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# The ELI Weekly

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**PRIME  
OUTLETS**  
ORLANDO

## Outlet Mall *Shopping Fun*

We are going outlet mall shopping in Orlando! Shop for name brand items at a discounted price! There are 150 stores to choose from, including:

- Saks 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Off 5<sup>th</sup>
- Victoria's Secret
- Tommy Hilfiger
- The North Face
- Ralph Lauren
- Nike
- Lacoste

**When:** Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Meet at Norman Hall garage at 9:30am and we will go from there. This is a van trip, and we have had so much interest already that we have opened up a third van. If you want to go, you may pay \$20 in the CIP Office on Wednesday, February 10 between 9:30-1:30. (Cash only, exact change, non-refundable.)

We will be back in Gainesville around 9:00pm.

**Bring:** Money for shopping and food

## Notes from the Office

- **Class Attendance**-Remember, your attendance is very, very important. Your teachers are taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day.
- **Student Mailbox**-Don't forget to check the student mailbox in the main office from time to time. There is mail for some returning students already.
- **ELI T-Shirts**--Don't forget, everyone (students, teachers, and staff alike!), we are selling ELI T-Shirts for only \$10 (exact change only). To purchase yours, just see Sonja in the main office any day before 1:30pm. Get yours today!

## The Next Trip

Next weekend, on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to **Paynes Prairie**. Details about the party will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of February 12-18:

Students:

February 12: Mohammad Safar  
February 15: Ana Correa  
February 16: Bader Alsafar  
February 16: Belinda Luquis

Staff:

February 15: Charlotte Haselden  
February 18: Lindsey Sarvis

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why are American people so quiet all of the time?*

A: Depends on your perspective. For people from some cultures, such as the Latino or Arab cultures, we are relatively quiet. For people of other cultures, such as Chinese, Japanese, or Korean, we talk quite a bit.

*Q: Should I say, "Excuse me" or "Pardon me" if people are blocking my way?*

A: Both are perfectly acceptable.

*Q: When someone invites you to an American house what is the best way to be polite with the hosts?*

A: By showing up on time. Unlike many other cultures, when we give a time for you to come to our house, that is actually the time that we expect you. Also, you may take a small gift, such as chocolate, flowers, or (only if you know your hosts drink alcohol) wine. This part is not required, however. It's appreciated, but not expected.

*Q: Can you tell me how to greet people in a group of different ages in the US?*

A: "Hi."

We don't make age distinctions in English the way that some languages do.

## Grammar

*Q: What is the difference between "ought to", "should", and "must"?*

A: There is no difference in meaning between "ought to" and "should" in a positive statement. "Ought to" isn't used much in negative statements or questions, and it's not used in formal writing. Both of them mean that something is advisable, but you have a choice. "Must" means that you don't have a choice.

*Q: Which is grammatically correct: "Don't you have some snacks?" or "Do you not have some snacks?"*

A: Neither one. In both cases, you can, however, replace "some" with "any". Then, they're both correct grammatically. However, they're both potentially a little rude in terms of the manners. We only ask in a negative to show that we have an expectation—and it's normally not correct to demonstrate that you expect someone to actually feed you.

## Quote of the Week

When you cannot get a compliment any other way, pay yourself one.

--Mark Twain

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