WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center For Fathering.

It began in 1998 in a single school in Springdale, Arkansas and has since grown into a nationally recognized program that has brought hundreds of thousands of fathers and father figures into our nation's classrooms and hallways.

WATCH D.O.G.S.® has created millions of “in school” volunteer hours and continues to have a tremendously positive impact on the educational process.

Today more than 2,811 schools in 46 states plus DC participate in WATCH D.O.G.S.® ADM is proud to have implemented WATCH D.O.G.S.® since 2013.

To find out more information about the Watch D.O.G.S.® program or get involved, contact:

Adel Elementary School
Carole Erickson, Building Principal
(515) 993-4285

DeSoto Intermediate School
Jodi Banse, Building Principal
(515) 834-2424

or

Visit: www.fathers.com

Volunteer to “Be a Hero of the Hallway”
About the Program

The WATCH D.O.G.S.® Program is a PK-5 program which invites fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other father figures to volunteer at least one day, all day at their student’s school during the year.

What are the Goals of the WATCH D.O.G.S.® Program?

1) To provide an unobtrusive father presence.

2) To provide a positive and active role model for students at the school.

3) To enhance security to the building.

What Do WATCH D.O.G.S.® Do?

Watch D.O.G.S.® male role models perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day. Some of these duties might include:

- monitoring the school entrance
- assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars
- monitoring the lunch room
- helping in the classroom, with a teacher’s guidance, by working with small groups of students on homework, flashcards, or spelling.
- participating in an end-of-the-day survey by providing feedback about your experience as a Watch D.O.G.®
- spending quality time with your own child

How Can I Get Involved?

If you feel that WATCH D.O.G.S.® is a program that you’d like to be a part of, please contact your child’s school. The master calendar will also be available at your child’s school during the following events:

- Open House
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Donuts with Dads or
- Call the school office any time to sign up and we can work to find a day that matches your schedule.