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Thanksgiving Potluck

Join us for a holiday meal!

On Friday, November 21st, we will be holding **The 13th Annual ELI International Thanksgiving Potluck!** 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. 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 for others to enjoy.

When: Friday, November 21st from 6 pm to 9pm. All students, teachers, staff, administrators, and language assistants who would like to go should sign up on the Activities Board by Thursday, November 20th. Please also sign up for what type of food you will bring and if you plan to bring any guests.

Where: Broward Basement on campus, behind Broward Hall.

What to Bring: Everyone should bring a traditional dish large enough for 5 to 10 people. You should bring a serving utensil for your dish, but no one needs to bring plates, napkins, knives, forks, spoons, cups or drinks. Also bring a notecard with your food and ingredients listed.

*Megan Forbes
US
Mashed Potatoes
(Potatoes, Milk, Butter)*

ELI 60th Anniversary

The ELI's 60th Anniversary Celebration is on Thursday, November 20th from 10:30am to 12:45pmm at the Reitz Union Breezeway on! We're going to have lots of free food and everyone is welcomed. Some teachers are planning to come by with their classes. If your grammar class isn't coming together, please stop by before or after your grammar class.

Scholarship Nominees

Please join me in congratulating the nominees of the ELI Scholarships to study in the Spring 2015 semester.

Congratulations as well to all of the nominees:

- Meshal Alshamrani
- Tamara Braga dos Santos
- Sandra Cespedes Arguello
- Dongha Kwak
- Karen Lopez Valero
- Erick Perez Sifontes
- Atalia Rodriguez Burgos
- Juan Romero Amaya
- Samary Shahein
- Geovanna Tinitana Bayas
- Lucas Vieira Lenci
- Sebastian Zerpa Steinkoph

It is very difficult to be nominated for a scholarship. This means the nominees all worked extra hard this semester and achieved the following criteria.

- Full-time C semester student at the ELI.
- Academic Excellence: The student should have a 4.0 GPA and demonstrate a high level of proficiency in at least three of the four skill areas.
- Outstanding Progress: The student should display outstanding progress in language skills as evidenced by improvements in coursework.
- Excellent Attendance: The student should miss no more than ten hours of class in the semester.
- Speak English: The student should make every effort to speak English at all times while at the ELI and at ELI-sponsored activities.
- Successful Work Strategies: The student should demonstrate personal initiative in and out of the classroom, making an effort to get involved in the ambient culture through outside activities such as regular participation in Cultural Immersion activities.

Students, if you want to win the scholarship next semester, make sure to follow the same criteria and talk to the nominees to learn how else to become an excellent student.

Staff out

Daryl out: Daryl will be out December 3rd and 4th.

Shaye out: Shaye will be out November 24 to December 2. If you have questions, you can make an appointment with Debbie.

Debbie out: Debbie will be out December 3rd and 4th.

University Admission Workshops

We will be having the University and College Admissions Workshop on Wednesday, November 19th at 5:15pm. Representatives from Santa Fe College and the UF Graduate School will present and be available for questions, but the overall purpose of the workshop is to provide general information and advice about the admissions process to US schools. Please sign up!

Undergraduate seminar will be in MAT210.
Graduate seminar will be in MAT214.

Manners and Culture

Q: What is the meaning of the Thanksgiving Holiday?

A: Just what the name says, basically. It's a day that we set aside to express our appreciation for all the people in our lives and all the things that we have to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is the universal family holiday in the US, as it doesn't have specific ties to any one particular religion or belief system.

Q: What is Black Friday?

A: It's the unofficial start of the Christmas season. People wake up early and go shopping on the Friday after Thanksgiving. This year, some stores are opening on Thanksgiving evening but many people think this is too much. Thanksgiving is about spending time with family.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between "make" and "do"? Are they ever interchangeable?

A: "Make" and "do" something is just like gerunds, infinitives, and phrasal verbs. It's vocabulary that you have to memorize. Look

at the examples below and decide which ones take 'do' and which ones take 'make'.

- My sister ___ business in El Salvador.
- She ___ her hair and nails before she travels.
- She never ___ the dishes because she never ___ dinner.
- She always ___ the bed and then ___ coffee.

Quote of the Week

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.

W.T. Purkiser



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