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Some middle school students were falling behind on their homework, grades and their CRTs. So one of Hugo Middle School's teachers, Mary Maxwell, started an after school program that helps middle school students in math, language arts, reading, computer and science. The program, which is called Prime Time, also lets the students participate in kid's college, photo story, physical fitness, careers and hiking across Hugo. They teach their students how to work with younger students and social issues.

There are currently 60 students enrolled in the after-school programs that are administered by five certified teachers and one paraprofessional. Students from sixth to eighth grades can attend this program. Maxwell created Prime Time to educate the social, emotional, physical and well being of each student who is participating. It is meant to enrich and supplement academics. Prime Time helps with homework and improves academic skills through tutoring, either one-on-one or in a small group. Computer programs help reading and math skills on each individual student's level. This program also focuses on sportsmanship, school spirit, social issues and community learning and service.

"In Prime Time we show students their CRT scores from previous years and their grades. We ask them a lot of questions concerning how they preformed, what they think they need to work on and show them how to be accountable for their own progress," Maxwell said.

Maxwell said she has students come to her at Wal-Mart and ballgames to tell her they aren't on the probation/ineligibility list anymore.

If you are in interested in Prime Time, it starts as soon as school lets out and ends at 5 p.m. Thank you, Ms. Maxwell for stepping up and helping our future generation become the best they can be.