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End-of-Semester Barbecue

Come join the fun!

On Saturday, April 20th, we are holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Ginnie Springs!** This is a chance to celebrate the end of the semester with your classmates, language assistants, teachers, family, and friends at Ginnie Springs while enjoying a barbecue lunch, which will be served around 12:30pm. After eating, have fun tubing or canoeing, playing soccer, volleyball, and other games. This is the last weekend activity this semester, so don't miss it!

When: Saturday, April 20th. We will meet at Norman Garage at 11:00am. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return, probably around 4pm.

Who: All ELI students, staff, family, and friends are invited.

Cost: Entrance into the park is \$10.00 plus tax. Make sure to say "I'm with the ELI" when you pay! The barbecue is FREE and delicious! Tube rental is \$6 plus tax and please return your own tube. Canoes can also be rented.

Transportation: This is a carpool trip. Ginnie Springs is about a 45-minute drive from Gainesville. You **MUST SIGN UP** on the Activities Board by 4pm Thursday, April 18th. *If you are driving your own car- you must sign up on the activities board so we can order food for you!! Also, sign up any friends and family members that you are bringing with you!*

What to Bring: Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel! Also bring sunscreen. If you want to rent a tube or canoe you will also need an ID and credit card. Most

importantly, bring an appetite for good food and fun!

What Not to Bring: No Pets. Also please remember that there is NO alcohol at ELI events.

The Next "Trip"

On Friday, April 26th, we will be holding our **ELI Spring 2013 Commencement Ceremony.** Details will be in next week's *Weekly*.

UF Libraries ReadFest

We are so proud to announce that the students of Reading/Writing 50 and Ms. Debbie Kellermann made a beautiful Wizard of Oz cake and won! Congratulations! Listening Speaking 51 and 54 students also read at the Fest. Awesome work!

St. Francis Food Drive

If you are leaving the country at the end of the semester, you may have a lot of personal belongings that you will want to get rid of. Donate it to St. Francis House and help the homeless and hungry in Gainesville. Here is what you can donate:

Unopened Food: Rice, mayonnaise, canned goods, peanut butter, coffee, juice

Clean Clothes: T-shirts, jeans, shorts, towels and washcloths (new or used), laundry detergent (powder or liquid), bleach
Home Items: Garbage bags, dish soap, floor cleaner, Windex, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, disposable plastic cups and plates

If you have a donation, please bring it to Norman 318. We will be accepting donations until April 25th. Thank you!

Scholarship Winners

Please join me in congratulating the winners of the Scholarships for the Summer 2013 semester.

The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship: Devora Canedo Garcia

The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship: Aisbeth Martinez Campos

Congratulations as well to the other nominees:

Mohamad Alrashidi
Marcus Bides Silvestre de Lima
Kyoungchan Chang
Dohyeon Kim
Eun Jeong Na

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 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 and winners to learn how else to become an excellent student.

Reminders from the Office

Want to move to the next level in your classes? Take the CELT on Tuesday or Wednesday, take and pass the final exams in your classes, do the classwork, speak English, and of course, go to class.

Owe the infirmary or library any money? Please pay it or we won't be able to give you the commencement packet.

Returning for Summer C? Check in online between May 9 and May 14, 2013. The check-in link will be available on May 9th on the ELI homepage. You can also check in by phone, fax, email or in person. Please only check in once!

If you do not check in on time, there will be a \$100 fee and you may not be permitted to enroll.

Going home and want to return to the US? You must have your I-20 signed in the ELI Main Office (Room 315) in order to be allowed back into the country!

Taking a vacation semester? You must speak with Daryl by April 26, 2013.

Transferring to another school? If you're not returning for Summer C, you'll need to show Daryl your letter of acceptance to the new school before June 25th so he can release your I-20 to that program.

Returning for Summer B? You must see Daryl by April 26th to request a change from "terminated" to "active" status in SEVIS.

Expiring I20? Talk to Daryl before it expires.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period April 15 to April 21, plus one I missed:

Students:

April 4: Sada Compaore
 April 15: Nahar Alotaibi
 April 15: Amina Almarbie
 April 16: Suaad Alghamdi
 April 16: Hussanai Luangthanarak
 April 17: Xun Xue
 April 17: Abdullah T. Almutairi
 April 18: Eduard Fajardo Camelo
 April 18: Adnan Marafi
 April 20: Clara Manrique

Staff:

None this week!

Manners and Culture

Q: What does the name "America" mean?

A: It's a mapmaker's mistake. Back in the age of exploration, there was an Italian

explorer named Amerigo Vespucci. A mapmaker in the 16th Century mistook the label on a trace of his route to the new world as a label for the new world, and the mistake has been duplicated ever since. Some historians dispute this account, but it's still among the most widely credited theories.

Q: Why do Americans ignore grammar rules when speaking?

A: Nearly everyone does, to some extent. This is how we create slang and idiom and how language evolves over time. Language is not a static, unchanging thing. It lives because it's spoken by a nearly infinite variety of people with a nearly infinite variety of thoughts and ideas. Think about it. When you speak in your native language with your friends, does it sound exactly like the language you are formally taught in school? Does it sound like the exact same language that your grandparents or even your parents use when they speak to their friends? My motto is, learn the rules and then learn how to break them, so you can sound more like a native speaker!

Grammar

Q: What does the future perfect express?

A: That one action will be completed *before* a fixed point or another action in the future. Look at the examples below. Which action happens first?

- I will have sent a message to my friends by the time I get to my country.
- The essay will have been finished when I get to class tomorrow.

Quote of the Week

A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

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