

## The CIP Insider

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

### Thursday Activity- Culture Talk!

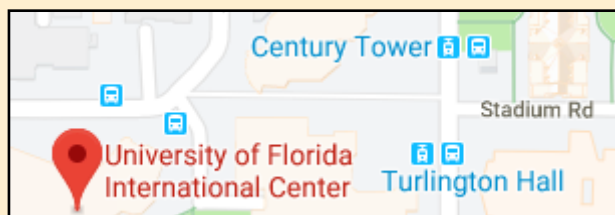
#### Birthdays around the World

Do you like birthdays? Cake? Learning about other cultures? You're in luck!

This Thursday, come to the UF International Center for Culture Talk and meet UF students in the International Scholars Program. Bring a dish or traditional snack from your country because this is a potluck! We will be sharing food, traditions, and songs about birthdays from different cultures. This is a great opportunity to teach others about your culture and to meet new people!

**When:** Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

**Where:** UF International Center in the Hub on campus



### Conversation Partner Update

If you have already signed up for a Conversation Partner, look for an email with your partner's information soon!

If you missed Conversation Partner sign ups, see Ryann in Matherly 211.

### Weekend Activity- Disney Day

#### Typhoon Lagoon and Disney Springs

This Saturday, the ELI will be taking a trip to Disney World. The ELI has two different options for whatever floats your boat.

#### Option 1: Disney Springs

Visit Disney Springs, which is Disney World's main dining, shopping, and entertainment area! At Disney Springs, you can shop at 110 different stores, eat at 57 different places, and enjoy entertainment like live music and bowling. Disney Springs is free to visit, but bring money because Disney prices are not cheap!

#### Option 2: Typhoon Lagoon & Disney Springs

Typhoon Lagoon is one of Disney World's water parks. Here, you can ride many different water slides and experience other attractions. Tickets for Typhoon Lagoon cost \$65. After enjoying the day at Typhoon Lagoon, you will then meet with the rest of the ELI group at Disney Springs for shopping and food.



**Bus Information:** If you want to attend Disney Day, buy a bus pass from Nate in Matherly 211. Bring \$20 cash and your Gator1 ID to get your seat!

## 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, August 10<sup>th</sup>!

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, July 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:tomdolce@ufl.edu). We can't wait to read your writing!

## Notes from the Office

**Daryl Out:** Daryl will be out of the office until July 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions related to immigration, your I-20, or transferring to another school, you can see **Christine** between 11:00 and 1:00.

**Expiring I-20s:** If your I-20 will expire soon, talk to Daryl or Christine before it expires.

**Apartments:** Most apartment leases in Gainesville end at the beginning of August. It is important to know the exact date that your lease will end so that you can make a plan. If you need help finding a hotel to stay in short-term (you should ask your friends first!) or a new apartment, talk to Victoria in the ELI office

**Fees:** Have you visited the infirmary, printed something on campus, or forgotten to return a book to the library on time? You may have an unpaid fees. It is important to pay your fees before the end of the semester. If you have not paid one of your fees, you may not receive a certificate at the end of the semester. Talk to Victoria in the ELI office for help with paying your fees.

## Important Dates

Here are some important dates for the rest of the semester!

**Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**—Student Voices Submissions Due

**Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**—Disney Day with the CIP

**Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**—No CIP activity—Study for your Exams!

**Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**—All Reading Final Exams

**Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**—End of Semester BBQ at Blue Springs

**Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**—All Grammar Final Exams

**Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**—All Listening Final Exams

**Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**—Last Day of Classes

**Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**—Commencement Ceremony

For specific questions about your final exams, ask your teachers!

## Useful Expressions of the Week

**Expression of the Week #1:** In the “CIP Insider,” you saw the phrase “in luck.”

Phrase One: To be in luck

*You're in luck.*

To be in luck is an idiom. We use it in very specific situations. Usually, we use it to say that something that you want is available.

Example:

A: Oh no! My phone's battery just died and I forgot my charger!

B: Well you're in luck! I remembered to pack my charger. You can use it if you want.

**Expression of the Week #2:** In the “CIP Insider,” you saw the phrase “whatever floats your boat.”

Phrase Two: whatever floats one's boat

*The ELI has two different options for whatever floats your boat.*

Whatever floats your boat is an idiom. It means “whatever you want or like.” This idiom is not used very often. If you use it, you will sound like someone's grandmother.

Example:

A: Should we get Mexican food for dinner?

B: I don't care. Whatever floats your boat.

## Happy birthday!

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

**Students:**

**July 18<sup>th</sup>: Mohammad Farhan**

**July 18<sup>th</sup>: Assuso Kuikuro**