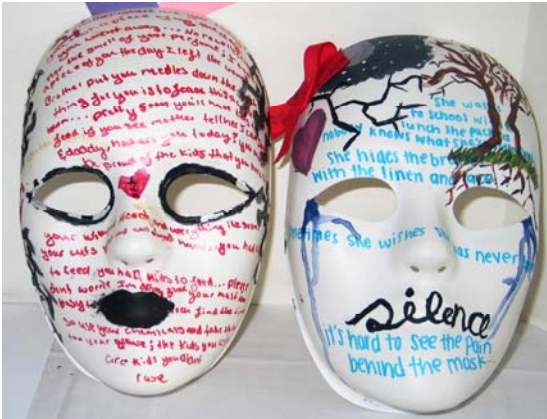


Woodland Hills youth participate in anti-violence campaign (April 26, 2010)

Youth and staff at Woodland Hills are promoting public awareness of domestic and sexual violence and their destructive influences as a part of Sexual Assault Awareness month.



Students have put together a collection of powerful artwork, poetry and other expressions that represent responses to violence encountered in their lives. Youth were invited to share how they or someone they know has been impacted by violence, whether physically, sexually or emotionally. Students' depictions are quite moving for viewers and therapeutic for the youth.

Students will also take part in the community's "Take Back the Night" march and related activities this week. "Take Back the Night" provides an opportunity for youth and other community members to oppose violence – particularly against women – plus support survivors and highlight the hope to make a difference. Take Back the Night is organized by the Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault, recognized by Woodland Hills in 2008 as a Beringer Guiding Light award winner for Exceptional Service by a Volunteer Organization. The event is sponsored by area organizations.