Thanksgiving Potluck

On Saturday, November 21st, we will be holding the 14th 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. This event is our typically our biggest event of the year! The ELI will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday as an International Potluck. ELI staff, teachers, administrators and LAs will bring their traditional Thanksgiving Day food! ELI students are asked to bring a traditional dish from their country for others to enjoy. There will also be volleyball, nature tours, and a bonfire!

When: Saturday, November 21st from 4 pm to 7pm.

Where: Meet at Norman Garage at 3 pm. If you’re driving directly, Little Orange Creek Nature Park (24115 SE Hawthorne Rd, Florida 32640).

What to Bring: Please sign up with the food that you would like to bring on the Activities Board outside Matherly 211. There are signups for Main Course, Side Dish, and Dessert. Please sign up on only one list with the dish you will bring. Make sure to bring a notecard with your name, country, dish name, and ingredients along with your food. Also, label your container and serving spoon, and remember to take it home!

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

Note: No one needs to bring plates, napkins, knives, forks, spoons, cups or drinks. We will provide those!

Next Weekend: No CIP Activity

There is no ELI trip scheduled next week, since we will be in our Midterm Week. Study hard and do well on your exams!

Notes from the Office

Daryl out: Daryl will be out of the office November 16 to November 19. If you need to speak with him, please make an appointment before or after his trip.

Student Voices: Friday is the last day! Send your submissions to mpjimenez@ufl.edu with your name, your RW class, and a title for your submission.

Thanksgiving Holiday: Wednesday, November 25; Thursday, November 26; and Friday, November 27
This Week’s Birthdays

- November 16: Wasan Abdullah
- November 17: Ali Alhayyan
- November 17: Abdulaziz Almutairi
- November 18: Abdullah Alajmi
- November 18: Afnan Alqahtani
- November 19: Lei Shi
- November 19: Hirotaka Tsutsumi
- November 19: Bashayr Alkheilawi
- November 19: Ola Mandorah
- November 20: Abdulaziz Bn Juwed
- November 20: Abdullah Alenzi
- November 20: Feras Alghamdi
- November 23: Haydar Ali
- November 24: Mustafa Alyousif
- November 26: Bayan Sairfi
- November 27: Rashid Alshammari
- November 29: Noor Alabbasi
- November 29: Mohammad Alselily

Quote of the Week

“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.”

John F. Kennedy
Scholarship Nominees

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

Nader Aljohani
Isabel Helene Bonnet
Leonor De Paramo Rivero
Giacamo Di Bella
Nhat Hoang
Xu Jin
Hansol Kim (F)
Chae Young Kim
Daniel Eduardo Matheus
Isabel Molina
Bruno Paulino Sunega
Aidalis Torres
Hirotaka Tsutsumi
Qianwei Zhu

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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.

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.