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The ELI Weekly

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Baking Night

Cookies!

Join us as we bake cookies together! We will get together on Zoom from 7-9pm on Saturday, June 13th. We will make two types of cookies, but remember, you can join in, watch, and socialize if you don't want to bake.

Ingredients to have:

Peanut butter cookies

Peanut butter, sugar, eggs, baking soda

Healthy cookies

Bananas, oats, chocolate chips

Zoom link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92125826321?pwd=M2pwZXQwMXUxZGppOEtDWENyc20xdz09>

Meeting ID: 921 3582 6321

Password: 019178

The Weekday Activities

Monday, 6/8: Game Night, 6:30-9:30pm.

Come and play Code Names with LAs and fellow ELI Students.

Zoom link:

<https://url.zoom.us/j/978081072?pwd=ZXh0QW9tTko4SGpBRzZCMXlpVzYwQT09>

Meeting ID: 978 081 072

Password 250371

Wednesday, 6/10: Coffee and Culture Talk. Join LAs and fellow ELI students for a discussion on Social Media in your country! Bring your favorite warm drink.

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/98434624936?pwd=a1JzbFIBbEN3cE1EcTZsWUh2WXR6QT09>

Meeting ID: 984 3462 4936

Password: 267080

Thursday, 6/11: Movie Night. Vote between Up, Aeronauts, And Mission Impossible: Fallout and watch with LAs and ELI friends. Use the chat feature to socialize during the movie.

Zoom Link:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/97204757825?pwd=Y2vXRXRvY1pxSTVEaHM1Qm66RHEvQT09>

Meeting ID: 972 0475 7825

Password 023879

Summer Weather Safety

We thought we'd let you know about a few things as the summer weather season kicks in. Be careful since North Central Florida has very interesting weather! It might look like a sunny day but then a thunderstorm will appear. Therefore, you should always have sunscreen *and* an umbrella in your backpack. You should also get into the habit of checking the weather each day. One hazard that you should watch out for is **lightning**. We have more thunderstorms in the summertime in Florida in a year than anywhere else in the world, so lightning here is a serious danger. If it looks like it's going to storm, you should go inside as soon as possible. A car is also a safe place. **DO NOT** stand under a tree or near anything that might be the tallest thing in the area and don't use a metal-tipped umbrella.

Occasionally, there are **tornado watches** or **tornado warnings**. A warning is more serious. If there is a tornado warning, you should go inside. **DO NOT** ride your bike, wait for the bus, or even drive a car. Another thing that you should prepare for is **hurricanes**. You can go to <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> to keep informed of hurricane activity, and they also have some excellent preparation and

planning tips. Also, of course, if there is any hurricane threatening Gainesville, we here at the ELI will keep you informed and make sure you know what to do and where to go. The main thing about the NOAA website is that they have some excellent tips about early preparation.

Santa Fe College Meeting

We will be meeting with the Santa Fe College folks for information on Santa Fe admission on June 16 at 3:30pm via Zoom. Below is the Zoom invitation.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sfcollege.zoom.us/j/93522539886>

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of June 10th to June 16th:

Students:

June 11: Abdullah Alotaibi

Staff:

None this week!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do students in the US call teachers by their first names? In my country, this is impolite.

A: Most of us don't. It really depends in most cases on the personal preferences of the professors. In a regular university class, we usually use "Doctor" or "Professor" plus the person's last name. Or, if they don't have a PhD degree, we might use "Mr." or "Ms". At the ELI, though, we are a little less formal—on purpose. We try to foster a less formal and more conversational environment in order to get students talking more.

Q: Is the rumor true that American girls don't like foreign guys?

A: American girls like all different kinds of guys so this is probably an incorrect generalization. While I think American girls do tend to date American guys, I've seen American girls with male ELI students, American guys with female ELI students, and of course, ELI students dating each other. Please remember that the ELI policy prohibits LAs and teachers from dating ELI students!

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between the words lose and loose? When do I use lose or loose?

A: *Lose* is a verb and it means *to misplace* or *to not win*. *Loose* is an adjective which means *not tight*. You'll need to memorize the spelling and the pronunciation. Look at the sentences below to see the difference.

- I always lose my cellphone in my house.
- The players lose the game every time they have to play in the snow.
- My pants are loose so I need to use a belt.

Quote of the Week

I'd rather be a failure at something I love than a success at something I hate.

George Burns



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