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The ELI Weekly

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ELI Talent Show

It's going to be a blast!

The day has finally come! The 4th Annual ELI Talent Show will be on Friday, March 25th in the University Auditorium. There will be dancing, singing, and acting so prepared to be entertained! Bring your conversation partners, your friends, and your families.

When: Friday, March 25th at 8pm, doors open at 7:30pm

Where: University Auditorium

Cost: Free!

Talent Show Rehearsals

We will be holding two rehearsals for the Talent Show. **It is very important that you go to these meetings.** We're going to run through the show with the stagehands and MCs.

Rehearsal 2:

When: Tuesday, March 22nd, 5-7pm

Where: Anderson 34

What to bring: Your instruments and music.

Dress Rehearsal:

When: Friday, March 25th, 5-7pm

Where: University Auditorium

What to bring: Wear your costumes, instruments, and anything else you need.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask Nate, Tate, or Greg.

Weekday Activities

The following is our regular afternoon activity schedule. Please check the Activities Board from time to time to see if there are any changes.

Day/Time	Activity	Location/Cost
Monday 7-10pm	Monday Mixer (Anna)	Meet at the Reitz Union Game Room. Free!
Tuesday 7-10pm	Soccer (Nathaniel)	Meet at Norman Field. Free!
Tuesday 7-10pm	Lollicup (Jes)	Meet at Lollicup on 34 th Street to play board games. Bring about \$5 for beverages.
Wednesday 7-10pm	Smoothie Talk (JP)	Meet at the Tropical Smoothie on Archer Road. Bring about \$5 for food or drinks.
Thursday 7-10pm	Volleyball (Kaitlyn)	Meet at Lexington Crossing. Free!
Friday 7-10pm	Café Friday (Danielle)	Meet at Starbucks on Archer Road to talk with friends. Bring about \$5 for coffee or food.

Important: Café Friday is CANCELLED this week due to the talent show!

The Next Trip

Saturday, April 2nd, we will be going to **St. Augustine**. This is a bus trip so you'll need to purchase a pass from Nate in the CIP office between 9am and 12:30pm, starting Monday, March 21st. Bring \$20, exact change, and your Gator 1 ID to get your bus pass! Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and will be in next week's *Weekly*.

Reminders from the Office

Daryl & Emily out: Daryl will be on vacation from March 22nd through March 25th. He will return next week. Emily will be on vacation from March 21st through March 29th. She will return on Wednesday, March 30th.

If you have any questions, you can ask the Main Office staff or make an appointment to see Daryl or Emily next week.

Undergraduate Admissions Workshop: Don't forget: a representative from Santa Fe College will be here with information about the admissions process. The workshop will be Tuesday, March 22nd from 5:30 to 6:30pm in Matherly 214.

Student Voices: Email your writing to christinevoigt@ufl.edu by **Friday, April 1st**. Please remember to include your name, class, and title for the piece.

Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of March 21 to March 27:

Students:

March 22: Hamed Alsherea

March 24: Ana Michelena

March 25: Jose Iglesias Colina

March 26: Turki Salem

Staff:

March 26: Grazyna Drzazga

Happy Birthday, everyone!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do Americans say excuse me when they pass by you in the store?

A: It is a way to be polite and maybe to give notice that they are going to pass by you. Also, saying *excuse me* is a much nicer way to say *get out of the way*. Typically, the usual response is *I'm sorry*.

Q: Why do Americans care a lot about punctuality?

A: Americans respect their and others time. When they make an appointment, they find it important to be on time. It is a show of respect. If you are late, you are saying that your time is more important than their time.

Q: Why do the bathroom doors in America have a gap? No privacy!

A: I have no idea. Most Americans don't realize that this is unusual compared to other places.

Q: I asked someone "how old are you?" and they told me that it's rude. Why is this rude?

A: Age is considered a taboo topic that some Americans are uncomfortable discussing, especially a woman's age. Other taboo topics that you should not ask about are weight, why someone doesn't have children, why they aren't married, and how much money they make at their job. Many of the taboo topics deal with money and numbers.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between to people and for people?

It depends on the context. *To* can mean that it's going towards someone. *For* can mean that it's being done as a favor. Here are some examples. Can you tell what the difference is?

- David threw the ball to Scott.
- David threw the ball for Scott.
- I'm donating this money to the organization.
- I'm donating this money for the organization.

Q: What is the difference between kind, sort, and type?

A: *Type* is the most specific and clearly defined of the three. *Sort* is used more often with people. However, *sort* and *kind* are used more freely, although there is overlap with all three. *Sort* and *kind* are generally followed by *of*; we don't make compound nouns with them. See the examples below:

Type: blood type, personality types, skin type

Sort: What sort of person is he?

Kind: What kind of dog is that?

Incorrect: blood sort, blood kind, dog kind

Words of the Week

Look for these words in this *Weekly!*

taboo (___) – A topic that is generally not talked about

Collocates: social, cultural, religious, break, consider

rehearsal (N) - _____

Collocates: musical, daily, dress, performance

Quote of the Week

I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.

Albert Einstein



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