

LETTER TO THE EDITOR**P.P.M.S. Plants 458 Trees
At Alligator Bayou**

On Friday, December 14, 2001, the eighth graders from Pierre Part Middle school planted 356 baldcypress trees and 79 wax myrtle trees at Alligator Bayou.

In May, 2001, LSU provided seeds, cells, potting soil, and cell trays to the school. John Giambrone, a seventh and eighth grade teacher at Pierre Part Middle provided the instructions and the students provided the care and kindness for the trees.

Rocky Morgan, an eighth grade student said, "This is where the wildlife lives, and it needs these trees. The school took part in a program sponsored by LSU called Louisiana Sea Grant College Program.

Andrew Braud, also an eighth grader at Pierre Part said, "This proves we're not afraid to fight back; to fight back with an eco-system.

"I am glad to see these students planting the trees they worked so hard on." Giambrone says.

Pierre Part Middle School was only one of the nine schools participating in LSU's program. But, they came out first with a germination percent of 57!

"I am very proud of these students," Giambrone says. "And I'm very proud because in the future when these trees are grown up and when the students are grown up; they can say I helped plant these trees."

Andrew Braud
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