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The ELI Weekly

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Paintball

Have fun but be safe!

This Saturday, March 17th, we are going to play **Paintball!** Paintball is a popular game in the U.S. People are armed with “guns” and shoot paint at their “enemies” in a wooded setting.

When: Saturday, March 17th from 9 am to 12 pm

Where: First Strike Paintball in Newberry, Florida. We will meet at Norman Garage at 8 am and return around 12:30pm.

Cost: The cost per student is \$17 (cash or credit) for the basic package (200 paintballs) and \$30 for the upgraded package (500 paintballs). This will cover the rental fee for your gun and safety equipment, use of the field, and 200 paint bullets. Bring extra money if you want more paintballs.

What to Bring: Please wear dark clothes, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, and closed-toed shoes that are comfortable for running.

IMPORTANT: Students under 18 should see Nate to pick up a waiver which their parents will need to sign before the trip. Please sign up on the Activities Board by Thursday, March 15th.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be holding our second big **Volunteer Day** of the Spring Semester. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week’s *Weekly*

Notes from the Office

Class Attendance: Remember, your attendance is very, very important. Your teachers are taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day. Many students are already having some issues with absence; if you’re not sure of your absences, you should check with your teachers to make sure you’re not going over the limits.

Student Mailbox: Don’t forget to check the student mailbox in the main office from time to time.

Emails: Remember to check your emails daily. You are receiving messages from your teachers, your LAs, your conversation partners, and the office. Check the junk folder, too!
Expiring I-20s: Even though it’s a bit early, some of your I-20s will be expiring at the end of the semester. If

you want to have your I-20 extended, make an appointment to see Daryl in the ELI Main Office.

Bags and Backpacks

Students, we want to remind you that it’s very important that you keep your bags and backpacks with you at all times—don’t leave them unattended in the hallways, the bathrooms, or even the classroom, even here on the third floor of Norman Hall. While the campus is certainly a relatively safe place, remember that everything is open, and one never knows who might be walking in and out and around the buildings. Teachers, this is also a good time to remind to make sure that you close and lock your offices when you’re not in them!

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from March 12 to March 18:

Students:
March 12: Abdulelah Alhejaili
March 12: Veronica Chacon Marrero
March 13: Sulaiman Buhamad
March 13: Mohammed A.S. Alotaibi
March 14: David Alocen

March 14: Mohammed Alshammari
March 14: Menghan Lee
March 14: Carlos Catilino Tavera
March 16: Mansour Albalawi
March 17: Shurouq Basheer
March 18: Majed Almaleky
March 18: Ali Alqarni

Staff:
March 17: Melina Jimenez

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

*Q: What is the history of St. Patrick's day?
What do people do this day?*

A: St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th because that is the day that Saint Patrick died. Saint Patrick is one of the patron saints of Ireland. On this day, you will see people wearing a lot of green, drinking lots of beer (sometimes also green), and more importantly, singing happy birthday to your ELI Weekly editor.

*Q: Why did we change the clocks yesterday?
What does Daylight Savings mean?*

A: Daylight Savings Time (DST) was started during World War I as a way to save energy by making evenings have more sunlight. It is controversial and not all parts of the US observe DST. Some opponents of DST argue that it actually costs more money. Other countries, such as Australia, Great Britain, and Canada also observe DST, although some places within those countries do not.

Grammar

Q: What is the difference between "do not have" and "have no"?

A: There is no big difference between the two but we generally use "do not have any" more.

Conversational: I don't have any food.
Academic: I have no food.

Q: What's the difference between a simile and a metaphor?

A: They're both used to create an image in reader's mind that compares

things, but the main difference is that a simile uses "like" or "as". Consider these examples. Which one is the simile?

- Friends are angels following you through life.
- Friends are like pillars on your porch. Sometimes they hold you up and sometimes they lean on you.

Q: Is it correct to say, "I have been going to class since 3 days ago?"

A: 100% No. "Since" and "ago" can never be paired.

Quote of the Week

I like nonsense -- it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living. It's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope...and that enables you to laugh at all of life's realities.

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