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The ELI Weekly

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Valentine's Day Party

Will you be my Valentine?

The ELI Valentine's Day Party will be this Saturday, February 11th. Come celebrate Valentine's Day by hanging out with your ELI friends, playing games, and eating Valentine's Day desserts. Feel free to bring food like cupcakes, cookies, or candy to share with everyone.

Where: In the basement of Broward Hall near the Burger King on campus.

When: February 11th, 5-8 p.m.

Cost: Free!

Have a great day, everyone!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to Orlando to **Magic Kingdom!** This is a van trip. PLEASE reserve your spot on the van by signing up and paying \$22 in cash, exact change, to Nate in the CIP Office (Norman 318). You can buy the pass starting on Monday, February 6th between 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bus passes are first come, first serve, and they do NOT include the price of Magic Kingdom tickets which are about \$90. Please come early, these bus passes will sell out very quickly!

Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Weekday Activities

The following is our afternoon activity schedule. Please check the Activities Board from time to time to see if there are any changes.

Day/Time	Activity	Location/Cost
Monday 7:00pm	Pool and Bowling (Amy)	Meet in the Reitz Union Game Room on the Ground Floor. Bring \$5-\$10 for games
Tuesday 7:00pm	Soccer and Frisbee (Robert)	Meet at Flavet Field. Free
Wednesday 7:00pm	Coffee Talk (Sarah)	Meet at 7 p.m. at Starbucks on Archer Road.. Free (Bring money for coffee and food if you like.)
Thursday 6:00pm	Volleyball (Laura M.)	Meet at Lexington Crossing Free

Friday 11:30 am - 2:30 pm	Lunch at the Plaza (Danielle)	Meet at the Plaza of the Americas \$4 for Krishna lunch or bring your own
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Notes from the Office

Immunizations & Insurance:

Remember to take care of this as soon as possible. You will not be allowed to attend care until you do.

Student Mailbox: Don't forget to check the student mailbox in the main office from time to time.

Emails: Remember to check your emails daily. You are receiving messages from your teachers, your LAs, your conversation partners, and the office. Check the junk folder, too!

Birthdays

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

Students:

February 7: Munirah Alaqil

February 10: Abdullah Bin Rahmah

February 10: Adriana Rabottini

Sequea

February 11: Mohammad Bohamad

February 12: Fahad Alqhtani

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Other than scrambled, how can I order my eggs in a restaurant?

A: Fried, sunny side up (not turned and yolk unbroken and liquid); fried, over easy (turned and lightly cooked on the yolk side); fried, over medium; fried, over hard; hard boiled; soft boiled; poached (broken open and cooked in a little bit of water); and various types of omelets.

Q: Which one is served first when visiting an American home: juice first then after the dinner tea?

A: After talking with my colleagues, it seems that we are more likely to offer

juice, water, soda, or wine before dinner. Then after dinner, some of us will offer coffee or tea. Some of us don't drink tea or coffee, however, so we won't offer those options.

Q: Is it normal to take your unfinished food home from a restaurant? Do they give it to you a doggy bag?

A: It's pretty normal. We used to call it a doggy bag, but since it's so commonplace, we call it a "take home box" now.

Grammar

Q: Do "though", "even though", and "although" have the same meaning?

A: At the beginning of a dependent clause, yes. "Though" by itself has a special use. It can be used at the end of a sentence to indicate that the speaker or writer is going to add or just added an extra idea. The following sentences all

use these subordinators. The last example is an example of "though".

- Even though I ate lunch, I am still hungry.
- Although I ate dinner, I want more food.
- Though the food was filling, I could eat more.
- I don't want any more to drink, though.

Q: Can I use the conjunction, "yet"?

A: You can, but to properly answer your question, I will say that most of us don't anymore. "But" is really our total catchall for contrast, even unexpected ones, in spoken English.

- I ate lunch yet I am still hungry.
- I ate lunch but I am still hungry.

Quote of the Week

Love is the greatest refreshment in life.

Pablo Picasso

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