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Montegut Middle School Receives Grant from Toshiba America Foundation

December 11, 2008 – Montegut Middle School received a Science and Math Improvement Grant from the Toshiba America Foundation in New York City in the amount of $890 for a project entitled “Black Mangrove -- A Journey in Precision.”

The project was created by Ms. Melanie Boulet, a teacher at the school.

Ms. Boulet devoted a considerable amount of time and effort to writing the grant proposal. Ms. Boulet’s innovative project ideas stood out among more than 200 applications, and Toshiba America Foundation looks forward to helping Ms. Boulet make them a reality.

The mission of the Toshiba America Foundation is to contribute to the quality of science and mathematics education in U.S. communities by investing in projects designed by classroom teachers to improve instruction for students in grades K-12.

Toshiba America Foundation supports hands-on, inquiry based lessons that train the scientists and mathematicians of the future by making classroom learning fun. With Toshiba America Foundation grants, students have had the chance to design school greenhouses, test the water quality of local streams and rivers, build and race solar cars, practice math skills with cooking and quilting lessons, and much, much more!

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6th grader Haley Rhodes counts and measures plants in Montegut Middle’s wetlands nursery. The project is part of LSU’s Coastal Roots program and just received a grant from Toshiba America Foundation to buy a salt refractometer, a GPS system, and a lean-to greenhouse to grow black mangrove.