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The ELI Weekly

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Thanksgiving Dinner

Join us for a holiday meal!

On Friday, November 19th 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 be announcing the location of the dinner this week; check the Activities Board. All teachers, staff, administrators, language assistants, and students who would like to go should sign up on the Activities Board by Wednesday, November 17th. 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 this Friday, November 19th. 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 email Steve directly at sflocks@ufl.edu. 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.

The Next Trip

Next weekend we will be off celebrating the Thanksgiving Holiday. The following weekend, on Saturday, December 4th, we will be holding our **End of Semester Barbecue**. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next issue of *The ELI Weekly*.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from November 19-December 2:

Students:

November 22: Misun Roh
November 23: Franco Carri
November 29: Ha Young Yoon
November 30: Jorge Abreo
November 30: Jesus Rodriguez
December 2: Salah Alanazi
December 2: Salman Aldalbahi

Staff:

Missed one last week!
November 13: Robert Roberg
November 24: Jeremy Graves
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.

Q: What's the difference between "under" and "underneath"?

A: There's not a large difference; in most cases, they're probably interchangeable. The biggest difference is that "underneath" connotes an idea that something is under something else and is hidden or not readily visible.

Q: What's the difference between "advise" and "advice"?

A: The first one's a verb and the second one's a noun. The pronunciation of the "s" is [z] and the pronunciation of the "c" is [s].

Manners and Culture

Q: How do Americans feel about men wearing perfume?

A: Fine, but we don't call it perfume. For men, it's called cologne. We like it if it's not too heavy. If your cologne enters the room before you do, it's probably too strong.

Q: When do the Christmas holidays really start?

A: Wow. You guys really do pay attention! This is a question that a lot of Americans are asking, too. Traditionally, through a sizable chunk of the 20th Century at least, the Christmas

decorations started coming out right after Thanksgiving. In recent years, though, it seems to be creeping back farther and farther. You can often see in retail stores that the Christmas stuff is sharing shelf space with the Halloween stuff. All of this, of course, is more related to trying to get people to shop more than it really is to Christmas. The actual traditional Christmas season in the Church calendar starts with what's called "Advent" (which is Latin for "coming"), which includes the 4 Sundays prior to Christmas.

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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