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Volunteer Day

Help others while helping yourself!

This
Saturday,
March
16th, we

are holding our second major **Volunteer Day** of the spring term. This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment. Below is a description of the volunteer activities going on this weekend.

We will meet at different times. Students, language assistants, teachers, and staff will meet and head to the different sites.

Please sign up on the Activities Board for your choice of activity by 4pm on Thursday, March 14th.

There is no cost to volunteer. Wear old, comfortable clothes and closed shoes. You should bring water to each volunteering activity.

Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs: Guardian Angels trains dogs to assist physically and/or mentally disabled people. We will help clean the area both inside/outside, dog crates, etc. If we are lucky we might also even help out with the dogs or

watch them train. Meet at the Norman Garage at 9:00am.

Gainesville Rabbit Rescue: Help out Gville Rabbit Rescue clean cages and outside facilities. There are animals of all kinds and it will be great to learn about how to save rabbits. You might even get the chance to hold a baby rabbit in your arms! Meet at the Norman Garage at 9:00am.

Little Orange Creek: Help us clean and keep Little Orange Creek beautiful. Learn about plants, animals, weeds, and historical sites like cemeteries. There are many animals such as deer, birds, and even snakes. Meet at the Norman Garage at 11:00am.

Project Downtown Gainesville: Serve food to the homeless. Also interact with English speakers from different cultures. Meet at the Norman Garage at 12:30pm.

Emeritus: Come out to Emeritus and engage the elderly residents with fun conversation and/or games. If you are interested in playing music and have an instrument, please sign up. Let's make this a memorable day! Meet at the Norman Garage at 2:00pm.

If you have any questions about any of the activities, see Chris in the CIP Office, Room 318.

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **Skate Station Funworks!** Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

Student Voices Deadline

Have you been writing a lot in your classes? Submit your paragraphs, essays, stories, recipes and anything else that you'd like to see in print to Student Voices! The deadline is Friday, April 12th. Please remember to include your name, class, and title for the piece. Email your entries for the *Voices* to my email address, mpjimenez@ufl.edu.

Daryl out

Daryl will be out of the office March 13th to March 24th. If you have an immigration issue or questions about college admissions, please try to wait until he returns. If it's an absolute emergency, you can let Jessica know in the office.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from March 11 to March 17:

Students:

March 11: Anna Caolo Triolo
March 11: Abdulmajeed Alomair
March 11: Thamer Alqassem
March 13: Diana Falla-Falla
March 13: Tatiana Urban
March 14: Menghan Lee
March 14: Zahra Hamed
March 14: Juan Mejias Stabilito
March 14: Fahad Al-Remithi
March 15: Meshari Aldoukhi

Staff:

March 17: Melina Jimenez

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Spring B Places of Origin

The following is a list of the many places of origin of our new Spring B students:

Argentina	Libya
Brazil	Qatar
Burkina Faso	Saudi Arabia
China	Taiwan
Colombia	Turkey
France	Venezuela
Korea	Vietnam

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's the difference between "not" and "non"?

A: "Not" is a word that can be put in front of other words. "Non" is a prefix that attaches to the words. They mean the same thing, which is the negative of the word, but you'll need to memorize which words take "non", "un", "dis", "anti" and so on. Be careful, however, since they can have slightly different meanings.

- The children are *not* interested in the case.
- The children are *uninterested* in the case.
- The judge is *disinterested* in the case.

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

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life round.

Leo Buscaglia

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