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ELI CLASSES WILL NOT BE HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH



ATTENTION TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

THE ORIENTATION EXPRESS GOES GREEN!

Starting with **next week's** issue, the Orientation Express will not be distributed in class anymore—you can view it online! Teachers will still receive copies in their mailboxes, and both 189 W. Main St. and Alison Hall will have additional extra copies. You can view the newsletter online by visiting this link: <http://www.udel.edu/eli/orex.pdf>. The newsletter will be available on Thursdays.

**WASHINGTON, DC
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH**



There are still a few seats left for the Washington, DC trip. Sign up **NOW** for at the ELI Cashier's Window from 2-5pm

There will be a **\$20 CASH ONLY** refundable deposit required. Please bring your receipt with you on the trip—this deposit will be returned to you on the bus on the day of the trip. The bus will leave ELI at 8am and leave Washington D.C. at approximately 6pm.

Events This Session

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- * FREE Washington DC Trip 8am-6pm
NO CLASSES HELD

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- * Language Partner Meet & Greet 4:30pm at the ELI

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

- * ELI Electronic Course Fair Begins. Read about courses for next session on the ELI home page.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

- * Walk to White Clay Creek State Park 2pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

- * Lancaster Outlets—8am-6pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

- * Apple Orchard and Hayride 1:30pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

- * New York City 7am-7pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- * TOEFL Exam 1pm-3:30PM
- * EAPV Exam 3:45pm-5pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

- * Deadline for poster design submissions

The Language Partner Program

This Monday, September 28th, the Language Partner Program will be hosting their traditional Meet & Greet event! It will start at 4:30pm at the ELI Main Building outside on the porch and grounds.

It will be a potluck picnic—so that means everyone brings something!

If your last name begins with:

- A—F bring drinks
- G—L bring main dishes
- M—R bring chips/snacks
- S—Z bring desserts

It will be a great opportunity to meet with your language partner, as well as to meet

other people in the group!

If you do not yet have a language partner and would like to sign up, please e-mail your request to: elilanguagepartner@gmail.com



**INTENTION FORMS
AND
VIRTUAL COURSE FAIR**



Look for Intention Forms to be passed out in class by Friday, September 25th. You must complete and return the form by Friday October 9th This form tells the ELI if you are continuing or not.

If you are in Levels III, IV, V or VI, you can begin choosing your courses for next session at our online Current Student Portal. Go to the ELI website and click on "Students" and then "Current Students". This takes you to the "Current Student Portal". Under "Intention Forms", you will see "Course Fair". Click on "Course Fair" and begin making your choices!

**AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM
DR. STEVENS
ENGLISH ONLY POLICY**

Dear Students,

Last May, ELI students voted overwhelmingly to approve an "English only" policy. This means that only English may be spoken in all ELI buildings and in all University buildings where ELI classes are held. There are two important reasons for students' approving this policy:

1. We all work hard to create a community of learning where everyone feels a part of the ELI family. When someone speaks in his own language, other students from other language backgrounds feel left out, and, sometimes, they feel offended.
2. You have all made a great investment of your time and money to be here. The more you use English, the faster you will learn it. So the policy is for your benefit.

Old habits are hard to break. We understand that. I can promise you that ELI teachers, tutors, and staff will always be kind and encouraging when reminding students about the policy. Our goal is to strengthen the ELI learning community by bringing everyone closer through a shared language. We thank ELI students for following this policy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stevens,
ELI Director

***ELI Scholarships -
Available Now!***



Each session, the ELI has a limited number of scholarships available for qualified students. These scholarships are awarded based on financial need and academic performance.

To qualify for a scholarship, you must have an I-20 that **expires at the end of this session**. You must complete a scholarship application and demonstrate financial need by showing your bank statements or credit card statements for the past **two months**. You must also write a supervised essay *in the ELI Library* and ask your teachers to complete a recommendation form.

See Wendy at the ELI front desk for a scholarship application. The application deadline is Friday, October 2nd. Please be sure that you meet all scholarship requirements before applying.

Poster Contest

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!!



We are sponsoring a poster design contest—with big prizes! The ELI is asking students to create posters that creatively encourage students to do one of the following:

1. *Speak only English in class and out of class,*
2. *Read and/or write extensively,*
3. *Make friends with students from other countries*
4. *Join UD clubs, attend UD events, or participate in intramural sports,*
5. *show respect, patience, and kindness toward others—especially those from other cultures and religions*
6. *Participate in language partner, host family, or homestay family programs*
7. *Do all homework*
8. *Stay healthy: get enough sleep, exercise regularly, eat well—and/or avoid drugs and alcohol*

There will be first prizes of \$250 for each category (two prizes for the category of speaking English)—17 scholarship winners in all. However, first and second prize winners will also be framed and hung throughout ELI buildings.

The prizes will be given as scholarships to be applied for the next session of study. Winners who graduate this session will receive a non-cash prize of equal value.

Dr. Stevens and two faculty members will serve as judges for the contest. Creativity and artistry will be important criteria. All submissions must use poster-sized paper (approximately 1 meter tall by .5 meter wide).

Deadline for all submissions: October 19. Winners will be announced at the ELI graduation on Thursday, October 22.

You must draw to win!

Sammy Safety Says...



It's Fall season—so be sure to get your Flu shot!

Influenza vaccinations are now available at Student Health. This vaccine will not protect you against H1N1 (swine) influenza but will protect you against other types of influenza during the coming flu season.

Students can book an appointment online by accessing the following Web site:

<http://www.udel.edu/shs/seasonalflu.html>

Students can also make an appointment by phone by calling (302)831-2226, Option 1, during regular business hours.

The charge to students for seasonal influenza vaccine is \$13.

The **TOEFL Exam** will be on October 16th 2009 from 1:00pm—3:30pm. The location will be given when you register.

You can register at the ELI Cashier's Window between 2-5pm on weekdays. The cost is \$35.00.



The **EAPV Exam** will be right after the TOEFL exam on October 16th 2009 from 3:34pm—5:00pm in Willard Hall room 006. You can also register for this at the ELI Cashier's Window—registration is free.

Parking Warning!

Students are **NOT** permitted to park at the Amstel Square parking lot. If you park your car there, it will be towed, and you will have to pay to get it back.



Recycling at UD

The blue "trash cans" are for **recycling only!** However, it can be mixed: cardboard (not including food!), office paper (not confidential!), & glass or plastic bottles. Do NOT include newspaper, magazines, Tyvek envelopes, napkins, Kleenex, or food wrappers.

If we work together, we can make a difference at UDI!

The **Orientation Express** is the **English Language Institute's** weekly newsletter. It contains news about ELI trips and activities, UD campus events, administrative deadlines, and much more. Please submit any newsletter content to **Amanda Stevens** by noon on Monday, September 28th.