



Engaging the Next Generation: Love the Boot Week in St. John the Baptist Parish

- K-8 Environmental Education & Awareness Initiatives

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Overview



Love the Boot Week Goals:

- - Promote statewide cleanup and beautification
- - Foster civic pride and environmental stewardship

St. John the Baptist Parish Focus:

- - Early education through school engagement
- - Building long-term community habits

Environmental Education in Schools



K-8 Engagement
Strategy



- Visited local
classrooms during the
week



- Read children's books
focused on recycling
and sustainability



- Delivered grade-level
recycling lessons



Take-home Flyers



- Provided to students
to extend learning at
home

Student-Led Recycling Video

Partner School:

- Local elementary "Green Team" collaborated with Parish staff
- Read to students on the importance of recycling



Student Involvement:

- Made props
- Acted in and narrated the video



Purpose:

- Promote recycling habits among peers
- Inspire other schools to get involved

School Visits



Team Up to Clean Up Event

Promotion in Schools:

- Teachers encouraged families to participate

- Students created classroom crafts

- Students volunteered throughout the parish



Outcomes:

- Boosted volunteer signups

- Over 3,000lbs of litter cleaned up

- Reinforced community responsibility



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- Keep Louisiana Beautiful joined us and Osprey for the first time at the Andouille Festival! KLB helped us keep the festival grounds litter-free and equipped us with recycling bins for more sustainable cleanup efforts.
- Thanks to Keep Louisiana Beautiful, our festival goers enjoyed a cleaner environment while celebrating our community's rich culture (and delicious Andouille sausage).





Awards

2025 Love the Boot Week
“Outstanding Parish” Award

St. John the Baptist Parish was honored for the first time by Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser's office and Keep Louisiana Beautiful with an Outstanding Parish Award for efforts during Love the Boot Week.

With 326 volunteers and over 3,100 lbs. of litter removed, we proudly led initiatives focused on cleanup, beautification, and youth education.



Impact & Next Steps



Positive Outcomes:

- Reached over 100 students across multiple schools
- Increased recycling awareness
- Strengthened partnerships with educators



Looking Ahead:

- Expand participation in 2026
- Week-long events during Earth Day/Love the Boot
- Involve middle and high schools in environmental projects
- Use video for future educational outreach

SEE Y'ALL

OCTOBER 17th - 19th 2025



St. John the Baptist Parish

**Andouille
Festival**

