

ELI Student Voices Deadline—Friday, July 20th

All semester, you have been working hard and writing a lot! Do you want to share your work with your ELI friends and family? The ELI Student Voices is your chance!

ELI Student Voices is the ELI's student writing showcase. During the semester, you can submit any writing that you do, such as paragraphs, essays, recipes, plays, poems, or creative writing.

Your writing will be published for all ELI students to read. In addition, the writers of two best submissions

will receive a prize and will be recognized at the ELI commencement ceremony on Friday, December 7th!

Don't be shy! The best way to improve your English is to use your English. Here, is a great chance to use your English in a new way.

Submissions are due by **Friday, November 16th**. Ask your teachers for help or advice if you want input. To submit your writing, send your name, class number, and a title for your piece to Thomas at tomdolce@ufl.edu. We can't wait to read your writing!

The CIP Insider

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

Thursday Activity- Arts and Crafts at the Reitz

This Thursday, come show your artistic skills with the ELI. We will be visiting the Reitz Union Arts & Crafts Center. We will be decorating dishes. Make something for yourself or trade with a partner!

When: Thursday, November 8th from 6:00–8:00.

Where: Reitz Union Basement

What to Bring: \$5-10 to buy a dish that you can decorate and take home

Conversation Partner Update

Thanks to everyone who attended the Conversation Partner General Meeting last week. In particular, thank you to Camilo Giraldo Gallo for presenting about his home country, Colombia.

B term students: You will receive your Conversation Partner this week. If you still want to sign up for a Conversation Partner, send an email to conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu or see Ryann in Matherly 211.

Saturday Activity- Volunteer Day

Get involved in your local community and help others! All activities are on Saturday, November 10th. Sign up on the activities board if you are interested!

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| TailGator Recycling Program 9:00–11:00 | Encourage tailgaters to recycle before the Gator Football game. Meet at the Football Stadium, Gate 12 to participate. |
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| Project Downtown Gainesville 12:30–2:00 | Serve food to people experiencing homelessness at a local shelter. |
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| Ronald McDonald House 1:30–4:00 | Make artwork for sick children and their families to help them feel better. |
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| Oak Hammock 9:00–11:30 | Meet elderly people and talk with them! This is a great opportunity for conversation practice. |
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Next Week's Activity—Thanksgiving Potluck!

On Thursday, November 15th, the ELI will host its annual Thanksgiving Potluck! This is one of the biggest events of the year, so start planning now. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share with the rest of the ELI. Start planning, and look for more information in next week's *ELI Weekly*!

ELI Food4Kids Food Drive

The ELI is proud to announce the ELI Food4Kids food drive! From November 5th—November 15th, the ELI will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and toiletries. These items will be donated to the Food4Kids Backpack Program of North Florida. This program helps fight child hunger in our local community.

In addition, this food drive will be a competition. The teams are Students (1), Teachers and LAs (2) and Administration and Staff (3). Donate early and often to make sure your team comes out on top!

Bring your donations of non-perishable food and toiletries to the ELI main office. You can also bring your donations to the ELI Thanksgiving Potluck next Thursday. See Tiffany in the main office or Nate in the CIP office if you have any questions!

Veterans Day—No Classes Monday, November 12th

The ELI will be closed on Monday, November 12th for Veterans Day. This is a federal holiday. On this day, we honor people who served in the military. Because it is a holiday, some businesses may be closed. Also, the bus system will have reduced services. Visit www.go-rts.com for bus information.

Culture Question

Question:

Is it weird if I brush my teeth in a public restroom?

Answer:

For most Americans, yes, it is a little unusual to brush your teeth in a public place such as the bathrooms in Matherly Hall. Some people think that public restrooms are too dirty or that brushing your teeth is a private activity to do at home.

If you brush your teeth in public, people may think it is a little strange, but they probably will not say anything about it.

One place where it is more acceptable to brush your teeth in public is the airport.

Useful Expression of the Week

Expression of the Week: In the “Food Drive” article, you saw the following underlined phrase:

Phrase One: Come out on top

Donate early and often to make sure your team comes out on top!

Come out on top is an idiom. It means to win a competition or game. We can use this phrase to ask for predictions or to report the results of a match.

Examples:

- Who do you think will **come out on top**?
- The Gators **came out on top** on Saturday.

Did you hear an English expression that you don't know? Ask the *ELI Weekly*! You may ask me, Thomas Dolce, in person in my office (MAT 220B), email me at tomdolce@ufl.edu, or put them in my mailbox (ELI Office, MAT 223, box marked Dolce) anytime the office is open.

Happy birthday!

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

Students:

November 5th: Meznah Alyami

November 6th: Khalid Aldadi

November 6th: Nayef Aladwani

November 7th: Roxanita Paisic Ramirez

November 7th: Abbas Alsahhaf

November 7th: Kenny Martinez Fuentes

November 7th: Giorgio Frigo De Nobrega

November 8th: Abdullah Alamtairi

November 10th: Lizette Mendez Fasabi

November 11th: Ihab Abdel Rahman

November 12th: Yahia Khubrani

Staff:

November 9th: Lia Brenneman