

New school counselor interacts with kids

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Success in school is not just about reading and math. It is also about knowing how to learn and how to get along with others.

And that's where Holyoke Elementary School counselor Sharon Jones enters into K-6 students' time.

Further describing her role at Holyoke Elementary, Jones asks the question, "Does the head work if the heart is hurting?"

It has been a number of years since Holyoke Elementary has had a school counselor, and the role of that position is ever-changing.

Jones emphasizes that her background is in teaching. This is her 20th year in a school environment, having served as a teacher in Holyoke, Wiggins, Fort Morgan and Ogallala, Neb.

National studies have shown that a good social emotional balance is key to increased test scores, and Jones agrees.

At Holyoke Elementary, Jones will teach each K-6 class for a 30-minute session once a week.

