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# The ELI Weekly

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## Disney's Hollywood Studios

*Feel like you're in the movies!*

This Saturday, we will be going to Disney's Hollywood Studios in Orlando. At Hollywood Studios, you can see a little of Disney's movie magic. Come experience the Tower of Terror, ride the Rock-n-Rollercoaster, and see a Disney fireworks show with the ELI!

**When:** Saturday, October 27, at 11:00am.

**Where:** Disney's Hollywood Studios in Orlando. Please arrive at Norman Garage on the day of the trip at 8:15am. We will be returning to Gainesville around 10:00pm.

**What to Bring:** Wear tennis shoes, comfortable clothes, and sun-block. Also bring extra money for lunch and souvenirs.

**IMPORTANT:** Bus passes are on sale now. To get a pass, bring \$20 cash and your Gator 1 ID card to Nate in Norman 318 between 9:00am and 12:30pm. Bus passes do not include the admission price to Hollywood Studios, which is about \$90.

Don't forget to purchase your bus pass!

### The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be holding our second Volunteer Day of the semester. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next *Weekly*.

### UF Services

**Recreational Facilities:** As ELI students, you are able to use the pools, Lake Wauburg, Florida Gym, O'Connell Center weight rooms, and other outdoor fields and courts by showing your Gator 1 card. On the other hand, ELI students do **not** have access to the Student Recreation & Fitness Center, Southwest Recreation Center and the Broward Outdoor Recreation Center because these facilities are funded by UF degree-seeking student activity fees. If you want to use these facilities, you'll need to pay a membership fee.

**Libraries:** UF has great libraries and you have full access to them, if you need to study. If you want to check out books, you'll need to pay your tuition, get a Gator 1 ID, and get it activated at the Education Library in Norman Hall. You can check out a maximum of 5 books for a week.

**Parking:** Very important! If you drive to the ELI, you need to purchase a parking decal to park on the UF campus. You'll need to get a letter from Judith in 315 Norman to purchase a Green/Commuter Lot decal.

### Notes from the Office

**New students:** If you're a new Fall B student, Welcome! If you're a veteran Fall C student, please welcome the new Fall B students.

**Immunizations & Insurance:** All of our students are required to have certain immunizations and adequate health insurance in order to attend class. We do this because UF requires it and because we care about you and don't want you to infect each other with tuberculosis or get sick and not have insurance. So please remember to take care of your insurance and immunization as soon as possible. **You will not be allowed to attend class until you do.**

**Sickness:** Remember to sneeze and cough into your elbow. If you sneeze into your hand and then shake hands with your classmates or teacher, you could spread your sickness to them.

### ELI Places of Origin

The following is a list of the many places of origin of our new Fall B students:

Brazil	Kuwait
Burkina Faso	Mexico
Chile	Qatar
China	Russia
Colombia	Saudi Arabia
France	Senegal
Iran	Spain
Israel	Taiwan
Korea	Venezuela

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of October 21 to October 28:

Students:

October 21: Yi-Chen Wu  
October 23: Soo Wol Kim  
October 23: Hyejin Oh  
October 26: Jacqueline Alfaro Casique  
October 26: Katherine Minotti Pino  
October 27: Andres C. Andrade  
October 28: Abdullah M. Alsubaie  
October 28: Maria Camacho Prieto

Staff:

October 22: Amy Bradley  
October 22: Ariel Marin  
October 25: Charles Chu  
October 28: Judith Strack

Happy Birthday!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What do Americans do on the weekend?*

A: What do you do on the weekend? Americans would probably answer the same way you would. Some would say they sleep, some would say they party, some would say they travel, some would say they do household chores, some would say they study, etc. Most likely, you'd even get a combination of all of those answers.

## Grammar

*Q: I don't know when to use articles. When do I use a/an, the, or nothing?*

A: The most important question is whether it's singular or plural. Singular nouns MUST have an article. There are exceptions, but generally this is true. Then you have to decide whether it's a specific noun or a general noun, and who knows the information. There are more specific guidelines but these are a good foundation to go on. What article do you think should go in the following examples?

- I want to eat \_\_\_ avocado.
- The girl is wearing \_\_\_ blue hat.
- Let's go see \_\_\_ movie you suggested.

*Q: Why don't Americans pronounce the words the way they are written?*

A: English is a combination of French, German, Latin, Dutch, Arabic, Spanish, Japanese, etc. Because there are so many different languages with their own sound system and spelling system, the spelling in English got a little crazy. In addition, there was NO standardized spelling in English at all until well into the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. On top of that, the way words are pronounced today has changed, but we keep the old spelling. For all these reasons, learning how to pronounce words correctly is frustrating. Here are some crazy examples:

- too, shoe, flew, through, true
- toe, sew, flow, though

## Quote of the Week

Friendship is the only cement that will hold the world together.

**Woodrow Wilson**

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