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# The ELI Weekly

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## Thanksgiving Dinner

*Join us for a holiday meal!*

On Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, 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 the Hampton Inn and Suites in Downtown Gainesville. If you need to carpool from Norman Hall, let us know on the sign-up sheet.

All teachers, staff, administrators, language assistants, and students who would like to go should sign up on the Activities Board by Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please also sign up for what type of food you will bring.

### 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, December 7<sup>th</sup>. 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!

### TOEFL®

The ELI's Institutional TOEFL will be given on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm. The Registration Schedule for the TOEFL is as follows:

**FULL-TIME ELI STUDENTS**  
Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1pm  
Room 250 NRN

**MUSLIM STUDENTS'**  
**REGISTRATION (for students who go to Mosque)**  
Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm  
Room 250 NRN

**PART-TIME ELI Students and Non-ELI Students**  
Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:35am  
Room 250 NRN

Part timers, remember that you also must sign up in the ELI Main Office ASAP in order to have a space at registration.

If you have a problem and cannot register at your assigned time, please come to the ELI Main Office BEFORE WEDNESDAY, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, to receive a different registration time.

**IMPORTANT NOTE #1:** You MUST be on time. If you arrive even ONE MINUTE late, you will not be permitted to register at the regular time. You will have to register with the part-time and non-students, and you will be permitted to register only if there is space. You will also have to pay a late fee of \$40. There will be no exceptions.

**IMPORTANT NOTE #2:** The registration takes about an hour. No one will be allowed to leave until it is finished and we have matched your IDs to your forms and we have taken them all and counted them. Please do not make any plans that may conflict with this time.

**IMPORTANT NOTE #3:** Everyone, bring A PICTURE ID AND A NUMBER 2 PENCIL to registration. We do not have enough pencils to give each person one.

## 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.
- **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.

## Prayer Rooms

The ELI has reserved rooms Monday through Thursday at 6<sup>th</sup> period (12:50 – 1:40). These rooms are available for men's meditation or prayer from 12:50 – 1:15 and women's meditation or prayer from 1:15 – 1:40. These are not

ELI classrooms, so we request that if students take advantage of this space they be sure to leave the room clean and organized by 1:40. The following rooms are reserved:

Monday: 219 Norman Hall  
Tuesday: 278 Norman Hall  
Wednesday: 219 Norman Hall  
Thursday: 278 Norman Hall

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to Megan in the main office.

## The Next Trip

Next weekend we will be off celebrating the Thanksgiving Holiday. The following weekend, on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to **St. Augustine**. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next issue of *The ELI Weekly*.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from November 20-December 3:

Students:  
November 24: Marilyn Santalices  
November 25: Siram Kim

Staff:  
November 28: Josh Villanueva

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between "must" and "should"?*

A: There are actually lots of uses for both words, but the most common use for both of them is to talk about obligation. "Must" means that there is no choice—it's an absolute obligation. "Should" means that the action is advisable, but there is a choice.

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Do most Americans go to church on Christmas Day? If not, what do they do?*

A: That's a difficult generalization. Christmas is a big holiday in the US, but not everyone in the US is Christian. And of the people who are, many do not attend church regularly. Generally speaking, people who celebrate Christmas in the US spend time with their families and loved ones on Christmas Day if they can.

*Q: What don't they have water to drink on campus that doesn't cost money?*

A: They do. That's what the water fountains are for. You'll find at least one on most floors of most buildings here on campus and in most public buildings. Water straight out of the tap is perfectly safe to drink here, but the water in the fountains is even extra filtered for taste.

## 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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