

# The ELI Weekly

## Weekend Activities

On Saturday, October 29th, the ELI will have two events that you can attend (you can go to both!): the Micanopy Fall Festival during the day and the Newberry Cornfield Maze in the evening. Sign up on the Activities Board by Thursday, October 27th.

### Micanopy Fall Festival

Celebrate Fall with a local festival in the nearby town of Newberry. There will be food, shopping, and music! This event is great for families.



**Where:** Meet at Norman Garage

**When:** Meet at 12 p.m. We will be at the festival from about 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the latest.

**What to Bring:** This trip is FREE, but you should bring some cash lunch and shopping.



### Newberry Cornfield Maze

Celebrate Halloween with a scary local event in Newberry. There is a children's area as well that is not scary. You can ride the hayride, run through the maze, visit

the haunted house, or play zombie paintball!

**Where:** Meet at Norman Garage

**When:** Meet at 6:30 p.m. We will be at the maze from about 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$15 cash for adults for cornfield maze and haunted house. \$10 cash for children. \$5 cash for hayrides, zombie paintball, and other rides.

**Rules:** No costumes, face paint, or bags allowed.

## Notes from the Office

**Fall B Students:** The deadline to drop or add a class, pay tuition, turn in financial guarantees, and submit proof of insurance or immunizations is Wednesday, October 26th. If you miss this deadline, go to the Main Office immediately to complete these requirements! If you miss this deadline you could be removed from classes or charged a late fee.

**Dropping a Class or Withdrawing from the ELI:** Students who drop a class or withdraw from the ELI after the drop/add deadline (October 26th for Fall B students) will not be able to receive a refund or credit for their courses and their transcript will have a grade of W (withdraw).

**Turns:** When the office is crowded, please try to wait your turn. If everyone is patient and polite, things move in a swifter and more orderly manner. Everyone will be served eventually.

**Parking:** Very important! If you drive to the ELI, you need to purchase a parking decal to park on the UF campus. You'll need to get a letter from Christine K. in Matherly 223 to purchase a Park & Ride decal. If you don't have a parking decal, you are likely to get a very expensive ticket. We recommend that you ride the bus because the parking lot is very far from your classes.

**Student Voices:** Submissions for *Student Voices* are due November 18th. Don't wait! Send your entries to [christinevoigt@ufl.edu](mailto:christinevoigt@ufl.edu) today!

## The Next Activity

Next weekend is the second Volunteer Weekend of the fall semester! Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Language Learning Tips

ELI Teacher Scott Challgren spent the past few months studying Danish in Denmark and has some advice for being a successful language student.

What I have realized after taking Danish lessons in Copenhagen is that those (of us) who commit to doing the homework (at least 90% of the time) excel faster and do better overall. Either you do the outside work to gauge your own progress better, or you remain stagnant in language

development. You also simply MUST get out and use the target language, push yourself to listen to music, read newspapers, magazines, novels, or whatever in the target language, watch TV and movies in the target language, COME TO CLASS on time every day, and engage with the homework and in-class work. There will be days/times when you can't or don't want to do the homework. This is normal, but if you are consistent and do the work expected of you as often as

possible, then taking a "break" from homework only on rare occasions is deserved, and not so detrimental to language acquisition as is being disengaged, indifferent, isolated from the target language and/or simply lazy. That has just been my experience in Denmark. If only all students would BELIEVE us when we tell them this, as well as try doing this, they would truly be amazed at how fast they can and will improve their English. If I can learn Danish after age 40, then anything is possible!

## Manners and Culture

*Q: What is Halloween and why is it such a popular holiday in the US?*

A: It's actually a combination of ancient Celtic and early Christian traditions. In Europe, All Hallows Eve (the night before All Saints' Day – November 1 on the calendar) was said to be a night when ghosts and spirits would roam the earth; people carved scary faces in vegetables and left them out to scare the spirits away. We see this tradition today with the carved pumpkins. In the 20th century, it became a popular holiday for children. And, so many of us remember fun at Halloween as kids that it has gradually become a holiday that adults enjoy as well!



## Grammar

*Q: I don't know when to use articles. When do I use a/an, the, or nothing?*

A: The most important question is whether it's singular or plural. Singular count nouns MUST have an article. There are exceptions, but generally this is true. Then you have to decide whether it's a specific noun or a general noun, and who knows the information. There are more specific guidelines but these rules are a good foundation to go on. What article do you think should go in the following examples?

- I want to eat \_\_\_ avocado.
- The girl is wearing \_\_\_ scary costume.
- Let's go see \_\_\_ movie you suggested.

## Birthdays This Week!

Students:

October 24: Maddy Rossell Vivas  
October 25: Manal Alduwailah  
October 25: Ibrahim Alfayez  
October 25: Salihah AlKinani  
October 27: Yousef Alshatti  
October 29: Hazim Aloraini  
October 30: Moises Grabli

October 30: Stephanie Grabli  
October 30: Peter Yanowsky

Staff:

October 24: C'Andre Codner  
October 26: Jasmine Rybicki  
October 30: Christine Voigt



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