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The ELI Weekly

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Class Photo

Come out and be seen!

The ELI Class picture for Summer, 2010 will be taken at the front of Tigert Hall on SW 13th Street on Tuesday, July 13th, at 2:05pm. We will walk over together toward the end of the first hour of Listening/Speaking Classes or Listening/Speaking LA hours, at 1:50pm. If it is raining on Tuesday, we will hold the picture on Thursday at the same time.

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 **walk, bathe, and play with pets at Alachua Animals** from 9:30am-12noon. Meet at Norman Garage. Wear sneakers and comfortable clothes to work outdoors.
➤ Want to meet new American friends and UF students? Help **serve lunch to the homeless at St. Francis House** from

8:30am-12noon. Meet at Norman Garage.

➤ Spend time with the elderly residents at **Emeritus** from 2-5pm. With the residents you can **play bingo, go bowling, attend an ice cream social, and give manicures!** Meet at the Cabana Beach rental office.
➤ Do you like **fishing?** Come volunteer for **Fishing for Success** from 9:15am-1pm! Help a group of autistic children catch and release fish and take pictures of the families attending the event. Meet at Norman Garage.

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

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 16-22:

Students:
July 18: Rasheed Alghamdi
July 19: Iris Martinez
July 19: Hyppolite Lidwine

July 22: Isnel Pierreval

Staff:

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

Happy Birthday, one and all!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, on Saturday, July 24th, we will be going to **Busch Gardens**. This is a van trip.

B-Term Countries

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

Ecuador	Saudi Arabia
Haiti	Spain
Iran	Taiwan
Korea	Turkey
Kuwait	Venezuela
Russia	Vietnam

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. The prepositions don't always make sense if you try to isolate them. 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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