



VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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Art class program for children of mixed-abilities includes art, science and exploration walks through Pinecrest Gardens

Pinecrest, Fla. – Pinecrest Gardens' Butterfly in the Sky, an all-inclusive hands-on art class program that incorporates science, exploration and art, had its first class on a recent Saturday. The program is held in collaboration with VSA Florida – State Organization on Arts and Disability.

To download pictures of the class, go to: <http://ge.tt/19u5IVo1?c>.

The first session began with a lesson on the lifecycle, metamorphosis and migration of butterflies. The students then explored the butterfly garden in search of butterfly eggs and caterpillars with magnifying glasses. They learned how to identify different species of butterflies and planted milkweed plants which attract butterflies. The class ended with the students using mixed media such as acrylics, marble rolling, oil pastels and watercolors to tell the story of their experience.

The following three weeks will build on the first lesson and will focus on hummingbirds, flower pollinators and Turtle Island, which is located in Pinecrest Gardens. Again the students will learn through hands-on lessons and exploration and end each class with a mixed media art activity.

Each week the students' artwork will be displayed in Hibiscus Art Gallery with a finale show at the end of the four-week session.

Another session is scheduled to start in October once a month on Sundays. The cost is \$52 for four consecutive monthly classes through January 2015, and it includes free entrance to Pinecrest Gardens and access to the park's splash 'n play, petting zoo and botanical gardens. Families can also buy lunch from the widely-known Pinecrest Farmers Market and have it in the Gardens. For more information about the program and to register call Yvette Cotera 305-753-5341.

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