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Homecoming Parade

Go Gators!

Homecoming is the weekend when current and former UF students celebrate the Gators with a parade, a giant pep rally, and the Homecoming game, of course! The University of Florida's **Homecoming Parade** is the *largest student run parade in the United States!* It will have floats, bands, decorated vehicles and representatives from UF and Gainesville. Homecoming draws over 150,000 people every year and is broadcast live on television. This truly is a part of US culture!

The ELI will go as a group to see the parade. It is a great chance to spend a morning with friends and to show your support for UF.

When: The parade is at noon on Friday, October 4th but *we will meet at the Matherly main entrance at 11:30am and we will walk to our spot together.* The parade will draw thousands of people, so we need to get there early to be able to see!

What To Bring: The most important thing are your orange and blue Gator clothes! You should also bring a blanket or folding chair to sit on, sunscreen if it's sunny, or an umbrella if it's raining. Also, you can bring snacks and drinks or money to buy food and drinks.

Gator Growl

What is the world's largest pep rally? UF's Gator Growl is! It will be October 4th. This is definitely not an official ELI activity but it is great experience! A ticket is required for entry, **so you MUST buy your ticket beforehand.** Gates open at 6:00 pm and Gator Growl will start at 7:00 pm.

Go to www.gatorgrowl.org for more information.

The Next Trip

Next weekend we have no scheduled activity, as our Midterm Exams begin the following week. The next activity is the **Midterm and Welcome B Picnic** on Saturday, October 12th. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

The Thursday Activity

This week's activity on Thursday, October 3rd is **Tea Time at Kung Fu Tea**. We will meet at Kung Fu Tea on SW 34th Street at 6:00pm and stay until around 9:00pm.

Notes from the Office

Trash: Please note, the floor of the bathroom is not a trash can. Please put your trash in the trash can! This also applies to the classroom. When you leave, please take your trash with you and put it in one of the cans at the end of the hallway.

Student Voices: If you haven't already, send your submissions to Lynne at clarklhr@ufl.edu for *Student Voices*. The last day is November 1st.

Homecoming Holiday: Friday, October 4th, is Homecoming. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on Friday.

Holidays and RTS Bus Service: There is reduced or no campus service on these days:

October 4 (Friday, Homecoming)
November 11 (Monday, Veterans' Day)
November 27 through the 29
(Thanksgiving week, Wednesday thru Friday)
December 15, 2014 - January 3, 2020
(End-of-year Break)

These changes can be accessed on the RTS website www.go-rts.com

I-20s: If you're leaving the country for the Thanksgiving or End-of-year breaks, have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Matherly 223).

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of October 2nd to October 8th:

Students:

October 3: Dongyoung Kim

October 7: Saud Bin Rimal

Staff:

None this week!

Happy birthday!

Manners and Culture

Q: Can I invite my friend to a party that I've been invited to?

A: It depends what kind of party this is. If it's a small gathering, you should ask the host first. If you heard about it from a friend who heard about it from a friend and so on, it's probably ok to invite all your friends too. But it's best to check first.

Q: If I want to have a party at my apartment, should I invite my neighbor?

A: In general, Americans in a college setting tend not to socialize with their neighbors, especially if they don't know them very well. You could invite them to the party, but you don't have to. If you expect a large, noisy crowd late at night, you should let your neighbors know as a courtesy.

Q: As an Arabic woman, when I cook, is it okay to give my neighbors a taste of the food even if we don't know each other?

A: This question is related to the previous one. While you could offer your neighbors some food, it would probably be considered out of the ordinary. However, it all depends on your neighbors. Some people would love to make new friends this way and others just want to be left alone.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between slang and idioms?

A: Slang words or phrases are new and fairly temporary in the language. They are very informal and may only be used by some speakers. Idioms are set phrases that mean something different from the individual words in the phrase. They are also forms that have been accepted as part of the language and are used by a wider variety of people. Look at the following examples concerning money.

Slang: cheddah, cheese, bread, paper, moolah, lettuce

Idioms: Bringing home the bacon, make a living, hand to mouth, hit the jackpot

Q: Do I have to learn spoken colloquial expressions? They confuse me.

A: It depends mostly on why you're learning the language. If you plan to sit in your room alone and do nothing but read textbooks, you can probably get away without learning the spoken language and the slang and colloquial expressions. And, this is certainly true if you don't plan to study here in the US or have much interaction with native speakers of English. But in everyday use, including in professors' lectures, in newspaper and magazine articles, and in almost all social interactions you have with native speakers, slang and idiom and colloquial English will be necessary parts of your daily communication.

Quote of the Week

There are short-cuts to happiness, and dancing is one of them.

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