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The ELI Weekly

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Thanksgiving Dinner

Join us for a holiday meal!

On Friday, November 16th at 6pm, we will be holding **The ELI International Thanksgiving Potluck!** This is a great opportunity to celebrate an important holiday in the US by joining with the ELI family to give thanks and enjoy some wonderful food!

Thanksgiving in the US is a time to gather with friends and family to give thanks for all the good things in our lives, enjoy each other's company, and eat delicious food. The ELI celebrates the holiday as an international potluck. ELI staff, teachers, administrators, and LA's will bring traditional Thanksgiving Day food like *turkey and stuffing, cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, pumpkin pie*, and more!

Everyone should bring a traditional food from their own country to share. You should bring enough to feed 5 to 10 people. You should bring a serving utensil for your dish, but there is no need to bring plates, napkins, knives, forks, spoons, cups, or drinks. Be sure to bring a note card that says your name, your country, the name of your dish, and the major ingredients of your dish. For example, you might write:

Megan Forbes
US
Mashed Potatoes
(Potatoes, Milk, Butter)

We will meet at Broward Basement (in the bottom of Broward Hall). All teachers, staff, administrators, language assistants, and students who would like to go should sign up on the Activities Board by Wednesday, November 14th. Please also sign up for what type of food you will bring.

Class Photo

The ELI Class picture for Fall, 2007 will be taken at the front of Tigert Hall on SW 13th Street on Thursday, November 15th, at 1:30pm. We will walk over together at 1:20 from L/S Classes or LA hours. 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.

Student Voices Deadline

It's almost that time, everyone! Steve wants to let you know that the deadline for *Student Voices* submissions is fast approaching. We would like to have everything in by Monday, November 26th (the day after Thanksgiving Break). Submissions can include any student work that you might like to see in print.

You can submit your entries for the *Voices* to your teacher or you may put them directly in Steve's mailbox in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) marked *Flocks*. Let's see what you can come up with, everyone!

Notes from the Office

- **Attendance and End of Term Feedback**—Everybody, please remember how important it is to attend all your classes even as the term winds down. Take advantage of the remaining time you have here at the ELI to practice and study English! We will also soon be asking for your feedback on our classes, so please be sure to be there every day.
- **Library Fines and Infirmary Fees**—Since we're coming closer to the end of the semester, we just want to remind you that now is a good time to think about clearing up any fees and fines that you might have with the university. If there are any outstanding balances owed, we won't be able to release any of your academic information or certificates to you.
- **Travel and I-20's**—There are several holidays coming up. Do remember that if you travel outside the country during this time, 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 holiday is over!

- **Part-time students and TOEFL:** Part time students, don't forget-if you wish to take the ELI TOEFL with the other students, you must actually sign up for it in the ELI Main Office, Room 315. If you have not already done so, please go and sign up as soon as possible.

The Next Trip

Next weekend we will be off celebrating the Thanksgiving Holiday. The following weekend, on Saturday, December 1st, we will be headed to the **Kennedy Space Center**. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next issue of *The ELI Weekly*.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from November 16-29:

Students:

November 16: Dan Luo
November 17: Jiyoung Choi
November 17: Carlos Montaña
November 18: Franco Giangreco
November 21: Erinc Guven

November 22: Paola Cárdenas
November 22: Miran Kim
November 25: Guen Hye Song

Staff:
None!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "turn on the light" and "turn the light on"?

A: Believe it or not, there isn't one! This is what we call a separable phrasal verb. Some phrasal verbs, such as the one you chose, "turn on", as well as others such as "pick up", "drop off", "clean out", and "hang up" can have the object in the middle or at the end. Others, such as "look into" and "take up" can only have the object at the end.

Manners and Culture

Q: In my country, it's customary for girls to walk arm-in-arm. I heard that this is unusual here. Is that true?

A: Yes, it's true. It's not completely out of the ordinary, but it's unusual. In the US, it's generally customary for people who are involved in a romantic relationship to walk arm-in-arm. So,

when we see two people, be it a guy and a girl, two girls, or even two guys walking arm-in-arm, many people assume that they are involved in a romantic relationship.

Q: What do students in American history and geography classes generally learn about the rest of the world?

A: Wow, what a great question! It's difficult to answer very completely, but in general, our world history education tends to have a Western focus. It usually starts out with the great civilizations around the Mediterranean (in what is now the Middle East, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, and Italy), and it goes from there to the history of Western Europe and then North America, and it usually progresses to the wars of the 20th Century. We have a pretty weak education overall when it comes to the history of Asia, Africa, Russia and Eastern Europe, Australia/New Zealand/Oceania, and South America.

Quote of the Week

The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark.

Michaelangelo



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