

## Watch D.O.G.S – FAQ

Thank you for signing up to be a Watch D.O.G.S today. Here is what you can expect your day to be like.

### What are the objectives of the program?

- 1) Provide a positive male role model for the students. In every school, there are students that need extra time and attention from a positive male role model. Watch D.O.G.S. serve in that capacity.
- 2) Enhance school security. One of the benefits of the program is the extra set of eyes and ears of the volunteers. Bullying and other distractions seem to practically disappear when a Watch D.O.G.S. is in the classroom, hallway, or on the playground.
- 3) Who are Watch D.O.G.S.? Most days you may be known as a banker, a construction or factory worker, a fireman or whatever your profession is, but at least one day a year you can be an extra set of eyes and ears, as well as a hero in the eyes of your student and the school staff. You are not principals, teachers, school resource officers, counselors, or any official school authority.
- 4) “D.O.G.S.” stands for ***Dads of Great Students***. Throughout your day, assume these are all great students and emphasize bringing positivity, supports, and enthusiasm to the school.

### What time do I arrive and what do I do?

Please arrive around 8:55am and check in with the front office. They will show you where the staff lounge is and where you can leave your belongings and lunch (if you packed one). You are welcome to run out and grab lunch, if need be, but we encourage you to eat with your child’s class. A copy of the schedule and school layout will be provided.

### Do I have to make the morning announcement?

No, you do not have to read the script for the morning announcement if you are not comfortable doing so. However, we encourage you to introduce yourself to the students and the staff so they are aware you are in the building that day.

### What will I be doing throughout the day?

We encourage you to spend time in your child’s classroom, but also venture out to the other grades or classrooms too. If you enjoy playing sports, feel free to spend time outside during recess with each grade. Kids love having you encourage sportsmanship. Join an activity or play an organized game.

If you enjoy the media center, head over and see if you can help check out library books. Feel free to ask the homeroom teacher if they need help during reading groups, math rotations or other areas of the classroom.

You do not have to spend the entire day in your child’s classroom. We encourage you to visit throughout the building. While you, of course, shouldn’t interrupt a teacher that is actively presenting, feel free to pop into classes that are working and ask the teacher if you can help out!

Don’t forget to hand out Eddie Bucks, the students really appreciate those!

Thank you for spending the day at FRES! We hope to see you again soon!