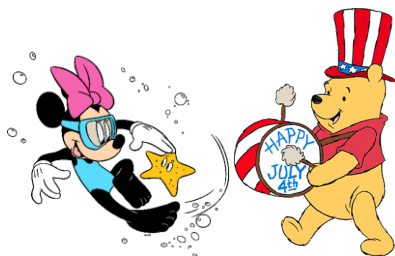


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The ELI Weekly

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Fireworks & Pool Party

This is a very exciting week! We have two activities for you to participate in. As always, feel free to bring your family and conversation partners.

Fanfares & Fireworks

On Tuesday, we will be going to Fanfares and Fireworks. Come listen to the Gainesville Community Band and watch the fireworks as you celebrate America's Independence Day with your ELI friends!

When: Tuesday, July 3rd at 6:30pm

Where: We will be meeting in front of Subway at the Reitz Union at 6:30 p.m. and walking over to Flavet Field. Students coming after 6:45 can meet us at Flavet Field.

What to Bring: This activity is free! Bring a chair or a blanket to sit or lay on.

Pool Party

Come cool off with us on Saturday! The ELI will be heading to the community pool on July 7th. The Westside pool has diving boards, lap lanes, a waterslide, and a splash area for small children.

When: Saturday, July 7th from 12:00pm to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Westside Pool, 1001 NW 31st Drive. We will be meeting at Norman Garage at 11:45 a.m. and carpooling to the pool. We will leave the pool around 3:00pm

Cost: The admission will be \$3.55 for adults and \$2.20 for anyone under 18 (make sure to bring your state ID to show that you are under 18!)

What to Bring: Make sure to wear your swimsuit and bring a towel and sunscreen! Since this is a community pool, please do **not** wear thongs, underwear, or regular shorts as a bathing suit or you will not be allowed in the pool. You can also bring your own lunch, but please eat at the picnic tables.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be holding our second big **Volunteer Day** of the Summer Semester. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Notes from the Office

Daryl out: Daryl will be out of the office from July 5th to July 16th. If you need to see him, please make an appointment before he leaves. While he is away, you can make an appointment with Megan or Patti but if possible, you should wait until he returns the following week.

Independence Day: Wednesday, July 4th is Independence Day. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on this day. There will be no RTS bus service this day. There will be classes on Thursday and Friday.

Class Photo

The ELI Class picture for Summer 2012 will be taken in front of **Tigert Hall** on SW 13th Street on Tuesday, July 10th, at 3:50pm. Classes will walk over together toward the end of the second Listening/Speaking hour. Please gauge your time to arrive by 3:45. If it is raining on Tuesday, we will hold the picture on Wednesday at the same time.

For any and all students not taking Listening/Speaking classes, as well as all other teachers, LAs, and any other ELI personnel who want to participate, please join us for the picture!

Please leave your backpacks on the floor by the bushes. Don't sit on the edges or the floor in front of the stairs. Move towards the back of the steps and squeeze together as much as possible. The more you squeeze, the better you'll fit in the picture!

Birthdays

Due to an oversight by your editor, I missed the birthdays that happened during the break. I apologize! The following are ELI birthdays from June 28 to July 8:

Students:

June 28: Khalid Qasim A Alzahrani
June 28: Mohammed Alabdulmotali
June 29: Othman Hajeyyah
June 30: Masaki Ando
July 4: Karim Cudabachi Loze
July 5: Naif Alhlafi
July 5: Norah Alokla
July 5: Eun Hyung Ju
July 6: Misfer Alqahtani
July 6: Victor Serrano
July 7: Jennifer Alfaro Casique
July 7: Sultan Mtheeb

Staff:

June 26: Tom Ratican
June 29: Valentina Komaniecka
July 2: Maria Paulina Uribe

Make sure to say, "Happy (belated) birthday!"

Manners and Culture

Q: Why does my teacher say "ok so" all the time?

A: Your teacher says it as a transition signal to show that she or he is about to change topics.

Q: If I want to have a party at my apartment, should I invite my neighbor?

A: In general, Americans tend not to socialize with their neighbors, especially if they don't know them very well. You could invite them

to the party, but you don't have to. If you expect a large, noisy crowd late at night, you should let your neighbors know as a courtesy.

Q: As an Arabic woman, when I cook, is it okay to give my neighbors a taste of the food even if we don't know each other?

A: This question is related to the previous one. While you could offer your neighbors some food, it would probably be considered out of the ordinary. However, it all depends on your neighbors. Some people would love to make new friends this way and others just want to be left alone.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between separable phrasal verbs and inseparable phrasal verbs?

A: In *Weekly* 3, I described what phrasal verbs are so this is a continuation of that question. First there are two basic types of verbs in general: verbs that can have an object and verbs that can't. The phrasal verbs that can have an object can be divided into two more types, separable and inseparable. Separable phrasal verbs can have the object after the particle (the thing that looks like a preposition) or before it. If you use a pronoun instead of the object, the pronoun will go *before* the particle. Inseparable phrasal verbs can only have the object *after* the particle.

Verb with object: I ate a burger.

Verb without object: I sat. I sat on my chair. I ~~sat my chair.~~

Separable phrasal verb: I handed in my essay. I handed my essay in. I handed it in.

Inseparable phrasal verb: I just got over the flu. I just got over it. I ~~just got it over.~~

Q: I've heard the expressions "so am I" and "so do I." When can I use them? What is the meaning?

A: They both mean that you agree with the person talking but which one you use depends on the verb in the original sentence. Use the first response for the *be* verb. Use the second response for all other verbs. Look at the conversations that follow:

Bob: I am hungry.
Suzy: So am I.

Bob: I want to go to the movies.
Suzy: So do I.

Q: "The post office opens at 9am. Magic Kingdom Disney World opened on 1971". Why don't we use passive voice for opened since a post office and Disney World don't do the action?

A: It's a special set of verbs that do this; the passive and active forms of *open*, *close*, *begin*, *start*, and *finish* are the same in meaning.

- Magic Kingdom Disney World opened in 1971.
- Magic Kingdom Disney World was opened in 1971.

Quote of the Week

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

Charles A. Dana