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# The ELI Weekly

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## Commencement

*Can you believe it's already here?*

Congratulations, everyone. It's been a long and tough semester, and you should all be proud of the excellent work you have done in all of your classes. This coming week is very busy with testing and end-of-semester activities, so please read this issue of the ELI Weekly carefully to make sure you know about all of the things you need to do to wrap up the term. This will be the last issue of the Weekly for the Fall Term, 2010.

The ELI Commencement Ceremony will be held Room 1404 HPNP on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All students and staff are welcome to attend. You are encouraged to invite your friends and relatives as well. Students will receive their grades and class photos after the ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to dress up for the occasion!

## Exit Test Schedule

On Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be giving the CELT, our exit test. There are no regular ELI classes on this day. **There will be no late exams and no late students admitted to the exams.** All ELI students are required to attend and take the test in order to receive a certificate from the ELI. **Please be**

**on time.** If you arrive late to the test, you will not be permitted to take it, and you will not receive a certificate from the ELI. The schedule is as follows; sections refer to Reading/Writing classes.

### 9:30 to 11:30

**219 Norman Hall:** RW31, RW32

**260 Norman Hall:** RW40, RW41

**270 Norman Hall:** RW42, RW51, RW1

**278 Norman Hall:** RW2, RW3, RW4

**292 Norman Hall:** RW5, RW50, RW60

### 1:00 to 3:00

**313 Norman Hall:** all PT students not taking RW

**311 Norman Hall:** RW30

**309 Norman Hall:** RW10

**340 Norman Hall:** RW20

## Congratulations

To the ELI Soccer team for taking a second place finish in the North Florida Soccer Tournament!

Thanks to the ELI student players and the LA coaches! Everybody did a great job.

## The Weekend Trip

This Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, we are holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Lake Wauburg!**

**What:** A chance to celebrate the end of the semester with your classmates,

friends, family and language assistants at Lake Wauburg North. Enjoy barbecue chicken and sides from Sonny's Barbecue restaurant. After eating, have fun canoeing, playing soccer, volleyball and other games. This is the last weekend activity this semester, so don't miss it!

**Who:** All ELI students, family, friends and staff are invited. Just sign up on the Activities Board before 5pm on Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, so we know how much food to order.

**Where:** Lake Wauburg North Entrance

**When:** Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 11:30 at Norman Garage so we can carpool to Lake Wauburg. Since the barbecue is inside, don't worry if it is cold or rainy.

**Cost:** FREE!

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period December 2-31:

Students:

December 4: Suleyman Billor

December 5: Ronald Cademus

December 7: Yu Ciao Kuo

December 16: Giselle Mendt

December 17: Sowailem AISolwailem

December 17: Noor AlBrag  
December 18: Kimberly Ordaz Cedeño  
December 21: Sultan AlMarri  
December 21: Miguel Gutierrez  
December 22: Reginald Toussaint  
December 24: Maram AlGhamdi  
December 24: Abdulaziz Althobaiti  
December 24: Haneul Jo  
December 27: Yazeed Almofareh

Staff:

December 7: Angie King  
December 12: Zoe Witty  
December 21: Justine McConville

## Grammar

*Q: What's the difference between "take" and "get"?*

A: Both are verbs of receiving, but the main difference is that "take" specifically means that you initiate the receiving.

*Q: When can I use "and" at the beginning of a paragraph?*

A: Only when you're speaking or writing a direct quotation. Otherwise, use a conjunctive adverb such as "also".

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why do Americans ignore grammar rules when speaking?*

A: Nearly everyone does, to some extent. This is how we create slang

and idiom and how language evolves over time. Language is not a static, unchanging thing. It lives because it's spoken by a nearly infinite variety of people with a nearly infinite variety of thoughts and ideas. Think about it. When you speak in your native language with your friends, does it sound like the exact same language that your grandparents or even your parents use when they speak to their friends?

## Quote of the Week

Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain.

*Lily Tomlin*



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