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Seeds to Santungs

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Students from Belle Chasse Elementary and Phoenix Elementary recently joined Parish President Kirk Lepine at Woodlands Conservancy in Plaguemines Parish to take part in the Seeds to Saplings program courtesy of Chevron Oronite. The program focuses on teaching students about the function and value of forested wetlands while providing a hands-on introduction to STEM concepts like watersheds, ecosystems and plant biology. Students also learned about the importance of individual and community involvement in environmental conservation. Pictured are Mary Beth Newschurch's and Erin Cosse's fourth grade class from Belle Chasse **Elementary and future arborists Gracie** Qassem, Navaiyah Duncan and Bailey Prout.

