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The ELI Weekly

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Midterm Picnic!

Join us and make new friends!

This Saturday will be a fun day in the sun to welcome the new ELI students. All ELI students, staff, and friends are invited to the Midterm/Welcome picnic at Yulee Pit. There will be sports, games and great conversation.

When: Saturday, October 20 at 11:00am

Where: Broward Beach (Behind Broward and Yulee Halls, across 13th Street from the ELI).

What to Bring: This activity is free. Wear tennis shoes and sun-block. We will provide the food, so come hungry!!

IMPORTANT: Summer C students need to sign up on the Activities Board.

Everyone is welcome!

The Next Trip

On Saturday, October 27th, we will be going to **Disney's Hollywood Studios!** Get your Hollywood Studios tickets online or at the gate. You must also buy a bus pass from Nate in Norman 318 between 9:00am to 12:30pm starting on Monday, October 15th. Bring \$20 in cash, exact change, and your Gator 1 ID to buy a pass. The bus passes are **non-refundable** and do NOT include a ticket

to Hollywood Studios (which is \$89 plus tax). Bus passes are first come first serve, so come early before they sell out! We only have room for 45 students. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

ELI Talent Show

Do you have a talent? Show it to us at the ELI Talent Show! The talent show is open to ELI students, faculty, staff, and LAs. Acts can include, but are not be limited to:

- o Music
- o Dance
- o Cultural Presentations
- o Created Short Movies
- o Skits
- o Juggling
- o Songs
- o Comedy Routines

When: November 27th, 7:30 to 9:30pm

Where: Reitz Union – Rion Ballroom

Requirements: Every act needs a sponsor. A sponsor can be an LA, teacher, or staff member. The sponsor doesn't have to be your teacher.

The act must be appropriate and not offensive. Each act should be between 3 and 7 minutes.

Once the act has a sponsor, he or she can sign up in Daryl's office, 315B in Norman Hall.

Deadline: November 2 by 4:30.

Note: If we don't get enough acts, then we will have to cancel the show so find a sponsor and sign up!

Notes from the Office

Student Mail: Please remember to check from time to time to see if you have any mail from home or from other sources. The student mailbox is a tray located on the shelf immediately below and on the right-hand side of the teachers' mailboxes just inside the door in the ELI Main Office.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of October 15 to October 21:

Students:
October 16: Luis Stein Ruiz

Staff:

October 18: Nate Bloemke
October 19: Sasha Camenker

Happy Birthday, ya'll!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why is the US a multicultural nation?

A: We've always been a nation of immigrants and therefore many cultures. From the start of American history, from the standpoint of European colonization, the American story is one of many different people coming here for many different reasons, including freedom from religious persecution, economic opportunity, and the sheer adventure of starting something new.

Q: How do people in the US visit other states other than by plane or car?

A: Well, those are the main ones. There is also the Greyhound Bus system, which can be the least expensive option (though it can also take the longest), and many of

our larger cities are also linked by Amtrak train, particularly in the Northeastern US.

Q: Why do some Americans not like to say their age?

A: It's on a list of taboo topics that involve money. We also dislike discussing money, weight, or even things like our grades in school.

Grammar

Q: Do I need a comma before a FANBOYS conjunction in all cases?

A: You need one in a compound sentence with a FANBOYS conjunction or in a series of 3 or more items, but not with only 2 items.

- I like to eat hamburgers, but my sister dislikes them.
- I eat a lot of hamburgers, yet I'm skinny.
- I like to eat hamburger, fries, and ice cream.

- I like to eat carrots and yogurt.

Q: What's the difference between "who" and "whom"?

A: Technically, "who" is a subject pronoun and "whom" is an object pronoun. However, nowadays most speakers are not using "whom" at all, especially in spoken English. The only time it's absolutely required in spoken English is if you put a preposition first. And most people don't even do that!

- Who is speaking?
- Whom are you speaking with?
- To whom are you speaking?

Quote of the Week

You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.

Dale Carnegie

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