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The ELI Weekly

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Come experience the Middle Ages and join the ELI at the 26th annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire on Saturday, February 4th! There will be medieval shows, rides, games, and other fun activities! You can even ride a camel or an elephant!

Where: Meet at 11:30 a.m. at Norman Garage. We will be returning from the Faire around 4 p.m. Remember to sign up on the activities board!

When: February 4th, 11:30-4 p.m.

Cost: The admission cost is \$14 and you must pay in cash! Make sure to bring extra cash for food and shopping.

Have a great day, everyone!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, on Saturday, February 11th, we will be holding a **Valentine's Day Party**. Details about the party will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Note from the Office

Immunizations & Insurance:
Remember that if you received a green

note from Emily, you need to take care of it immediately. Please see Emily in Norman 316 if you don't understand the note. **If you have to miss class because of an issue with immunizations or insurance, it counts as an absence.**

Office Etiquette

The ELI Main office is very busy this time of year. Here are some tips to get the best service possible in the office:

- Please do not yell at the office folks. They are there to help you.
- Please arrive, at the latest, 2 minutes early for your appointment. If you are late, you will not be helped, because the person after you will be helped. Remember, it is rude to be late, especially to a meeting *you* requested. Also, have your class schedule in mind when making appointments.
- Please wait in line. You will be helped, even if it takes a little while.
- Please respect everyone. This means being courteous and being on time.

Note from Daryl

If you would like to speak with Daryl, please schedule an appointment on Mondays, Wednesday, or Fridays.

Tuesday and Thursday he will be helping new students before they arrive.

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Scholarships for the Spring 2012 semester!

Harder Memorial Scholarship:
Mariela Castaneda Fuenmayor

J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship:
Rodrigo Ramalho Diniz

Congratulations as well to the nominees! It is very difficult to be nominated for a scholarship. This means the nominees all worked extra hard last semester and met the following criteria:

- **Academic Excellence:** The student should have a GPA of 3.75 or higher and demonstrate a high level of proficiency in at least three of the four skill areas.
- **Outstanding Progress:** The student should display outstanding progress in language skills as evidenced by improvements in coursework and/or CELT scores.
- **Excellent Attendance:** The student should miss no more than ten hours total of class in the semester.

- Successful Work Strategies: The student should demonstrate personal initiative in and out of the classroom, making an effort to get involved in the ambient culture.

Students, if you want to win the scholarship this semester, make sure to follow the same criteria and talk to the winners to learn what you can do to become an excellent student.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of January 30 to February 5:

Students:

February 1: Nayef Alenezi
 February 2: Afnan Alhejaili
 February 2: Adel Alshehri
 February 3: Luis Lopez Ramirez

Staff:

February 3: Maya Shastri
 February 4: Scott Challgren
 February 5: Andrew Wilson

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Every UF classroom has a sign that says "Please no eating or drinking in classrooms". Does that include water?

A: You are allowed to have water bottles with a cap in the classroom.

Q: Why are teachers so strict with the use of cellphones in class, even if they were used as a dictionary?

A: We are strict because we want you to focus on learning English. Let's be honest; we know you're not always checking the dictionary but rather Facebook or a text message.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "schools" and "school's"? What does the apostrophe mean?

A: Apostrophes are used for two things: to show possession and to replace missing letters or numbers. You should not use the apostrophe for plurals. "Schools" means more than one school. "School's" means something belongs to the school. Look at the sentences below.

- The schools I attended were all good.
- The school's mascot is the gator.
- The school opened in the '90s.
- Incorrect: The school opened in the '90's.

Q: What are the correct uses for semicolon?

A: Semicolons are used to connect two related independent clauses in the same place where a period could go. You should not use it to separate an independent and dependent clause. Here are some examples to show what I mean.

- I usually wear a coat in January; I've only worn a coat once this year.
- I thought it would be very cold this winter; however, it hasn't been cold.
- Incorrect: If the weather gets cold; I will have to wear a coat.

Quote of the Week

Language shapes the way we think, and determines what we can think about.

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