This coming weekend, Saturday, February 28th, there is no scheduled ELI trip. Just in case you aren’t already aware of it, our Spring Break is next week! If you do not yet have any plans for Spring Break, we have some suggestions for you.

If you are staying in Gainesville, there are lots of cool things to do!

If you like being outdoors, check out:
- Devil’s Millhopper State Geological Site
- Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
- Walking in Paynes Prairie
- Biking on the Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail
- Canoeing on the Ichetuknee River

If you like museums, check out:
- Harn Museum of Art
- Florida Museum of Natural History
- Matheson Museum

If you want to eat some local food, try:
- Mac’s Drive-Thru (burgers)
- Yummy House (Chinese)
- Humble Pie (pizza – food truck)
- Midnight Cookies (cookies)

If you have a car, make sure to check out the little towns and larger cities nearby:
- Ocala
- High Springs
- Miami
- Atlanta
- Savannah
- Jacksonville
- Cedar Key
- Orlando
- Tampa
- St. Petersburg

Check out some of the web links below for some information about traveling or things to do here in Florida.

- www.visitgainesville.com
- www.visitflorida.com

Here is a good Internet resource to help you locate last-minute hotel and flight reservations.

- www.kayak.com

If you’re planning on renting a car, be sure to call all of the companies in town to check on the available rates.

**Reminders:**
- Missing any classes on the Friday before Spring Break or the Monday after do count toward total absences.
- If you started in March 2014 or before and you plan on leaving the country, stop by the ELI Main office to get your I-20 signed.
- Canada, Mexico, anything involving cruises, and your home countries all require a signed I-20 and your passport.

**Friday Activity**
This Friday, we will be going to see the gymnastics team at the O’Connell Center. We’ll meet outside of Gate 1 by the clock tower at 6:15. It’s the Gators Link to Pink vs. Kentucky so they’re giving away pink T-shirts to the first 2,000 fans. It’s free but remember to bring your Gator1.
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.

**Special Announcement**

Camilo Bernal Rodriguez, of Colombia, won the first Reading/Writing 47 Spelling Bee Gold Medal. Congratulations, Camilo.

Alberto Iguaran Bolivar, also of Colombia, won the Silver Medal. Better luck next time, Alberto!

**Notes from the Office**

**RTS:** From February 28th to March 8th, RTS will have reduced city service for Spring Break. If you’re staying in Gainesville, make sure to check the RTS website so you’ll know when the bus is coming. www.go-rts.com

**Lost and Found:** We have a small collection of items in the ELI Main office. If you lost something in Matherly, please check if it’s there.

**Talent Show:** Sign up for group acts and the art show and start practicing over the break!

**Manners and Culture**

**Q:** What is the polite action when you first meet people?

**A:** Look them in the eyes and say, “It’s nice to meet you.” Older people will also shake hands but this isn’t as common among younger Americans, especially in informal settings.

**Q:** If I look at an American for more than 5 seconds, why do they say, “Hi, how you doing?”? I don’t know them so maybe it’s normal.

**A:** There might be two reasons for this: They are being polite and really saying hello. Or maybe because you are staring at them, they are being impolite and making you aware that you are staring at them. Try not to stare at people.

**Grammar**

**Q:** What’s the difference between most and almost?

**A:** Almost is an adverb and most is an adjective. You cannot use almost in front of a noun.

- Correct: All students speak English
- Correct: Most students ride the bus.
- Incorrect: Almost all students take grammar class.

**Q:** When do I use little and few?

**A:** A little and a few mean a small (yet sufficient) amount. Little and few mean an amount so small that it’s not enough.

- I have a little money so I can go out but I can’t do much.
- I have little money so I can’t go out.

**Q:** What’s different between lots of and a lot of?

**A:** Very little, actually. Lots of is a tiny bit less formal than a lot of, but it’s a very minor distinction. Both are more common in spoken English than much or many in a positive statement.

**Word of the Week**

**distinction** – (Adj) a difference or contrast between similar things or people

**Quote of the Week**

Too much work, too much vacation, too much of any one thing is unsound.

**Walter Annenberg**