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Ombudsman Chicago Northwest Plants Forget-me-nots at Niles PD For “Stop the Violence Week”

Niles, ILL. (April 28, 2015) - The Niles Police Department will welcome Chicago public schools options school, Ombudsman Chicago Northwest, on Friday, May 1 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. for the planting of forget-me-not flowers in honor of “Stop the Violence Week”.

“Stop the Violence Week” is a campaign that started in Miami-Dade County, Florida and encourages crime prevention with a focus on anti-bullying and eliminating violence and crime in neighborhoods. The school chose to plant forget-me-not flowers at the Niles Police Station in memory of those they have lost due to crime and to encourage students to learn from past violence. This is a very personal campaign for the school.

“We lost a student to gang violence just a few weeks ago,” said Ombudsman English teacher, Alexandra Wiesyk. “A lot of students here are affected by violence in their neighborhoods, and it is so important for us to foster a safe school environment for them.”

The Niles Police Department is looking forward to hosting the students, grades 9-11, and hopes to help cultivate the message of crime prevention.

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