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The ELI Weekly

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Islands of Adventure *Theme Park Fun*

This Saturday, February 7th, the ELI is headed to Islands of Adventure Theme Park at the Universal Studios Orlando Resort. Islands of Adventure is a wonderful world of fantasy with many different thrilling rides and attractions.

When: Saturday, February 7th. Meet at the TRiP office in Reitz Union at 8:00am. We will return to Gainesville around 11pm.

What to Bring: Money for food, walking shoes, sunscreen, and a passion for roller coasters!

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.
- **ELI T-Shirts**—Don't forget, everyone (students, teachers, and staff alike!), we are selling ELI T-Shirts for only \$10 (exact change

only). To purchase yours, just see Sonja in the main office any day before 1:30pm. Get yours today!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, on Friday, February 13th, we will be holding a **Valentine's Day Party**. Details about the party will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of February 6-12:

Students:
February 7: Ching-Ching Chiu

Staff:
February 7: Stephan Gallego

Manners and Culture

Q: Why are American people so quiet all of the time?

A: Depends on your perspective. For people from some cultures, such as the Latino or Arab cultures, we are

relatively quiet. For people from other cultures, such as Chinese, Japanese, or Korean, we talk quite a bit.

Q: Should I say, "Excuse me" or "Pardon me" if people are blocking my way?

A: Both are perfectly acceptable.

Q: When someone invites you to an American house what is the best way to be polite with the hosts?

A: By showing up on time. Also, you may bring a small gift, such as chocolate, flowers, or (if you know your hosts drink) wine. This part is not required, however. It's appreciated, but not expected.

Q: Can you tell me how to greet people in a group of different ages in the US?

A: "Hi."

We don't make age distinctions in English the way that some languages do.

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between “ought to”, “should”, and “must”?

A: There is no difference in meaning between “ought to” and “should” in a positive statement. “Ought to” isn’t used much in negative statements or questions, and it’s not used in formal

writing. Both of them mean that something is advisable, but you have a choice. “Must” means that you don’t have a choice.

Q: Which is grammatically correct: “Don’t you have some snacks?” or “Do you not have some snacks?”

A: Neither one. In both cases, you can, however, replace “some” with “any”. Then, they’re both correct.

Quote of the Week

When you cannot get a compliment any other way, pay yourself one.
--Mark Twain



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