This Sunday evening, the ELI will be attending Gainesville’s annual Independence Day celebration: Fanfare & Fireworks! Come enjoy music, food vendors, and fireworks with your ELI friends! This is a wonderful way to experience an important tradition in the United States.

**When:** Sunday, July 3rd from 7-10 p.m. LAs will pick up students from their apartments at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Flavet Field on UF campus

**What to Bring:** A blanket to sit on, a packed meal for dinner or money for food, and bug repellent.

**Important!** Since the buses aren’t running, LAs will pick up students at their apartments. Therefore, it’s important that you sign up by 4:00pm on Thursday, June 30th on the Activities Board or [Eventbrite](http://go-rts.com/). If you have a car, you can go straight to Flavet field and park on campus.

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**Notes From the Office**

**Independence Day:** Monday, July 4th, is Independence Day. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed. RTS buses will be running on Holiday Service this day – check [http://go-rts.com/](http://go-rts.com/) for the schedule.

**I-20s Expiring:** If you started at the ELI in Fall C 2015, your I-20 is going to expire on August 16. If you want to continue studying at the ELI in Fall C 2016, you must see Daryl before August 16 to renew your I-20. If you don’t, you’ll need to leave the country.

**Midterm Reports:** This week, your teachers will be giving you feedback on how you are doing in the class. Please remember that their suggestions are a guide to help you progress through the term and achieve the student learning outcomes for your classes. Please make sure you save your midterm forms from your teacher in case you have any questions or in case you need any letters of progress from Patti.

**B-Term Deadlines:** The deadline for new B-term students to pay tuition, submit proof of insurance and immunizations, and drop or add a class is Wednesday, June 29th. If you miss this deadline, go to the Main Office immediately to complete these requirements!

**Scholarship Students:** If you plan on returning for the Fall C 2016 semester, please make sure to extend your financial guarantee for the entire semester and submit it by September 8th, 2016. If you have any questions, talk to Christine Kunkle in Matherly 223.

**Daryl Out:** Daryl will be out of the office next week Wednesday-Friday. If you need to see him, make an appointment in the main office.

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**The Next Activity**

Saturday, July 9th, will be the second Volunteer Day of the semester. Details will be on the Activities Board and in next week’s *Weekly.*

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**Quote of the Week**

Everything you want is on the other side of fear.

*Jack Canfield*
Our #humansoftheELI this week is Jieun Kim (Christal) from South Korea! She has some great words of wisdom for us. “I think it’s important to not make assumptions about other people and to really try to respect their culture. Many times, people have asked me if I’m Chinese or Japanese because they think everyone from Asia is the same. But I’m Korean and that is very important to me. People assume that because South Korea is near North Korea, it is a war zone and unsafe place, but this is not true. We are a very peaceful country and we feel very safe there. I’ve never even seen a gun in my life. My culture is also very different from the cultures I see here. I feel uncomfortable when people greet me the first time with a hug or kiss on the cheek. In our culture, it’s respectful to greet with a bow or a handshake. My advice to others is to always ask first and not stereotype people or assume things about them. We should always respect each other’s cultures and differences.”

Word of the Week

What does this word mean? What is the part of speech? Can you think of other word forms?

*Independence* (__,) ________________
B-Term Places of Origin

Last week, our new B-term students arrived and were placed into classes. Here is a list of their many places of origin:

Brazil  Peru  
China  Saudi Arabia  
Colombia  South Korea  
Congo  Turkey  
Gaza Strip  United States  
Iran  Venezuela  
Iraq  West Bank

Make sure to say ‘Hi’ and welcome the new students you meet this week!

Manners & Culture

Q: With so many people killed by drunk drivers, why don’t Americans ban alcohol?

A: The US banned alcohol from 1920 to 1933, which we call Prohibition. However, Prohibition also caused organized criminal activity to increase. In addition, many citizens saw the law as unfair to the working class because they were the ones who got in trouble more often. The government also saw an opportunity to tax alcohol sales to increase money. For these reasons, the law became very unpopular and it was reversed. Now, all states have the same law: you can’t drive if your blood alcohol level (BAC) is over 0.08. Some states have much stricter laws to protect against drunk drivers.

Grammar

Q: How is it possible to talk about something in the future that will be past before the future comes?

A: You will have learned a lot of English by the time you graduate. We call this Future Perfect.

Q: How would I punctuate this sentence?
   One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas

A: One morning, I shot an elephant in my pajamas. Just add a comma to separate the time expression from the rest of the sentence. However, it’s unclear who is wearing the pajamas. You would have to rewrite the sentence to make sure the elephant was not in your PJs.

Birthdays!

The following are ELI birthdays from June 28 to July 4

Students:
   June 28: Abdullah Albalaa
   June 28: Hassan Alsufyani
   June 29: Taeran Baek
   June 29: Ting You
   June 30: Hamoud Sufyani
   July 1: Abdulrahman Alhudaif
   July 1: Zera Murtazaieva
   July 2: Sara Almousa
   July 2: Ahmed Makharesh
   July 3: Ahmed Ghazwani

Staff:
   June 27: Amanda Catron

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