

# ELI Weekly

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## Volunteer Opportunities

This weekend, you and your ELI friends have the chance to help others! You can volunteer for the following projects:

- **North Florida Rehab**  
Talking and sharing stories with older citizens and playing BINGO with them.  
Students should meet at Norman Garage at 1:55.
- **Recycling Before the Game**  
We are going to go around UF Campus and collect recyclables from the tailgaters. Meet at Norman Garage at 1:30pm.
- **Alachua County Humane Society, Saturday 10am-12pm**  
Help walk and bathe dogs and cats that have no home. We'll meet at Norman Garage at 9:45am.

## Notes from the Office:

This **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**, UF and the ELI will be closed in observance of **Veteran's Day**. Originally, this holiday commemorated the armistice that ended World War 1. Eventually, it was extended to honor all men and women who have served in American wars.

*Student Voices* editor, Steve Flocks, is asking for your submissions. If you have a paragraph, essay, research paper, recipe, or poem you'd like to see published in this collection of student writing, tell your reading and writing teacher.

### *Thanksgiving Dinner*

*A great opportunity to celebrate an important holiday in the U.S. by joining with your ELI family to give thanks. All students, teachers, staff, administrators, and language assistants who would like to go should sign up on the Activities Board by Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please also sign up for what type of food you will bring.*

Thanksgiving in the United States is a time to gather with friends and family to give thanks, enjoy each other's company, and eat delicious food. The ELI will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday as an International Potluck on **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** in the Basement of Broward Hall. Friday ELI staff, teachers, administrators and Language Assistants will bring traditional Thanksgiving Day food like *turkey and stuffing, cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, pumpkin pie* and more! ELI students are asked to bring a traditional dish from their country to share.

You should bring enough food for 5 to 10 people and a serving utensil for your dish, but no one needs to bring plates, napkins, knives, forks, spoons, cups or drinks. Be sure to bring a note card that says your name, your country, the name of your dish and the major ingredients.

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## Manners and Culture

If you have a question about U.S. manners and culture, please email our *ELI Weekly* editor, Jen Ramos, at [jennlej@hotmail.com](mailto:jennlej@hotmail.com), or put questions in her mailbox (marked *Ramos* in the ELI Main Office).

**Q:** *Why do Americans call themselves ‘Americans’ for their nationality, when everyone else who lives on this continent is also ‘American’?*

**A:** I think it’s safe to say using this term does not imply that we think we are the true citizens of the continent. I believe it comes from the official name of the country, The United States of America. Since ‘United States’ can’t be made into a nationality in English (though one student has suggested we try ‘United Statesman’), we use ‘American’. I’ve heard people say ‘North American’, but to us this includes citizens of Canada and Mexico, as well.

## New Weekday Clubs!

Ready for some fast talking? Debate, Wednesdays at 10:40am with Naomy. Meet in the Florida Room (where the vending machines are located).

Feeling Crafty? Art Club with Amy, Thursdays at 11:45am, meet in Florida Room, bring art supplies.

Music lover? Music Appreciation, Tuesdays at 10:40am with Ed, meet in the Florida Room. Bring music from your country to share and chat about.

## Birthdays

First, belated birthday wishes to Maria Souza and Abdulaziz Alfayad (Nov. 6)!

And for this week,

*Happy Birthday to:*

Nov. 9: Lia Brenneman



## U.S. City Trivia:

Can you recognize the U.S. city from its nickname?

1. Beantown
2. Motor City
3. Big Apple
4. Sin City
5. Windy City
6. The Big Easy
7. Mile High City



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