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The ELI Weekly

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& Rock Gym

On Saturday, November 8th, the ELI will be going downtown for the Fall Arts Festival and the Gainesville Rock Gym! Come have fun rock climbing or seeing art from the Gainesville area!

Where: We'll meet at Norman Garage at 1 p.m. and take the bus downtown. We'll be splitting up from there.

Gainesville Rock Gym: Climb rock walls and belay for other students!

Cost: \$15 cash only for admission and equipment and their Gator 1 ID cards.

Wear: Comfortable gym clothes and tennis shoes. If you want to go rock climbing and you are under 18 years old, you'll need to get a waiver from Nate in Matherly 211.

Fall Arts Festival: See art and eat food from all over Florida!

Cost: The Fall Arts Festival is FREE! Just bring extra money for food and shopping.

Wear: Warm clothes and comfortable shoes

Please sign up for either the Rock Gym or the Arts Festival by Thursday at 4 pm.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to the **Paintball!** Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next *Weekly*.

ELI 60th Anniversary

The ELI is having a 60th Anniversary Celebration at the Reitz Union Breezeway on November 20th from 10:30am to 12:45pm. It is us celebrating the whole ELI and our 60 years of success. There will be a short program and award ceremony. It will be catered by Classic Fare Catering.

There will also be tables for various countries or regions. We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the tables with stuff from your home countries. In addition, we would like two or three students to sit at the table and talk to visitors about their country. Please sign up to be a volunteer when you're NOT in Grammar class. The sign-up is on the CIP Activities board (MAT211).

Notes from the Office

Veteran's Day: Tuesday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed. The busses will not be running.

Smoking: Do not smoke on campus. This includes the picnic tables outside the Florida Room and the courtyards in Norman Hall, Matherly, MAEB, etc. Smoking on campus is not allowed anywhere! Even outside!

Bring Gator 1 IDs: If you have to visit the office for an appointment or paperwork, please have your Gator 1 ID ready.

Immunizations and Insurance: Remember to take care of this as soon as possible. You will not be allowed to attend class until you do. When returning to class, make sure to show your teachers the note from Shaye or the Student Health Care Center.

Sickness: Please 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.

Student Voices: Don't forget to submit your writing to Melina! Email your submissions to mpjimenez@ufl.edu. The last day is November 14th.

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've tried using the three guidelines from the last Weekly but I'm still making mistakes on articles. Are there more rules to follow?

A: First of all, don't worry! When learning or mastering a new language, everything takes practice. But there are more guidelines. As a reminder, the most important rule is that all singular nouns need articles (with some exceptions). The difference between using *a/an* and using *the* depends on whether the object is specific, and new or old information. Also, you need to consider whether it's a member of a group or if there is only one of it in the world. If it's a part of a group, it uses *a*; if there is only one of it in the world, it uses *the*. Look at the examples below, and decide whether they should take *a/an*, *the* or nothing.

I had ____ dog when I was ____ little girl.
She was ____ good dog but she loved to howl
at ____ moon. When we moved, ____ dog

ran away from ____ home. I cried for ____ week. Then one day, I found her under ____ porch of ____ new house!

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 19th 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
- laid, paid, said,
- bread, bead, lead (verb), lead (metal)
- bologna, pony

Quote of the Week

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

Woodrow Wilson



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