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# The ELI Weekly

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## Gator Football Game

*Join us to root for the home team!*

Our football team here at UF is doing well this year and is nationally famous. Come and join us to experience the energy of over 80,000 screaming fans all in one place!

**When:** Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Reitz Union at 3:00pm. Please don't be late! We walk over to the stadium together for the game, which starts at 4:00pm.

**Cost:** Game tickets are \$20. You can purchase them for exact cash from Tate in Matherly 211 any day before 1:00pm.

**What NOT to Bring:** In the interest of safety, you can't have backpacks or bags of most any kind in the stadium, with the exception of small, clear plastic bags, which will be checked. Be aware that you'll also have to go through a metal detector when you go in. Also, no outside food or drinks, tobacco products, skateboards, bicycles, noise makers, flags, video/audio recorders, coolers, umbrellas, laser pointers, or selfie sticks are allowed.

**What to Bring:** Be sure to wear orange and blue!

Go, Gators!

### The Next Trip

Our next trip is right here in Gainesville, to watch the UF Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next *Weekly*.

### Reminder from the Office

**Smoking:** There is no smoking on the UF campus. Wherever you smoke, make sure to put your cigarette butts in the trash, NOT on the ground, or you risk getting a ticket for littering.

### Student Voices

*ELI Student Voices* is a collection of student writing: paragraphs, essays, letters, recipes, poems, etc. You can submit anytime but the last day is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Email your submissions to Lynne Clark at [clarklhr@ufl.edu](mailto:clarklhr@ufl.edu). If you'd like to see what submissions look like, check out past issues online at: <http://www.eli.ufl.edu/publications.htm>

### The Thursday Activity

This week's activity on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> is our **Conversation**

**Partner Social at Felipe's.** We will meet at Felipe's Mexican Grill on University Avenue at 12<sup>th</sup> Street at 6:00pm and stay until around 9:00pm.

### Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of September 25 to October 1:

Students:

September 25: Ashwag Alzahrani  
September 25: Hesham Ghnaim  
September 27: Refah Alrabie  
September 29: Binbin Guo  
September 30: Sieun Yang  
October 1: Hanah Lim  
October 1: Majed Alharbi

Staff:

September 25: Jane Keeler

Happy Birthday, one and all!

### Manners and Culture

*Q: I'm homesick and sad. I don't know what to do to get better.*

A: Don't worry! This is a natural when you move to another country. The best thing you can do is to keep active: participate in class, go to the CIP

activities, and chat with friends. You can also talk to someone about how you feel. New students are going through the same thing and probably need your support, too. Returning students went through the same thing in their first semester and will have good advice for you. Your teachers and Language Assistants are also there for you. The person who talks most, adjusts the best.

Make local connections, with your own culture and the host culture. Did you know that UF has many student organizations including international student organizations? You can make friends with UF students who speak English but who are also from your country. You can find links to them on the ELI website:  
<http://www.eli.ufl.edu/firsttime/university.htm>

If you do all these things and you still feel sad, talk to Victoria. She is in her office in Matherly 223 and can listen to you or refer you to a counselor who can help more.

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between the present perfect and the present perfect progressive?*

A: Some verbs can mean the same thing in the present perfect and the present perfect progressive. These are verbs of habitual activities.

- I have worn glasses since 2001.
- I have been wearing glasses since 2001.

For other verbs, it depends on the context. Use the present perfect for

something that happened at an unspecified time in the past. Use the present perfect progressive for something that is still happening. You can also use the present perfect progressive for actions that happened in the past but still have some connection to the present.

- I have seen the movie *Dumbo* a dozen times and I cry every time.
- I have been watching this movie for the past 30 minutes.
- My eyes are puffy because I have been crying from watching *Dumbo*.

## Quote of the Week

The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.

**Eleanor Roosevelt**



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