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On Tuesday, February 26 quarterback Kyle Orton visited Gage Park High School and Miriam G. Canter Middle School in Chicago to speak to students about ways that they can be more environmentally friendly.

Kyle's first stop was Gage Park High School, where he met with students in the C3 Club, whose primary focus is on environmental studies. He also participated in an assembly for 300 students, where he spoke about his experiences and why he has taken a personal interest in the environment. Later in the afternoon, Kyle visited with the C3 Club and students at Miriam G. Canter Middle School and spoke at a similar assembly with 100 students.

These visits were arranged in conjunction with the Chicago Conservation Corps. At each visit Kyle handed out "Take Five for the Environment" pamphlets that included tips on how students can take simple steps to conserve energy and resources, as well as websites and local organizations that teach Chicago residents environmentally-friendly strategies for your home, work, and landscape.



The pamphlets also included an Environmental Pledge Card, asking each child to "pledge to do [their] part for the environment and help Chicago become the most environmentally friendly city in the nation." Each student was asked to sign the pledge card and follow five simple suggestions, which include replacing four lightbulbs with compact fluorescent lightbulbs; turning off the tap water while brushing your teeth; replacing at least one car trip a month with walking, bicycling or public transportation; planting or caring for a city tree by watering, mulching and removing litter; and replacing plastic shopping bags with reusable shopping bags.

Kyle partnered with the Chicago Conservation Corps during the 2007 football season and visited different Chicago schools each Tuesday to speak about the importance of conservation. He has several more visits scheduled during March and April. Kyle will also have a segment on the Bears new Kid Zone called "Kyle's Go Green Tip of the Week," to help educate young fans about how they can be more environmentally friendly. To check out "Kyle's Go Green Tip of the Week," log on to [www.ChicagoBears.com/kidzone](http://www.ChicagoBears.com/kidzone).

To learn more about the Chicago Conservation Corps and what you can do to "Go Green," please visit [www.chicagoplege.org](http://www.chicagoplege.org).

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