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### **Peace Students Participate in Clean-Up Day**

Members of Queen of Peace High School's Environmental Task Force participated in an environmental clean-up day at the Chicago Portage National Historic Site on Saturday, Nov. 27. Peace's students worked with the Forest Preserve and Friends of the Chicago Portage. Queen of Peace is currently the largest group working at the site, which is located at Portage Woods Forest Preserve and Ottawa Trail Woods Forest Preserve in Lyons (4800 S. Harlem).

The students spent the morning learning about seed gathering from a local expert and gathered seeds from various types of plants from an area that they planted a year ago. Following the clean-up day, the Friends of the Portage Site held a cook out for Peace and the other volunteers. As members of the Friends of the Portage Site, Peace's students help maintain the site, which they have adopted, and make sure the trails are clear of pollution and debris.

The following 10 students participated in the clean-up day: Diana Aguirre, Melissa Arrieta, Natalie Benitez, Tamara Coleman, Arianna Villarreal, Paola Gomez, Samantha Seggerson, Tiara Moore, Andrea Serratos and Sheila Silva.

In December, students will visit the site to burn the brush that has piled up during the past few months.

Environmental Task Force members demonstrate concern regarding environmental issues by promoting recycling efforts and completing conservation projects, which support local communities. Each year, the students participate in environmental workshops offered through the Chicago River Student Congress.

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Members of Queen of Peace High School's Environmental Task Force, as well as other Portage volunteers, participated in a clean-up day at the Chicago Portage National Historic Site on Nov. 27.