

## NEWS

### **50 Students Plant Hundreds of Trees at Holbrook Park**

**Massive Bald Cypress planting a part of the Coastal Roots wetland restoration project**

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The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School teamed up with the LSU Coastal Roots program to plant seedlings native to Southwest Louisiana in areas that need them.

Today's planting took place in Holbrook Park located between Sulphur and DeQuincy. Approximately 50 students from E.D.S. 4th and 7th grade classes participated in the mass planting.

The students have cared for Bald Cypress seedlings at a school nursery since April 2009 until they were ready to be transplanted into the ground. With approximately 800 trees planted, E.D.S. has produced the most trees in one planting out of all participating schools. The school intends to continue this program for years to come.

Currently, there are 14 schools in southern Louisiana that take part in the Coastal Roots program and 6 are in the Imperial Calcasieu area. Students that manage the Coastal Roots nurseries oversee the entire growth cycle of the plants, from seed germination to the planting of the seedlings in areas of vanishing vegetation.

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