

 **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS** 

- **BAC/GAP**: An after-school program twice a year for both fifth and sixth grade boys and girls entitled GAP (Girls Are Powerful) and BAC (Boys Are Cool), promotes positive youth development in a variety of ways including teaching conflict resolution skills, promoting non-violent relationships, bully prevention, reducing exposure to violence in the media, promoting healthy self-esteem, and addressing a variety of issues unique to preteens, including puberty, appropriate hygiene and dressing. Each fifth and sixth grade student is given a personal invitation to the program. Sessions that include games, hands-on activities, videos, workbooks, guest speakers, snacks, and fun in an after school setting are held two times per year at the school.



- **MAYN KIDS**: (Kids Interested in Discovering Science) is a new program MAYN introduced to second grade boys and girls this past March. This workshop promotes science education. State-level data from the Schools and Staffing Survey provide a measure of time on science instruction and change over time. Nationally, elementary teachers in grades 1 through 4 in self-contained

classrooms spent an average of 2.3 hours per week on science instruction during the 2007–2008 school year. The instructional time for science can be compared to 11.7 hours per week on English language arts (ELA) and reading, 5.6 hours on arithmetic/math and 2.3 hours per week on social studies. While overall instructional time in elementary grades spent on four core subjects has increased over 20 years, the *percentage of time devoted to science instruction has declined* (Rolf K Blank, Ph.D., “What Is the Impact of Decline in Science Instructional Time in Elementary School?” Noyce Foundation, 2012). This new program had a high participation with 50 students in attendance. Goals of this program are to learn new skills, stay focused on and motivated by specific goals outlined, acquire accountability in decision making, and to make a connection with others while working in a group setting.

- **Prevention Education:** During Red Ribbon Week (RRW), MAYN promotes leading a Drug Free life. MAYN collaborates with the peer led groups in both the Junior and Senior High Schools to sponsor anti-drug and tobacco displays in the schools during Red Ribbon Week in October as well as National Smoke out Day in November. MAYN continues to be involved with local partnerships including Marshall in Motion and Prevention Coalition as well as the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council.