

The ELI Weekly

Disney's Epcot Center



Have a great day walking around Disney's largest theme park: Epcot! For their international food festival, you can try different foods from all around the world! At the end of the night, we'll watch the famous Epcot fireworks show!

When: Saturday, November 12th – meet at 10:30a.m. and return around 12:30a.m. Be ON TIME so you do not miss the bus!

Where: Meet at Norman Garage to take a bus to Orlando

To Buy a Bus Pass: Bring \$20 cash and your Gator 1 ID card to Nate in Matherly 211 between 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Make sure to buy your pass before they sell out!

What to Bring: An admission ticket to Epcot costs \$108.63 (with tax included) and you can buy it at the park. Also bring extra money for food and shopping, comfortable clothes, sunblock, and walking shoes.

The Next Activity

On Friday, October 18th, the ELI will host its annual Thanksgiving Potluck. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's Weekly.

Undergraduate Admission Workshop

We will have an Undergraduate Admissions Workshop on Wednesday, November 9th in MAT 214 from 5:15 to 6:15. Aysha Wong, Assistant Director of International Admissions at UF will give general advice for applying to US undergrad programs and UF in particular. Daryl will speak about admissions to Santa Fe College.

Upcoming Holidays

There will be no ELI or UF classes on the following dates. That means there is also reduced or no campus RTS bus service. Check the RTS website <http://go-rts.com/holiday-and-reduced-service-fall/> for more details.

Veteran's Day: Friday, November 11

Thanksgiving Holiday: Wednesday, November 23; Thursday, November 25; and Friday, November 26

End-of-year Break: December 17, 2016 to January 2, 2017 [**Last Day of ELI Classes:** December 8]

Birthdays!

Students:

November 7: Bobae Kim
 November 7: Eilin Mora Galvis
 November 7: Ahmad Alfarhli
 November 7: Sofia Gonzalez Rosselot
 November 9: Ghazi Alanzi
 November 10: Jose Marquez
 November 11: Afaf Albahli
 November 11: Hyojin Jang
 November 13: Maria Bucci
 November 13: Meg Keirsgietter

Staff:

November 7: Brooke Henderson
 November 9: Lia Brenneman
 November 10: Stan Creel

Student Report: Seeing Astronaut Mark Kelly

Last month, ELI student Santiago Espinosa Gonzalez attended a talk by Captain Mark Kelly. Here is his report on the event:

"It's incredible to be in a place with gravity," were the first words that Captain Kelly said in the Phillips Center. The best thing of living in the space is that it was completely challenging because he never had one easy thing in that gorgeous trip. He said that if you take risks in your life, those risks would give you a better reward. "The sky is not the limit", said Captain Kelly and then he explained that curious sentence because he said that when he was at school, he was the worst student in the classroom. Also, he said that he spent his first 30 years of life watching the mirror of the

window every day, but while he was growing up he started to understand more about the real purpose of his life. As he said, he was a bad student, so because of that he thought that he would never be successful in life. However, that changed one day when he was at the bookstore because he smelled food. He took one book about some pilots that wanted to be astronauts. He read the book and right then he decided that someday he would be an astronaut.

Years later, Captain Kelly applied to be a pilot but he didn't find success, so he applied to be an astronaut. His brother also applied and NASA called him, but Captain Kelly said that he would wait for the moment when NASA called him, and fortunately, one day that wish was

fulfilled. When he trained to be an astronaut, his original conception of the world and life changed completely. In his years at NASA, he learned to respect all the things and people in the world. Now he has an ecological point of view of the world. After he has had to survive in space for 340 days, he is now completely sure that the best team in the entire world must be an astronaut team because if the team doesn't work, they will die in the mission. Now, Captain Kelly is sure that the best thing that ever happened in his life is becoming an astronaut. "It was the most beautiful thing that I have ever seen in life, and I knew I would never see anything that beautiful again", were the words that Captain Kelly used to describe the sunrise.

Grammar

Q: *What's the difference between "advise" and "advice"?*

A: The first one's a verb and the second one's a noun. The pronunciation of the "s" is [z] and the pronunciation of the "c" is [s].

- I **advise** you to go to class every day.
- My **advice** is that you go to class every day.

Manners and Culture

Q: *Why do some Americans say "sorry" when they are close to someone in the market?*

A: It all depends how close you are standing. Sometimes when people say "sorry" it's just a way of being polite. When you are near someone in a store, the other person might think that they are blocking your way to an item. It could also be a way of saying that they feel like they are too close to you. Generally, Americans prefer more physical personal space than many other cultures. If you are within 12-18 inches of a person, they might feel like you are in their personal space and say "sorry" as a way to tell you to move back a little. It is also common to say "sorry" if you accidentally bump into someone.

Student Advice

Here is your weekly advice for improving your English written once more by ELI student, Jose M. Iglesias C.:

One of my favorites things about this program is the activities outside the classrooms because we hang out with friends, LAs, students, and people who came here to improve their English skills. The Culture Immersion Team do a really nice job planning and scheduling activities. Actually, if you have an idea for activities, I am pretty sure Nate, Tate or Anna are open to hear it and maybe they can use it in another semester. However, the best way to show how much we appreciate their work is by going to as many activities as you can. Monday mixer is especially awesome because you can practice English with everybody there or enjoy fun time playing games or the weekend trips are great, too!

Want to do more outside of class? Check the Activities Board near Matherly 211 for scheduled afternoon and weekend activities!



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