

BC Primary Students Participate in Service Learning Project

The fourth grade students from Mary Beth Newchurch's Language & Social Studies class and Lisa Rodriguez's Science class at Belle Chasse Primary School hiked to Woodlands Trail to plant milkweed and seedlings to enhance the habitat for wildlife and migratory birds in their community. The students have been learning about their watershed and growing and caring for the plants as part of a "Seeds to Saplings" service learning project that involves seven lesson plans of activities that take place across the school year. The project was designed by Woodlands Conservancy with input from teachers and funded by grants from the Brown Foundation and Chevron Oronite. This is the second year Woodlands Conservancy has implemented the "Seeds to Saplings" project with fourth grade students at BCP. The Woodlands group is planning to expand their work



Pictured in the back row, from left: Lisa Rodriguez, Science & Math teacher, Councilman Beau Black, Council Chairman, Benny Rousselle, Plaquemines Parish President Amos Cormier, Coach Steven Meyers, Councilman Irvin Juneau, Greg Abdelnoor, Chevron Oronite, Mary Beth Newchurch, English & Language Arts teacher. Students on the front row are Levi Tennison, Alana Hughes, Madison DeSalvo, Austin Bergeron, Stone Meyers, David Leaber and Aidan Anthaume.

to additional classrooms during the 2015-2016 school year. As part of the

Social Studies elements, the students invited their parents and local elect-

ed officials to attend the event. The effectiveness of their effort was reward-

ed by the attendance of several parents and local elected officials.