

## The CIP Insider

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

This week, the ELI has two special weekday activities. Because of the gymnastics event on Friday, we will not have our Café Friday activity this week.

### Thursday —Video Game Night

On Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, the ELI will have a video game night! Come compete against other students, language assistants, and teachers in a variety of video games. If you have a game that you really want to play with other people, bring your console, game, and controllers. The featured event will be a Super Smash Brothers Ultimate tournament.

**Time:** 6:30–9:30

**Place:** Matherly 210

### Friday—Gator Gymnastics

Did you know that the University of Florida has the #2 college gymnastics team in the country? This Friday, you can come see them in action against #12 Auburn University.

**What:** Admission is free with your Gator 1 ID, so don't forget it!

**When:** Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Meet at Gate 1 of the O'Connell Center at 6:00.

### Saturday Activity– Busch Gardens



On Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, the ELI is going to Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida! Busch Gardens is a famous amusement park with many roller coasters to ride, animals to see, and shows to watch. This will be an exciting trip full of fun times and good memories, so buy your tickets soon!

Because Tampa is about two hours from Gainesville, the ELI will take a bus to Busch Gardens. So, if you want to go, you need to buy a bus pass. To buy a bus pass, bring \$20 cash and your Gator 1 ID to the CIP Office in Matherly 211. You can come any morning, Monday through Thursday.

Tickets are \$79.99 for one day (if you buy them three days in advance) or \$105.99 for one year. For help getting the cheapest tickets, talk to Nate in the CIP office ASAP!

We will meet at Norman Garage at 9:00 AM and will return to Gainesville around 9:30 PM.

## Using myELI

myELI is a useful website for ELI students. Here are some important things you can do on the website.

**Upload your documents–** Every semester, you have to give the ELI many different forms. myELI makes submitting your documents easy and convenient! From the myELI homepage, click on “My Profile” and then “Documents.” Here, you can upload your insurance forms, proof of immunizations, I-20, financial statement, and other required documents. If you have not uploaded your required documents for this semester, do it now!

**Check your attendance–** Attending your classes every day is important for success at the ELI. With myELI, you can check your attendance to see how many classes you have missed and how many times you have been late. To check your attendance, click on “My Courses” and then “Attendance” from the myELI homepage. If you see any mistakes, ask your teacher to confirm your attendance. Finally, ask your teacher for more information if you have questions about the attendance policy for the ELI or your classes.

If you have any problems using myELI, visit the ELI front desk for help. Address: <http://my.eli.ufl.edu>

## Notes from the Office

**Immunizations & Insurance:** Immunization and insurance information is due! If you have not submitted your documents, you will soon get a message from the ELI office. You may be removed from class until you can turn in your documents. If you have any questions about immunizations or insurance, talk to **Victoria** in the ELI office.

**People out:** **Daryl** will be out of the office from February 8<sup>th</sup>–February 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have a question about immigration or admissions during that time, you can talk to **Christine**. She will be available from 10:30–12:30 each day. In addition, **Victoria** will be out of the office February 21<sup>st</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup>. If you need to talk with her, plan to do so before those dates.

**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.

## 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.

### Question:

*What do Americans do for Valentine's Day?*

### Answer:

Many people, especially couples, go out to dinner for Valentine's Day. However, the restaurants will be very busy and some have special menus that are more expensive. Some people go to the movies or have a special dinner at home. Groups of friends might get together to go out so everyone feels included. Children exchange cards and candy at school.

## Useful Expressions of the Week

**Expressions of the Week:** In the CIP Insider, you saw two underlined phrases.

### Phrase One : in advance

Tickets are \$79.99 for one day if you buy them three days in advance.

**In advance** is a useful phrase! It means that you will do something before something else. In this example, it means that the tickets will be cheaper if you buy them three days before you go to Busch Gardens.

For another example, you should tell your teachers **in advance** if you are going to miss class. This means that you should tell them before you miss class, not after.

### Phrase Two : ASAP

For help getting the cheapest tickets, talk to Nate in the CIP office ASAP!

**ASAP** is an acronym. It means **As Soon As Possible**. This means that you should do something right away or as soon as you can.

When we say this word, we pronounce it as "A sap," with "A" pronounced like the name of the letter. If you don't understand, ask your teacher to help you **ASAP**!

## Happy birthday!

*Wish the following people a happy birthday this week!*

### Students:

**February 4<sup>th</sup>:** Abdullah Alsulami

**February 7<sup>th</sup>:** Meshari AlQahtani

**February 9<sup>th</sup>:** Zolima Ramos Rodriguez

**February 10<sup>th</sup>:** Raja Khataybeh

### Staff:

**February 4<sup>th</sup>:** Scott Challgren