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The ELI Weekly

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Cedar Key *Small-town coastal charm*

Come with us for a **fun day** to one of Florida's natural wonders – **Cedar Key Island in the Gulf of Mexico!** Walk around downtown and shop in the many quaint island shops! When we become hungry we can dine at one of many unique restaurants located on the water and see the beautiful scenery (and maybe dolphins!) as we enjoy our meal!

WHEN: The ELI will be going to Cedar Key **Saturday, September 29th. We will meet at the Norman Hall garage at 10:45AM.** This is a carpool trip, so you need to **sign up on the Activities Board by 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 27th.**

COST: You will need to **bring money to eat and shop.** The following are optional:

- 1) You can also take a 1½-hour island cruise for \$20!
- 2) If you would like to go into the parks or museums you will need \$5-\$10 for admission.
- 3) Dinner will probably be around \$10-15 per person.

WHAT TO BRING: Wear **comfortable clothes** and bring **sunscreen.** You will also want to wear **shoes that are comfortable to walk in.**

Notes from the Office

- **Class Attendance**-Remember, your attendance is very, very important. Your teachers are taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day.
- **Student Mailbox**-Don't forget to check the student mailbox in the main office from time to time. There is mail for some returning students already.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be spending time in the lovely natural setting of **Paynes Prairie**, right on the edge of Gainesville. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of September 28-October 4:

Students:
October 1: Abdullah Al-Ghamdi
October 3: Maria Bragado
October 4: Nouf Almazayad

Staff:
None this week!

Manners and Culture

Folks, this is all I've currently got from students, and then we're out of questions! Teachers?

Q: Is "Hispanic" a bad word?

A: Not at all. It's the official term that we use to describe people whose origin is in places where Spanish is the primary language.

Q: Recently, I wanted to buy alcohol, but I couldn't because I didn't have my ID with me. Why is it so important to actually have the ID?

A: Because we place such a high emphasis on the fact that you must be at least 21 to drink alcohol. Generally, unless you clearly look as though you're over 30, most stores and bars/restaurants will insist on ID for you to prove that you're over 21. So, try not to be too insulted. In another 20 years, you might not mind if people in the US ask for your ID. I'm 44, and whenever it happens, I want to thank the person.

Grammar

Q: When do I use “will”, “be going to”, and the present/present perfect for the future?

A: That’s one that gets whole chapters written about it in grammar books! However, in short, I can give you a chart that might help. It’s included below.

Quote of the Week

Understand that the right to choose your own path is a sacred privilege. Use it. Dwell in possibility.

--Oprah Winfrey

	will	be going to	present progressive	simple present	be about to
general prediction	√	√			
immediate current decision or offer	√				
definite plan		√	√		
definite plan imminent		√	√		√
scheduled (and timetable) event	√	√	√	√ mainly with: <i>arrive, leave, start, begin, finish, end, open, be over/ done/ finished</i>	
immediate future based on current observation		√			√

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