Twenty-nine students from Mary Lynn Levron’s sixth-grade class at Montegut Middle School and five students from Sadie Granier’s agriculture class at Assumption High School in Napoleonville planted about 300 Southern Wax Myrtle seedlings on the hurricane-protection levee in Montegut.

Students ‘putting down roots’

MONTEGUT – Students at Montegut Middle School and Assumption High School have been growing Southern Wax Myrtles from seeds at their schools since last year. They are participating in the Coastal Roots Program, sponsored by La. Sea Grant, LSU AgCenter, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program and the Coalition to Restore Coastal La.

Montegut Middle is in its third year in the program, and Assumption High is the newest of 17 schools across the state to participate in the program. They have used skills in math, science, horticulture and biology to make an impact on the coastal erosion problems facing south La. communities.

The program instills in each student, real-world science, community service and stewardship toward our natural resources.