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## **Peace students celebrate Earth Day**

Queen of Peace High School students began Earth Day, April 22, with prayer and then sold flower pens/dirt cups to raise money for Heifer International.

Heifer International helps impoverished individuals and families support and feed themselves by purchasing animals for the families to raise. The Environmental Task Force is planning to purchase several flocks of chicks so when fully grown will be able to lay eggs for the family to eat and sell to others.

Other activities included dimming the lights throughout the school day whenever possible and displaying posters in the hallways that encouraged students and faculty to recycle, said teacher John Dragicevich. The student-made posters were created during the spring Harmony Days.

“Student members of the Peace Environmental Task Force also were involved with an Environmental Clean-up day on Saturday, April 25, at the Portage Historic Site near 4900 S. Harlem. Students cleaned up and restored the biodiversity at the site by pulling garlic mustard, which is invasive to the area and planting new seeds that are part of the natural habitat,” he said.

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