



# Fairchild Challenge

## E-NEWS

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**Dear Educator,**

We hope that you are enjoying your summer and are recharging for the upcoming school year. We are in the process of finalizing our program booklet, which will be made available soon. We look forward to

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hearing from you and will send out invitations for our annual Information Brunch to kick off our program year in August.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION & DUE DATES

### Membership Discount for Teachers

We would like to offer teachers in Miami-Dade, Broward, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties a 25% discount on a [Fairchild Membership](#). Please call 305.667.1651, ext. 3301 or 3362 for further details. Hurry, this offer is valid only until September 15, 2011.



### The Fairchild Challenge Information Brunch Saturday, August 27, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendar now (invitation to follow) and plan to attend with current and prospective Fairchild Challenge teachers.

## CHALLENGE RESOURCES

### Grant Opportunities

Visit our website for **NEW** grant opportunities for schools and teachers in our [Additional Opportunities](#) page.

### New Program Booklets!!!

Coming soon the 2011-2012 program booklets will be made available to teachers and administrators. Please check our website often for updated information. [Registration forms](#) are now available for schools to get an early start on coordinating with motivated teachers, media specialists, and administrators to participate in the Fairchild Challenge for the 2011-2012 school year.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



### Environmental Action Workshop

**Saturday, October 1, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

This one-day workshop specifically addresses the Environmental Action Challenge. Limited to Fairchild Challenge teachers, this workshop will cover the topics of energy usage, water quality and conservation, and urban tree canopy cover, providing hands-on activities and ideas that can be implemented at school, home, and in the community. To register, please visit <http://calendar.dadeschools.net>. For more information, contact Kiki Mutis at 305.667.1651 x 3330 or [kmutis@fairchildgarden.org](mailto:kmutis@fairchildgarden.org).

For more classes offered to teachers in Miami-Dade County by the Education Department at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden please visit our [Teacher Professional Development Courses](#) page.

## AT THE GARDEN

### 19th Annual International Mango Festival

**Saturday and Sunday, July 9-10, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

This year's festival will celebrate the *Mangos of Hawaii*. Visit the festival to shop [Curator's Choice Mangos](#) trees and fresh fruit, enjoy mango lectures and smoothies, view the world's largest display of mangos, take part in the world's only mango auction and buy mango merchandise and botanical art. There will also be mango culinary demonstrations, our one of a kind [mango brunch](#), a fantastic International Fruit Market and fun activities for kids.



For more information on events happening throughout the month of July, please visit Fairchild's [Events website](#).

**Sincerely,**

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