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The ELI Weekly

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Join the ELI this Saturday when we go to Magic Kingdom in Orlando, which is about a 2 hour drive from Gainesville. It has Cinderella's Castle, Pirates of the Caribbean, Space Mountain and many more famous or new attractions. It is the most magical place on earth, so don't miss it!

When: February 18th, 8:00am to 7:00pm.

Where: We will be meeting at 8:00am at Norman Garage and returning to Norman around 7:00pm

Cost: The tickets cost about \$90 (\$81 if you have a Florida Driver's License)

What to bring: Your yellow bus passes and Gator 1 IDs to get on the bus. Also, bring comfortable shoes and money for food and souvenirs.

We still have some bus passes! Please bring your Gator 1 ID and \$22 in cash, exact change, to Nate in Norman 318. The bus passes do not include the price of admission to Magic Kingdom.

Magic Kingdom

The Most Magical Place On Earth

The Next Trip

Next weekend, on Saturday, February 25th, we will be going to Cedar Key. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Class Photos

The ELI Class picture for Spring 2012 will be taken in front of **Tigert Hall** on SW 13th Street on Tuesday, February 21st, at 1:45pm. Classes will walk over together toward the end of the first Listening/Speaking hour at 1:30pm. Please gauge your time to arrive by 1:40. If it is raining on Tuesday, we will hold the picture on Wednesday 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 want to participate, we very much would like to encourage you to come and join us for the picture.

IRS Tax Forms

All international students are required to file a tax form in the United States. You

are required to file this form even if you have no income. The deadline to file if you have no income is June 15. The deadline to file if you have income from any source other than bank interest (like an on-campus job), is April 15.

You can find the form you need to complete and the directions on how to complete it at:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8843.pdf>

You can also find many answers to your questions on the UF International Center tax page:

<http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/iss/Taxes.html?menuId=1&smId=5>

I have posted the links above on the ELI Facebook page. You can also always make an appointment to speak with Daryl if you have questions.

Don't forget!

Notes from the Office

Immunizations & Insurance:

Remember to take care of your insurance and immunization as soon as possible.

You will not be allowed to attend class until you do.

Travel and I-20s: Even though it's a bit early, it's time to start preparing your I-20s. If you plan to travel outside the country during Spring Break, you will need to get your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office before you go, in order to ensure that you will be able to return to the US when the break is over!

Trash: The UF campus has trash and recycling bins everywhere. Please use them to keep our campus beautiful.

ELI Video

The ELI will be shooting a promotional video over the next couple of weeks. We will also meet on campus February 18th from 11:00am to 2:00pm to shoot more specific scenes around campus.

If you would like to volunteer to be in the video on Saturday, please sign up on the ELI Announcement Bulletin Board, across the hall from the Activities Board, by Thursday, February 16th.

In order to be in the video, you'll need to have filled out the Video Release form when you first registered. If you can't remember what you said, you can ask the office [nicely!].

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of February 13 to February 19:

Students:

February 13: Khalid Albaiz
February 13: Fahad Albarrak
February 14: Sung-Bin Hong
February 18: Rayan Mofareh

Staff:

February 19: Sylvia Villalobos

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do Americans stand so far away to talk to each other?

A: The US was settled by Northern Europeans and traditionally they stand far away from each other, too. If you look at your classmates, you will notice that each culture has differences in how comfortable they are when standing next to each other. You will also see the distance dance, where one person moves closer and the other person moves further back.

Grammar

Q: How do you know which preposition to use?

A: You have to memorize the rules. As you become a more proficient speaker of English, you'll start to develop a "feel" for it.

*Q: When speaking English, do we usually say **on** Jan 20, 2012, or **in** Jan 20, 2012? Is it right to say **in** January or **on** January?*

A: The rule for prepositions of time for dates is the following:

Use **in** + month, year, century, or season.

- I was born in March, in the twentieth century, in spring.

Use **on** + date, weekday, weekday morning, afternoon, evening.

- I was born on March 17.
- I was born on Wednesday morning.

Use **at** + noon, night, clock time, present.

- I was born at 7:35.
- I was not born at night.

*Q: What is the difference between **at** and **in** for locations?*

A: Generally, **in** is used when you are inside of a place whereas **at** is used when you're somewhere near or around the place. **In** also emphasizes that you're inside the building and **at** is more of the idea of the location.

- I am in Norman Hall. [Inside the building]
- I am at Norman Hall. [Usually outside]

Quote of the Week

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt

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