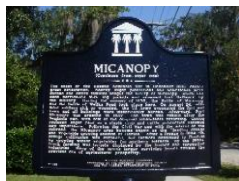


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The ELI Weekly

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Micanopy Fall Festival

Come out and enjoy the weekend!

On Saturday, November 2nd, the ELI will be going to the town of Micanopy, just south of Gainesville, for the **Micanopy Fall Festival!** Explore the town while celebrating the season with local crafts, goods, and food. Bring extra cash for spending on shopping and food.

Where: We'll meet at Norman Garage at 2pm and carpool from there.

Cost: The festival itself is FREE! Just bring extra money for food and shopping.

Wear: Casual clothes and comfortable shoes

Please sign up on the Activities Board outside of the CIP Office by Thursday at 4 pm.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to the **Kennedy Space Center!** Since this is a bus trip, starting on Monday, November 4th, Tate will be selling bus passes (bring \$20 exact cash and your Gator 1 ID) in the CIP Office between 9am and 1:30pm. Details will be on the Activities Board and in the next *Weekly*.

The Thursday Activity

This week on Thursday, October 31st (Halloween!), we will be going to Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo's **Boo at the Zoo** event. Celebrate Halloween with decorations and trick-or-treating, and games at the zoo. The cost to enter the Boo at the Zoo event is one canned food item for donation. We will meet at the Santa Fe Zoo entrance at 5:30pm. If you want, you can ride Bus 43 with LAs at 5pm from the Target Copy Bus Stop across from Matherly Hall. We will go until about 7:30pm.

Time Change

This Saturday night/Sunday morning at 2am, we will go off of Daylight Savings Time. Your phones, computers, and most computer-controlled devices with clocks will automatically set themselves back one hour, but you will have to manually set your other clocks (like on your microwave) back yourself. If you somehow forget, you could wind up showing up an hour early for classes on Monday!

Santa Fe Workshop

So, here's your final reminder that on Wednesday, October 30th, we will be holding a workshop for students interested in going to Santa Fe College. The meeting will be from 5:30 to 6:30pm in MAT 210.

Replacement Electives

If you are an advanced ELI student (placed into levels 50 or 60), when you check-in online for Spring 2019 classes, remember that you might be eligible to take elective classes. If you have questions, ask in the Main Office for a handout. You can take one of our replacement electives instead of a core course. Everyone can do it, but if you are a government sponsored scholarship student, you must first exit the core course that you are replacing.

We have a new class to replace grammar! It will be taught in the first grammar hour, M-F from 10:40-11:30. The class is called **Between Two Worlds**. The goal of this class is to experience a University of Florida humanities class. Together with a UF class, you will explore how people use narratives to represent identity, home, travel, and culture in fiction and nonfiction. Engage in the same types of

assignments and projects as UF students. Experience the UF learning environment with language skill support. Collaborate with UF students on university level presentations and written assignments. Students can only take this course once.

The Elective to replace RW is **Advanced Informal English**. This course aims to encourage a more spontaneous use of English in social and community settings by providing students with opportunities to interact in simulated and real American English usage situations. Students will develop conversational skills and improve interactive listening and reading through work in the following areas:

conversational interaction, interactive listening, relevant functional language (making invitations, complementing, apologizing, agreeing and disagreeing); reading authentic texts and discussing them for greater comprehension; pronunciation issues; and American English idioms. Students can only take this course once.

Finally, for LS, the replacement elective is **Grammar for Writing**. This class focuses on refining grammatical abilities and the mechanics of written English. The goal is for students to reach a level of accuracy that is acceptable for university work. Students will gain accuracy and complexity at the sentence level. Some types of writing students will produce in class include summaries, reviews, essays, and scripts. Additionally, students will work on various grammatical structures and refine their use of punctuation.

Notes from the Office

Veteran's Day: Monday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed. The busses will be running limited holiday service.

Student Voices: Don't forget to submit your writing to Lynne! Email your submissions to clarklhr@ufl.edu. The last day is this Friday, November 1st.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of October 30th to November 5th.

Students:

October 30: Ghadah Alderaan

October 30: Andres Restrepo Gutierrez

November 1: Seulah Kye

Staff:

October 30: Christine Voigt

Happy birthday, y'all!

Manners and Culture

Q: What do Americans do on the weekend?

A: What do you do on the weekend? Americans would probably answer the same way you would. Some would say they sleep, some would say they party, some would say they travel, some would

say they do household chores, some would say they study, etc. Most likely, you'd even get a combination of all of those answers.

Grammar

Q: Why don't Americans pronounce the words the way they are written?

A: English is a combination of many different languages, mainly with Germanic, Latin, and Celtic roots. Because there are so many different languages with their own sound system and spelling system, the spelling in English got a little crazy over the decades and centuries. In addition, there was NO standardized spelling in English at all until well into the 19th Century. On top of that, the way words are pronounced today has changed, but we keep the old spelling. For all these reasons, learning how to pronounce words correctly is frustrating. Here are some crazy examples:

- too, shoe, flew, through, true
- toe, sew, flow, though
- laid, paid, said,
- bread, bead, lead (verb), lead (metal)
- bologna, pony

Quote of the Week

Friendship is the only cement that will hold the world together.

Woodrow Wilson



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