

## Youth Artists Tapped To Design New Niles Teen Center Display *Location Of Tile Collage Not Determined*

Niles youths will soon have a wall displaying their art at Golf Mill Shopping Center.

Children from the Niles Teen Center, St. John Brebeuf School, Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 175 and East Maine Elementary School Dist. 63's Total Learning Communities program are all submitting art on paper to Teen Center Director Mark Williams this week.

After selecting the 100 best works, Williams said those works would be sent to Square One Art next month. Square One would then convert the paper works of art into 3.5-inch by 3.5-inch ceramic tiles. Those tiles would then be mounted together in a 16-square foot display to be

mounted somewhere in the mall.

JC Penney is sponsoring the project paying for 100 tiles at \$6.50 each as part of its support of the Lights On After School program.

Williams said he is not sure where the display would be mounted, near JC Penney, near the Teen Center or backed onto a portable concrete slab. Installation would likely be completed in February.

The art installation project coincidentally happened to coincide with last night's (Tuesday) expected consideration of the Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The draft plan calls for more public art installations in the village as part of its arts and culture recommendations.