



Special Event This Saturday: Mangrove Seedling Collection!

Please join Ms. Sandoval and your fellow Sunset students, friends and families in a rare opportunity to collect mangrove seedlings!

The Reclamation Project - www.reclamationproject.net - has invited us to participate in a mangrove seedling collection event on Saturday October 15. The Project is a local eco-art project that educates people in South Florida about the significance of mangrove forests in protecting our coastlines from buildings and hurricanes, providing a home for birds and wild animals, cleaning our coastal waters and fighting global warming. By joining the Museum in this exciting event, you can do your part to restore mangrove forests to our coastline. We will try to collect around 4,000 seedlings in an hour and a half each of which will be exhibited and finally replanted in spring 2012.

Sunset Elementary is going to be a nursery for Mangrove seedlings this school year! Please note that although this is not a school-organized field trip, it is an exciting opportunity to engage our students in this global environmental issue. Please bring your friends and join us if you can!

What to bring: You will be asked to sign a waiver when you arrive. Students under the age of 18 must bring a waiver signed by their parents/guardian. [Click here](#) to get the waiver. Ms. Sandoval will have copies of the waiver at the event for everyone else.

We will be walking about two miles on uneven sand and mud. Your feet will not stay completely dry, so plan your footwear accordingly. Some old sneakers or a trusty pair of tevas will do the trick. Crocs are great too.

Also bring:

1. buckets and/or old coolers where we can store our seedlings
2. cold water and snacks that you can bring with you (bananas, granola bars, etc)
3. sunblock
4. dress in shorts and a t shirt, preferably long sleeved for solar protection.
5. a wide brimmed hat is highly recommended
6. sunglasses

When: 9am. We will be back at the parking lot by 11:30am.

Where: Biscayne Nature Center at Crandon Park, Key Biscayne. Please arrive at 9am.

We are meeting at the entrance to the Biscayne Nature Center at the Crandon Park North Beach parking lot. The address is 6767 Crandon Boulevard, Key Biscayne, FL 33149. Once we launch the group, we are quickly out of sight of the Biscayne Nature Center and walking farther up the beach toward the fossil reef where the mangrove forest is located. If you are running late call Mr. Bretos on his cell phone at [305-968-8457](tel:305-968-8457) so we can wait for you.

Please contact Ms. Sandoval at msandoval@dadeschools.net with any questions. See you there!

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