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# The ELI Weekly

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## Volunteer Day

*Help others while helping yourself!*

This Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our second Volunteer Day of the semester. This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment. Below is a description of the volunteer activities going on this weekend. We will meet at different times. Students, language assistants, teachers, and staff will meet and head to the different sites. Please sign up on the Activities Board for your choice of activity by 4pm on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost to volunteer. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. You should bring water to each volunteering activity.

**Mill Creek Horse Farm:** Help groom, pet, and feed retired horses from 8:15am-12pm. You will not be able to ride the horses. Meet at Norman Garage at 8:15am.

**Ronald McDonald House:** Bake cookies and brownies for families from 9:30am-12pm. Meet at Norman Garage at 9:30am.

**St. Francis House:** Prepare and serve lunch to the homeless people of Gainesville from 8:45am-1pm. Meet at Norman Garage at 8:45am.

**Emeritus:** Play Wii and bowling, call Bingo, and talk with elderly people from 1:30pm-4pm. Meet at Norman Garage at 1:30pm.

Remember to sign up for the volunteer activity of your choice and arrive **ON TIME** at Norman Garage! If you have any questions about any of the activities, see Raquel in the CIP Office, Room 318.

Have a great day, everyone!

## Notes from the Office

➤ **Leases:** If your lease ends before August 12 and you need a place to stay, please see Emily (Room 316) as soon as possible to make hotel reservations.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 15-21:

Students:

July 15: Sultan Alzahrani  
July 16: Daniel Franco Rodriguez  
July 18: Jian-wen Kuo  
July 18: Yu-Chieh Liu  
July 19: Jin-Young Kim  
July 20: Candido Cornelio  
July 21: Mohammed Alghamdi

Staff:

July 17: Ben Popp  
July 19: Rebekah Walsh

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## B-Term Countries

Italy, you were left out last week. Our apologies!

## The Next Trip

Next weekend, on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be going to **Daytona Beach**. This is a van trip.

## Manners and Culture

*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.

Here are some useful phrasal verbs:

- I need to *make up* the exam that I missed last week.
- Can I *hand in* my essay late?
- *Put away* your cell phones, please!
- I had to *do* my homework *over* because I had too many mistakes.

## 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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