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Midterm Picnic!

Join us and make new friends!

This Saturday will be a fun day in the sun to welcome the new ELI students. All ELI students, staff, and friends are invited to the Midterm/Welcome picnic at Yulee Pit. There will be sports, games and great conversation.

When: Saturday, October 19 at 11:00am

Where: Yulee Pit (Behind Broward and Yulee Halls, across 13th Street from the ELI).

What to Bring: This activity is free. Wear tennis shoes and sun-block. We will provide the food, so come hungry!!

IMPORTANT: Fall C students need to sign up on the Activities Board.

Everyone is welcome!

The Next Trip

On Saturday, October 26th, we will have the second **Volunteer Day** of the semester! Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Notes from the Office

Student Mail: Please remember to check from time to time to see if you have any

mail from home or from other sources. The student mailbox is a tray located on the shelf immediately below and on the right-hand side of the teachers' mailboxes just inside the door in the ELI Main Office.

Trick or Treat: Get some candy from the office but please put the wrappers in the trash!

Go to class!
Speak English!
Participate in activities!

Class Photo

The ELI Class picture for Fall 2013 will be taken in front of Tigert Hall on SW 13th Street on **Wednesday, October 30th**, at **1:50pm**. Classes will walk over together toward the end of the first Listening/Speaking hour. Please gauge your time to arrive by 1:45. If it is raining on Wednesday, we will hold the picture on Thursday. The second hour of LS will start at 2:05, so make sure to go to class as soon as the picture is taken.

For any and all students not taking Listening/Speaking classes, as well as all other teachers, LAs, and any other ELI personnel who want to participate, join us for the picture!

Please leave your backpacks on the ground by the bushes. Don't sit on the edges or the floor in front of the stairs. To ensure that we can see everyone, please keep your arms down. Move towards the back of the steps and squeeze together as much as possible. The more you squeeze, the better you'll fit in the picture!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why is the US a multicultural nation?

A: We've always been a nation of immigrants and therefore many cultures. From the start of American history, from the standpoint of European colonization, the American story is one of many different people coming here for many different reasons, including freedom from religious persecution, economic opportunity, and the sheer adventure of starting something new.

Q: How do people in the US visit other states other than by plane or car?

A: Well, those are the main ones. There is also the Greyhound Bus system, which can be the least expensive option (though it can also take the longest), and many of our larger cities are also linked by Amtrak train, particularly in the Northeastern US.

Q: Why do some Americans not like to say their age?

A: It's on a list of taboo topics that involve money. We also dislike discussing money, weight, or even things like our grades in school.

Q: How does the government shutdown affect students at the ELI?

A: For international students, there is no direct impact. Consulates and SEVIS are both open. Depending how long the shutdown goes, it might have some unforeseen interruptions in other services.

Grammar

Q: Do I need a comma before a FANBOYS conjunction in all cases?

A: You need one in a compound sentence with a FANBOYS conjunction or in a series of 3 or more items, but not with only 2 items.

- I like to eat hamburgers, but my sister dislikes them.
- I eat a lot of hamburgers, yet I'm skinny.
- I like to eat hamburger, fries, and ice cream.
- I like to eat carrots and yogurt.

Q: What's the difference between "who" and "whom"?

A: Technically, "who" is a subject pronoun and "whom" is an object

pronoun. However, nowadays most speakers do not use "whom" at all, especially in spoken English. The only time it's absolutely required in spoken English is if you put a preposition first. And most people don't even do that!

- Who is speaking?
- Whom are you speaking with?
- To whom are you speaking?

Quote of the Week

You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.

Dale Carnegie



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