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# The ELI Weekly

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## Gator Baseball Game

Go Gators!

If you enjoy watching sports, make sure to join us this Saturday; we will be cheering on the Gators as they play against Missouri. Wear your orange and blue!

**When:** Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

**Where:** McKethan Stadium (next to the O'Connell Center)

**Cost:** It's free but bring money for drinks.

**What to bring:** Bring your Gator-1 ID to enter the stadium and extra money to buy refreshments!

### Talent Show Rehearsal 1

We will be holding the first rehearsal meeting for the Talent Show. **It is very important that you go to this meeting.** We will talk about what instruments are available to you such as drum kits, amps, etc. and anything else you might need. Bring your music and be ready to perform. LAs and B students are also welcome to attend.

**When:** Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

**Where:** Anderson 34 (the building next door to Matherly)

If you have any questions, feel free to ask Nate, Tate, or Greg.

### The Next Trip

Next weekend, Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, is the **Fourth Annual UF ELI Talent Show!** Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

### Spring B Places of Origin

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

Argentina	Taiwan
Bolivia	Thailand
Brazil	Tunisia
China	Turkey
Colombia	Uruguay
Ecuador	Venezuela
Kuwait	Vietnam
Saudi Arabia	Yemen
South Korea	

### Reminders from the Office

**No Smoking:** UF is a smoke-free campus. This means smoking is not allowed anywhere on campus. If you are smoking on campus, you risk getting fined for littering. Definitely, do not throw your cigarette butts on the ground. If you want to quit, Emily has some great information in her office.

**Undergraduate Admissions Workshop:** A representative from Santa Fe College will give important information and tips on the admissions process, and she will answer any

questions about enrolling in their program. The workshop will be Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:15 to 6:30pm in Matherly 214.

**Immunizations & Insurance:** If you received a note from the office, you need to take care of it immediately. Please see the office staff Matherly 223 if you don't understand the note. **If you have to miss class because of this, it counts as an absence.**

**Student Voices:** Email your writing to [christinevoigt@ufl.edu](mailto:christinevoigt@ufl.edu) by **Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Remember to include your name, class, and title for the piece.

### Attendance

Class attendance is a requirement of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). It is also required by the ELI because we feel that you will not learn English if you do not come to class. To help students stay focused on their studies and to enforce the USCIS rules, the ELI has a strict attendance policy. That means that there are no excused absences, even if you are sick. If you are sick, tell your teacher. If you're going to be absent for three days, tell your teacher **AND** the office.

**Remember!** Absences due to illness and religious holidays are already covered by the number of absences already permitted by the ELI! Also remember, if you miss 5 days in a row in a C class or 3 days in a row in a B class without notifying us, you risk termination.

## UFPD Student Dialogue

You are invited to attend the next UF Police Student Dialogue. This is an opportunity to build stronger relationships and better communication between UF students and local law enforcement. It will begin as a group event and later offer the opportunity of one-on-one dialogue between students and officers.

**When/Where:** Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm at the Fresh Market at Broward Dining.

**Cost:** FREE, including dinner, but space is limited and pre-registration is required. If you are interested in attending, contact the UF Police Department's Community Services Division at 352-392-1409.

Ask your LAs to help you call to register or if you have any questions.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of March 14 to March 20:

Students:

March 14: Azhar Malibari  
March 16: Yasmin Algadani  
March 17: Ali Almutairi  
March 17: Endrina Vargas  
March 18: Mohammad Kh Almutairi  
March 18: Khaled Alshammari  
March 19: Shakira Fadus  
March 20: Ebraheem Alenezi  
March 20: Uzeyir Caglar  
March 20: Nurgul Seferoglu

Staff:

March 17: Melina Jimenez

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What is the history of St. Patrick's Day? What do people do this day?*

A: St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17<sup>th</sup> because that is the day that Saint Patrick died. Saint Patrick is one of the patron saints of Ireland. On this day, you will see people wearing a lot of green and possibly drinking lots of beer (sometimes also green).

*Q: Some of my classmates don't use deodorant and the classroom smells strong sometimes. Is it okay if I tell them?*

A: No, but it's okay if I do here. Because the ELI is a multicultural place and deodorant use isn't common in some countries, this can be a problem when the Florida summer starts to heat up. If you come from a culture that doesn't use deodorant, please be aware that you probably smell pretty strong to your classmates and maybe even some of your teachers. If you are aware and you don't want to do anything about it, that's your right, of course, but people might be talking about it. Now, with all that having been said, I would also tell you that if you have a very, very good friend and you think that people are in fact talking about them without their knowledge, then it's probably okay to go ahead *in extreme private* to let them know.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between like and such as?*

A: Depending on which grammar book you're reading, when we use *like* to mean *such as* (to introduce an example or series of examples), it's either slang, conversational, or

informal. In other words, it's incorrect grammar that a lot of people use anyway.

*Conversational:* I enjoy many American foods, like pizza and hamburgers.

*Academic:* I enjoy many American foods, such as pizza and hamburgers.

*Q: What's the difference between a simile and a metaphor?*

A: They're both used to create an image in reader's mind that compares things, but the main difference is that a simile uses like or as. Consider these examples. Which one is the simile?

- Gainesville in the summer is like a pot of chicken soup.
- Gainesville in the summer is emptier than teachers' wallets.

## Words of the Week

Look for these words in this *Weekly!*

enforce (\_\_\_) - to impose by or as by force  
Word forms: enforcement, enforceable

registration (N) - \_\_\_\_\_  
Collocates: required, free, voter, fee, information, online, desk, form  
Word forms: register

## Quote of the Week

Luck is believing you're lucky.

Tennessee Williams



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