*