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The ELI Weekly

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Laser Tag at M2 Battlesports

Outdoor Fun!

On Saturday, November 16th, we will be playing Laser Tag! You can come and compete with LAs and classmates in a game of outdoor Laser Tag.

We will meet at Norma Garage at 2:30 pm. The cost is \$20 cash, and it's customary to give a \$2 tip as well.

You should wear running shoes and long pants. You should also bring a water bottle and a snack.

Additionally, since this is a highly active outdoor activity, if you are going you will need to fill out a liability waiver at M2waiver.com.

Sign up on the Activities Board outside of MAT 211. Don't miss it!

The Thursday Activity

This week, our rotating activity on Thursday, November 14th, is the **Reitz Arts and Crafts and Dinner**. The activity runs from 6-9 in the Reitz Union basement. Bring \$5-10 to buy a dish that you will paint and get to take home! We will meet at the Reitz Union Food Court at 6 to grab dinner with ELI friends before heading down to the basement for the arts and crafts.

Monday Mixer

For International Education Week, we will be having a special **Multicultural Monday Mixer** on Monday, November 18th. Students, you are encouraged to wear traditional dress from your country in order to celebrate the many cultures represented at UF in international education. Guests from across UF will be invited to interact at the Monday Mixer with ELI students. Details will be on the Activities Board outside of MAT 211.

Scholarship Nominees

Please join me in congratulating the nominees of the ELI Scholarships to study in the Spring 2020 semester.

The nominees:

- Mona Alfawzan
- Refah Alrabie
- Amani Alqahtani
- Hanah Lim
- Kuri Andagana
- Hansol Lee
- Samantha Ali Ghandour
- Seonju Na
- Lydia Yun
- Geubin Lee

It is very difficult to be nominated for a scholarship. This means the nominees all worked extra hard this semester and achieved the following criteria.

- Full-time C semester student at the ELI.
- Academic Excellence: The student should have a 4.0 GPA and demonstrate a high level of proficiency in at least three of the four skill areas.
- Outstanding Progress: The student should display outstanding progress in language skills as evidenced by improvements in coursework.
- Excellent Attendance: The student should miss no more than ten hours of class in the semester.
- Speak English: The student should make every effort to speak English at all times while at the ELI and at ELI-sponsored activities.
- Successful Work Strategies: The student should demonstrate personal initiative in and out of the classroom, making an effort to get involved in the ambient culture through outside activities such as regular participation in Cultural Immersion activities.

Students, if you want to win the scholarship next semester, make sure to follow the same criteria and talk to the nominees to learn how else to become an excellent student.

Notes from the Office

Part Time Students: If you are a part-time ELI student not taking Grammar or Listening/Speaking, you will need to go to the ELI Main Office in MAT 221 as soon as possible to sign up to take the CELT test as part of your end-of-term testing. We will be giving the CELT for part-timers on Friday, November 22nd, starting at 12:50pm.

Thanksgiving Holiday: Thursday, November 28th is Thanksgiving. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please remember that **classes will meet as normal on Monday and Tuesday.**

I-20s and Financial Guarantees:

Speaking of the holiday and end of term, please remember that if you plan to leave the country during these times, you must have your I-20 signed in order to return to the US. Don't forget that Canada, Mexico, the Bahamas, and most of the Caribbean are actually other countries. Also, please be sure you know when your I-20 and your Financial Guarantee expire, especially if you are planning to come back to the ELI for the Spring Semester.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from November 13th to November 19th:

Students:
November 15: Jinseup Park

Staff:
None this week!

Manners and Culture

Q: What is the meaning of the Thanksgiving Holiday?

A: Just what the name says, basically. It's a day that we set aside to express our appreciation for all the people in our lives and all the things that we have to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is the universal family holiday in the US, as it doesn't have specific ties to any one particular religion or belief system.

Q: What is Black Friday?

A: It's the unofficial start of the Christmas season. People wake up early and go shopping on the Friday after Thanksgiving. This year, some stores are opening on Thanksgiving evening but many people think this is too much. Thanksgiving is about spending time with family.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "make" and "do"? Are they ever interchangeable?

A: "Make" and "do" something is just like gerunds, infinitives, and phrasal verbs. It's vocabulary that you have to memorize. Look at the examples below and decide which ones take 'do' and which ones take 'make'.

- My sister ____ business in El Salvador.
- She ____ her hair and nails before she travels.
- She never ____ the dishes because she never ____ dinner.
- She always ____ the bed and then ____ coffee.

Quote of the Week

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.

W.T. Purkiser



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