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The ELI Weekly

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Volunteer Day II

Come out and help in the community!

This Saturday, July 13th, we will be holding our second **Volunteer Day** of the semester. This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment. See below for meeting times.

Cost: Free! Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. You should bring water to each volunteering activity.

Ronald McDonald House: Make artwork for sick children to help them feel better and talk with their families. Meet at Norman Garage at 1:30pm

Alachua County Humane Society: Help clean up and play with dogs and cats who need a home. Meet at Norman Garage at 2:30pm.

Project Downtown Gainesville: Help feed the homeless in the downtown Bo Diddley Community plaza. Meet at Norman Garage at 12:30pm.

Oak Hammock: Come out to Oak Hammock and engage the elderly residents with fun conversation

and/or games. Meet at Norman Garage at 9am.

Please sign up on the Activities Board outside of Matherly 211 for your choice of activity by 4pm on Thursday, July 11th but don't sign up for an activity if it is already full. Arrive **ON TIME** at Norman Garage! If you have any questions about any of the activities, see Camille in the CIP Office, Matherly 211.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **Universal Studios Orlando Resort**. This will be a bus trip. To buy a bus pass, you will need to bring \$20 in cash, exact change, and your Gator 1 ID card to the CIP Office Matherly 211 between the hours of 9:00am and 12:30pm. Details about the trip will be on the bulletin board outside of MAT 211 and in next week's *Weekly*.

Daryl out

Daryl will be out of the office from July 16th until July 23rd. He will return on July 24th. If you need to see him, make an appointment in the main office to meet before or after those dates.

Student Voices

The deadline for *ELI Student Voices* submissions is coming up! If you are interested in seeing your work in print, please get your submissions to us by this Friday, July 12. You can give submissions to your teacher to give to Lynne, our editor for the *Voices*, or you can email her directly at clarklhr@ufl.edu.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 10 to July 16:

Students:
July 10: Veronica Alfonso
July 12: Chun-Hsien Chiu

July 13: Faisal Albarraki
July 11: Betty Giraldo Berrio
July 12: Meshal Alenezi

Staff:
None this week!

Happy Birthday, y'all!

The Thursday Activity

This Thursday, July 11th, we will be going to the **Reitz Union Arts and Crafts Center**. The center is located in the Reitz Union basement. Here you can paint your own dish to take home with you! We will meet at 6pm and go until about 9pm. Bring \$5-10 with you to purchase your materials.

Santa Fe College Workshop

Reminder: on Tuesday, July 9th at 5:15pm in MAT 210, we will be holding this semester's Santa Fe College Workshop. Representatives from Santa Fe will be available to answer your questions about admissions and enrollment.

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do the American people wear flip-flops a lot?

A: This one's a classic "Gainesville" question. People all over the US wear a wide variety of shoes. Because we are in Florida and it's very hot, people

here tend to wear the most comfortable shoes for the temperature and that happens to be flip-flops and sandals.

Grammar

Q: What's a phrasal verb?

A: A phrasal verb is a verb that adds another word (or words), usually a preposition, that changes the meaning of the action completely. For example, "I dropped him" is different from, "I dropped him off." In the first example, the meaning is very specific...it means that I was carrying him, physically or emotionally, and I couldn't or wouldn't hold on to him, and I dropped him. In the second case, it means that I was transporting him, most likely in my car, and I drove him to his house and let him out of the car there.

The prepositions don't always make sense if you try to isolate them. Each time you change the preposition, you change the meaning entirely—basically, creating a new dictionary word. The only way to master phrasal verbs is to take notice of how they are used and practice, practice, practice, just like you would with any other new vocabulary.

Here are some useful phrasal verbs:

- I need to *make up* the exam that I missed last week.
- Can I *hand in* my essay late?
- *Put away* your cell phones, please!

- I had to *do* my homework *over* because I had too many mistakes.

Q: What's the difference between separable phrasal verbs and nonseparable phrasal verbs?

A: First there are two basic types of verbs in general: verbs that can have an object and verbs that can't. The phrasal verbs that can have an object can be divided into two more types, separable and nonseparable. Separable phrasal verbs can have the object after the particle (the thing that looks like a preposition) or before it. If you use a pronoun instead of the object, the pronoun will go *before* the particle. Nonseparable phrasal verbs can only have the object *after* the particle.

Verb with object: I saw a movie.

Verb without object: I sat. I sat on my chair. ~~I sat my chair.~~

Separable phrasal verb: I handed in my essay. I handed my essay in. I handed it in.

Nonseparable phrasal verb: I just got over the flu. I just got over it. ~~I just got it over.~~

Quote of the Week

I am driven by two main philosophies: know more today about the world than I knew yesterday. And lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you.

Neil DeGrasse Tyson

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