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**Archdale-Trinity News**

**PLANTING A SEED OF KNOWLEDGE**

**BY DEBBIE HIGHTOWER**

TRINITY — Chance Mills, 12, was among 400 first-grade students from Hopewell Elementary School who gained hands-on experience with agriculture during a morning tour at Trinity High School. While there, Trinity High School agriculture students served as educators and tour guides to share what they have learned.

Hopewell Elementary School students dipped into a new unit of study on plants, beginning with a tour of the agriculture department at Trinity High School. At the end of the day, Emerson Stroupe proudly displays a flat freshly filled with soil and planted with cold weather crops, including collards, lettuce, turnips and carrots.

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