



Watch D.O.G.S.

- ▣ **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** (Dads Of Great Students) is the safe school initiative of the National Center for Fathering that involves fathers and father figures to help create a more safe and secure learning environment in our nation's schools.
- ▣ Founded by Jim Moore, concerned fathers who chose to take action in response to a 1998 middle-school shooting in Jonesboro, AR. Moore wanted to help prevent violence from occurring at his children's school or at any school. The first program was launched at George Elementary in Springdale, AR, the school of Moore's oldest child. Today, more than 760 programs in 33 states participate in **WATCH D.O.G.S.®**

Statistics

- ▣ The United States Census Bureau stated – "Children in father absent homes are 5 times more likely to be poor."
- ▣ The United States Department of Health and Human Services stated – "Fatherless children are at a dramatically greater risk of drug and alcohol use as a child and abuse as an adult."
- ▣ The National PTA says "Research shows that the greater involvement of men in the lives of children helps them to achieve greater success socially, intellectually and academically."

Additional Information can be found at the official Watch D.O.G.S website:

http://www.fathers.com/content/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21&Itemid=60

Oregon Trail has initiated this program as of February 2009. We would encourage Dads, Uncles, Grandfathers, and Guardians of OT students to be a Watch D.O.G.S. Please call 780-7250 for more information.