**Midterms**

*Good luck on your exams!*

There is no scheduled ELI trip this weekend since many classes will be holding Midterm Exams. Use the weekend to study. Good luck on your exams!

**The Next Trip**

On Saturday, October 19th, we will be holding the Midterm and B-Term Welcome Picnic. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week’s *Weekly*.

**Studying Strategies**

Since your midterm exams are coming, here are some tips to help you do well on the exams but more importantly, to improve your English overall.

- Do the activities in the book that your instructor assigned and didn’t assign.
- Find activities online. For example, if you google “preposition practice”, you’ll get lots of results.
- Practice whatever you’re studying, but do it out loud. Practice using pronouns in sentences, reading the newspaper and finding them there, listening for them when people talk, and writing texts to friends using them.
- Study with a partner. Do all the things specified above with a friend so you can correct each other’s mistakes and so you can also encourage each other.
- Get plenty of sleep and eat well!

Remember that language is about using it, not just the grade you get on the exam.

**Notes from the Office**

**Driver License**: Please remember that it’s illegal to drive without a license and without car insurance. If you are planning to get your driver license, make an appointment before you go, but don’t make it during your class times. You should expect a long wait even if you have an appointment. You should study the book beforehand so that you can pass the exam the first time. If you miss class because you’re getting your driver license or because you have to pay a ticket for not having one, **this counts towards your absences!**

**Fake IDs**: We hear occasional rumors about our students using fake IDs. Florida has strict laws regarding using a fake ID to purchase alcohol. The penalty is up to 5 years in prison and a $5,000 fine…and a foreign student is subject to immediate deportation for a felony. It’s a big, big risk!

**Parking**: Students, if you park in any of the plazas along University, including the Chipotle plaza, you risk getting towed and having to pay a large fine. Ride the bus, it’s free!

**The Thursday Activity**

This Thursday, October 10th, we are doing **Gator Salsa**! Learn how to dance Bachata and Salsa with the Gator Salsa Club. We will meet at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium between Gates 3 and 4 at 6:30 and go until around 9:30.

**Santa Fe Workshop**

So, we know it’s a little early, but we want to let you know 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. Mark your calendars!
Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of October 9th to October 15th:

Students:
October 10: Abdullah Alqahtani
October 15: Andrea Roccasalva

Staff:
October 11: Matt Goode

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Can ELI students get basketball season tickets?

A: Yes, but since ELI students don’t pay student fees, they have to buy the regular “boosters” tickets, not student tickets. The student tickets are free. Go to gatorzone.com/tickets/basketball-men for more information.

Q: I drove to campus and got a ticket. What should I do?

A: Talk to Victoria immediately!

Q: What’s the difference between the present perfect “I have visited Tampa” and modals in the past “I should have visited Tampa”?

A: The present perfect is used for something that happened in the past but has some connection to the present time. Modals in the past are used for events that could have possibly happened (but maybe didn’t).

Grammar

Q: I understand the use of “get” as meaning “obtain” or “receive”, but can you give me an example of when it means “become” or “change into”?

A: Sure.

“It’s getting late.”
“T’ve been sick, but I’m getting better.”
“The class gets more fluent every day.”

Q: When can I use “get” instead of “go”, as in, “I get to work,” vs. “I go to work”? (Dr. Wayne Dyer)

A: They have different meanings. “Get” is very restricted in that it means “arrive” while “go” has multiple meanings.

Quote of the Week

When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It's to enjoy each step along the way.

Dr. Wayne Dyer