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The ELI Weekly

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Islands of Adventure

Theme Park Fun!

This Saturday, July 20th, we will be Going to **Universal Studios Islands of Adventure!** This is one of our biggest bus trips of the year. You can ride roller coasters, see the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, and ride many amazing rides and attractions.

Cost: \$20 for a bus pass; bring exact change to Nate in MAT 211 in the mornings only, by Thursday, July 18th. Buy a ticket online at universalorlando.com. One-day tickets are \$135. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

When: We will meet Saturday morning at NRN Garage at 9am and return around 9:30pm.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, there will be no activity, as we will be starting our final exam schedule. The next activity will be the **End of Semester Barbecue at Blue Springs** on Saturday, August 3. Details about the trip will be on the bulletin board outside of MAT 211 and in next week's *Weekly*.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 17 to July 23:

Students:

July 17: Juan Verbel
July 19: Shuruq Badawood
July 21: Onjira Polta
July 23: Abdulaziz Alsaeedi

Staff:

None this week!

Happy Birthday, y'all!

The Thursday Activity

This Thursday, July 18th, we will be in Matherly Hall for **Video Game Night**. Play games like Overcooked, Just Dance, and FIFA after your classes from 6-9pm. Feel free to bring your own games and consoles to add to the fun!

Reminders from the Office

Practice English!
Go to class!
Don't smoke on campus!

Fines and Fees: Pay your library fines and your infirmary fees. If you're not sure how to do this, Victoria has a handout (Matherly 225F) with instructions. Remember that if you fail to pay your fines and fees, you won't receive your exit package.

Expiring I-20s: If your I-20 is expiring and you plan on returning to the ELI in the fall, you must talk to Daryl **before** the expiration date. It is in section 5 of the I-20.

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do Americans make such a big deal about their 21st birthday?

A: Turning 21, for most young adults, is a big deal because they feel like they are really starting to begin their adult life. Also, they are now allowed to legally drink.

Q: Why don't young people in the U.S. care about their families?

A: Not all young people are the same, but most young adults see this period in their lives as a time when they can grow up and become independent. Most young people do care about their families, they just have different ways of showing it.

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between less and fewer?

A: Use *fewer* if you're referring to people or things in the plural (e.g. houses, newspapers, dogs, students, children).

- People these days are buying **fewer** newspapers.

Use *less* when you're referring to something that can't be counted or doesn't have a plural (e.g. money, air, time, music, rain).

- It's a better job but they pay you **less** money.

Less is also used with numbers when they are on their own and with expressions of measurement or time.

- Their marriage lasted **less** than two years.

Q: What is the difference between comparatives and superlatives?

A: Use the comparative form to show the difference between two objects.

- *New York is more exciting than Seattle.*

Use the superlative form when speaking about three or more objects to show which object is 'the most' of something.

- *New York is the most exciting city in the USA.*

Quote of the Week

Weekends don't count unless you spend them doing something completely pointless.

— Bill Watterson



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