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# The ELI Weekly

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## Midterm Picnic!

*Join us and meet your new peers!*

This Saturday will be a fun day in the sun to welcome the new ELI students! All ELI students, staff, and friends are invited. There will be food, games, sports, and great conversations. Come by and make a new friend or two!

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00pm. If it's raining, call 273-4395 after 9:30am to see if the picnic has been moved. **Summer C students, please sign up on the activities board by 4:00 PM on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> so we know how much food to order.**

**WHERE:** Behind Broward and Yulee Halls (across 13<sup>th</sup> Street from the ELI).

**WHAT TO BRING:** Wear tennis shoes and sunblock. We will provide the food so come hungry!

**COST:** This trip is completely FREE!

Everyone is Welcome!

### Notes from the Office

- **Independence Day Holiday** – On Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be no ELI classes and the ELI

offices will be closed for our Independence Day holiday. RTS buses will not be running, either.

- **Class Attendance**—Remember, your attendance is very, very important. *Every 3 tardies counts as 1 hour of absence, and you are limited in the number of hours you can miss.* If you have any questions about your attendance, be sure to ask your teachers as soon as possible.
- **Lost and Found** – Be sure to check in the ELI Main Office if you lose anything in the classrooms or in the hallways. The lost and found box is usually full of interesting stuff!
- **Bulletin Boards**—Students, please do not post anything on any of the ELI bulletin boards without obtaining permission from the ELI Main Office, Room 315.
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### Congratulations Noreen!

Everyone at the ELI would like to congratulate Noreen! Beginning on July 11<sup>th</sup> she will be the new Director of the ELI at the University of West Florida. Of course, we will also be very sad to say goodbye to her. Noreen has been at the ELI for over 20 years. Everyone now knows

Noreen as the Cultural Immersion Program Coordinator, but she has also been a teacher, a TA, the academic coordinator, the assistant director and the interim director. It is hard to imagine the ELI without her here. Noreen's last day at the ELI will be Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. So, be sure to stop by her office or come to the picnic on Saturday to congratulate her and say goodbye!

### New CIP Coordinator

The ELI is conducting a nation-wide search for a new CIP Coordinator. Fortunately, Nate Bloemke has agreed to be the Interim CIP Coordinator until our search is over. Thank you, Nate! Many of you know Nate as a teacher and a TA, but before he was a teacher, Nate was the CIP program assistant. We know he will do a great job when Noreen leaves. Please stop by to say congratulations to Nate!

### The Next Trip

Our next ELI activity will be the **Pool Party**, on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next *Weekly*.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of July 1-7:

Students:

July 1: Kariem Ghazal

July 1: Sangbum Jang

July 3: Saleh Alharbi

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, one and all!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: If I am late to an appointment with an American, what should I do?*

A: The main thing that you should do when it is unavoidable is to call as soon as you know you're going to be late. Calling after the fact is better than nothing, but it's better to keep the person informed at the time they are waiting. Here in the US, we consider it rude, arrogant, and selfish to be late without a good reason (like, maybe you're in the hospital)--and borderline unforgivable to not show up without calling personally. It

implies to us that you think that your own time is more important than ours.

*Q: Sometimes friends offer me rides because I don't have a car. Is it enough for me just to say, "Thanks!"?*

A: It's a good start. If it's one or two friends who do it a lot, then you might want to occasionally offer to buy them some gas, particularly these days.

*Q: Why don't teachers here dress formally? For example, they wear shorts to school.*

A: This is not so much an American thing as it is a Florida thing. Fashion here is just much more casual than in some other parts of the country, largely due to the weather and the resort-like atmosphere that pervades much of the state. It's more comfortable to wear shorts and sandals than to wear dresses and heels or slacks and loafers.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between "borrow" and "lend"?*

A: It's the same as the difference between "take" and "give". You borrow something from someone. That someone lends it to you. Interestingly, we are involved in a shift in usage. Also, the verb "lend" is rapidly disappearing and being replaced by what used to be exclusively the noun "loan".

Can I borrow a pen from you?  
Could you loan/lend me a pen?

Incorrect: Could you borrow me a pen?

*Q: What's the difference between "prove" and "proof"?*

A: "Prove" is the verb and it means to show something using evidence. "Proof" is the evidence.

The investigator proved that the suspect committed the crime by using proof.

## Quote of the Week

Fight for your opinions, but do not believe that they contain the whole truth, or the only truth.

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