

The CIP Insider

Your place to find out what is going on
with the Cultural Immersion Program!

Thursday—Culture Talk

This Thursday, the ELI and the UF International Scholars Program will team up for a Culture Talk event. Last semester, ELI students and students from the UF International Scholars program met to discuss cultural differences about birthdays. The event was so successful that there will be a second Culture Talk event this Thursday.

The theme for this meeting will be family and heritage. Families are where we come from and affect who we are. Come talk about how your family affects your life and



learn about how families differ around the world.

In addition, we will also be celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month at this event. Don't worry! You don't have to be Hispanic to attend the event—everyone is welcome!

Time: Thursday, September 27th from 6:30–8:30.

Place: International Center Large Conference Room

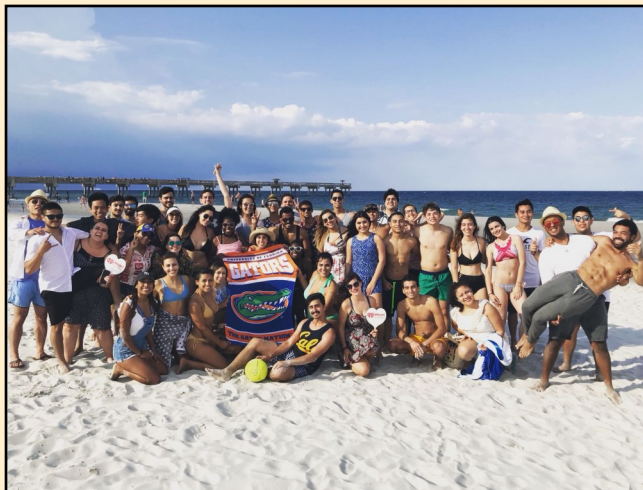
Saturday—Daytona Beach

On Saturday, the ELI will be going to one of the world's most famous beaches—Daytona Beach! There you can go swimming in the ocean, sunbathe, and hang out with your favorite ELI classmates and language assistants!

This is an ELI bus trip. If you want to attend, bring \$20 cash and your Gator 1 card to the CIP office in Matherly 211. Don't wait! Space on the bus is limited.

Time: Saturday, September 29th from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM.

Place: Meet at Norman Garage at 10:00 AM to catch the bus to Daytona.



Notes from the Office

Tardies: We know that some students have a long walk between their classroom buildings, but it is still important that you be responsible and get to class as quickly as you can.

If you know you have a long walk, your teachers can give you some extra time, but don't stop to get coffee or have lunch on the way! Remember that being late to class 3 times counts as an absence and it is disruptive to the other students. If you are late, try to come in quickly and quietly to join in to the lesson.

Remember that you can check your absences and tardies through myELI.

Flu Season and Getting Sick: October and November are the main months for flu season, and it is common for people to get sick this time of year. If you get sick, here are some steps to follow:

- **Stay home:** If you come to class when you are sick, you might spread your illness to your classmates and your teachers.
- **Tell your teachers:** Email your teachers before you miss class. Don't wait until you return to class to find out what you have missed.
- **See a doctor:** If you are feeling under the weather and not getting better, you may need to visit the Student Health Care Center. Talk to Victoria if you need help making an appointment.

Culture Questions

Do you have questions about American Culture? The ELI Weekly wants to help! Submit your culture questions to Thomas Dolce by email (tomdolce@ufl.edu) or to his mail box (Dolce) in the main office.

This week's questions come from Reading and Writing 21.

Question:

Why is American soccer not called football?

Answer:

Blame the British! The word "soccer" originated in Britain at the end of the nineteenth century as an abbreviation of the sport's full name, "association football." While the use of the word "soccer" declined in British English, it has remained in American English because it is a useful way to show the difference between soccer and American football.

Question:

Why is being on time so important?

Answer:

It is not clear where Americans learned to be so punctual, but it is very important for Americans to be on time. If someone is late, we consider it to be rude or they do not respect the other person's time. This may be changing, however! According to a recent study, younger workers are more likely to arrive late to work than older workers. It is possible that American culture is becoming a little bit more relaxed about time (but you still need to be on time to class!).

Question:

Why is there so much junk food?

Answer:

It is cheap, tasty, and convenient. What is not to like?

Useful Expressions of the Week

Expressions of the Week: In the ELI Weekly, you saw the underlined phrases.

Phrase One: team up

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Team up is a phrasal verb. It means to join together for a activity. People can **team up** with other people, or organizations can team up with other organizations. A similar phrasal verb is **group up**. When your teachers or language assistants ask you to make groups, they will often tell you to **group up**.

Phrase Two: under the weather

If you are feeling under the weather, you may need to visit the Student Health Care Center.

Under the weather is an idiom that means you are not feeling well and that you are sick. Strangely, if you are right as rain, it means you are feeling healthy and fit.

Happy birthday!

Be sure to wish the following people a happy birthday this week!

Students:

September 24th: Nora Almasaad

September 27th: Kwan Yong Ahn

September 27th: Barbara Trujillo Fernandez

September 28th: Ana Claudia Barros Silva Marques Manguera

September 28th: Naser Alkandari

September 28th: Abdulrahman Alrazqi

Staff:

September 21st: Minsang Kim (sorry Min!)

September 25th: Jane Keeler