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Celebrate Brevard County Beaches on Earth Day 2004

Celebrate the splendor of Brevard County beaches and the natural environment that they support with science students from Cape View Elementary School, as well as local and federal environmental organizations on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, 2004.

Virginia Barker, Director of the Brevard County Natural Resources Management office and Johnnie Burton, Director of the Minerals Management Service will describe the process of using sand from offshore sources to replenish beaches. They will also lead the students in an exercise illustrating the importance of beach replenishment to the natural environment, particularly sea turtles and dune vegetation.

Reporters are invited to cover and attend this event. The public is also invited.

We will gather in the parking lot of the Cherie Down Park (8492 Ridgewood Ave.) in Cape Canaveral and walk a short distance to the beach at 10 a.m. on the 22nd. For more information, contact Rebecca Phipps, Minerals Management Service, at 202 208 3985.

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