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The ELI Weekly

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Class Photo

Come out and be seen!

The ELI Class picture for Summer, 2009 will be taken at the front of Tigert Hall on SW 13th Street on Tuesday, July 14th, at 1:40pm. We will walk over together toward the end of the first hour of Listening/Speaking Classes or Listening/Speaking LA hours, at 1:30pm. For any and all students not taking Listening/Speaking classes, as well as all other teachers, LAs, and any other ELI personnel who wants to participate, we very much would like to encourage you to come and join us for the picture.

Notes from the Office

- **Appointments:** Students, when you receive a note from the office asking you to make an appointment to see one of our administrators, or if you have a need to see someone, please go to our receptionist in the main office to make the appointment. This allows for time to prepare and have an adequate amount of time to discuss whatever issues may be needed. Please realize that you may have to wait for a long time if you walk into the office without an appointment.
- **Lost and Found:** If you should lose something in the classrooms

or elsewhere at the ELI, do come and check to see if it has been turned in in the Main Office, Room 315. Also, if you find something in the classrooms that got left behind, this is the place to bring it!

The Weekend Trip

This weekend, we will be holding our second Volunteer Day of the semester.

The following is a list of the activities; further details, including meeting times, will be on the Activities Board.

- Help **groom retired horses** at Mill Creek Horse Farm from 9am-1pm. Meet at Norman Garage at 8:15am. Wear sneakers and comfortable clothes to work outdoors. Bring carrots if you want to feed the horses!
- Want to meet new American friends and UF students? Help **serve lunch to the homeless** with a UF student organization called Project Downtown Gainesville from 1-2:30pm. Meet at Norman Garage at 12:30pm.

- Help **build houses for families in need** with Habitat for Humanity from 9am-2pm. Meet at Norman Garage at 8:30am. Wear sneakers and comfortable clothes to work for working outside. A FREE lunch will be provided!!!
- Spend time with the elderly residents at Emeritus (formerly Summerville) from 2-4:30pm. With the residents you can **play bingo, go bowling, attend an ice cream social, and give manicures!** Meet at Cabana Beach at 1:45pm.
- Do you like canoeing? Come volunteer for a **river cleanup on canoes** from 9am-12pm! Wear sneakers and comfortable clothes to work outdoors. Meet at Norman Garage at 8:15am. We will be traveling to a place north of Gainesville called Rum Island!

Remember to sign up for the volunteer activity of your choice and arrive **ON TIME** at Norman Garage! Any questions? See Chanelle in room 318. See you Saturday!

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 10-16:

Students:

July 15: Maria Pinzon Aaron

Staff:

Oops! Missed one last week. Lili Gai's birthday is Wednesday, July 8th.

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Daytona Trip Passes

Next weekend, on Saturday, July 18th, we will be going to **St. Petersburg**. This is a van trip.

B-Term Countries

The following are the countries and places represented by our students in our new B-Term:

Brazil	Kuwait
China	Russia
Colombia	Saudi Arabia
Egypt	Spain
France	Thailand
Italy	Turkey
Japan	UAE
Korea	Venezuela

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do people in the US prefer traveling by car rather than by airplane?

A: Well, we have such a culture built around the automobile. Our roads are really good for the most part, and auto travel is usually cheaper than air travel, even for distances of 1000 miles or more. Also, there are a lot of conveniences built around auto travel. It will be interesting to see, in coming years, just how much and in how many ways this may change, depending on the price of gas!

Q: Why do the American people wear flip-flops a lot?

A: This one's a classic "Gainesville" question. People all over the US don't wear flip-flops and other types of sandals as much as you will find that they do here in Gainesville and in Florida. It's warm-weather fashion, and we have a lot of warm weather!

Grammar

Q: What's a phrasal verb?

A: Wow, interesting question. A phrasal verb is a verb that adds another

word (or words), usually a preposition, that changes the meaning of the action completely. For example, "I dropped him." Contrast that with, "I dropped him off." In the first example, the meaning is very specific... it means that I was carrying him, physically, and I couldn't or wouldn't hold on to him, and I dropped him. In the second case, it means that I was transporting him, most likely in my car, and I drove him to his house and let him out of the car there.

There's a catch. Students are often looking for a shortcut to understanding them, and there isn't one. Each time you change the preposition, you change the meaning entirely—basically, creating a new dictionary word. The only way to master phrasal verbs is to take notice of how they are used and practice, practice, practice, just like you would with any other new vocabulary.

Quote of the Week

Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world.

Lucille Ball



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