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Foodie Fun

CIES goes to Lake Ella

There has been a very popular trend over the last few years. Food trucks are becoming a popular dining option all over the United States. Food trucks usually have smaller menus than other restaurants, and they usually specialize in a very particular kind of foods. Food trucks are mobile, and they might appear in different neighborhoods in the city on different days. Food trucks are small, so they do not have much room for a refrigerator. As a result, food at food trucks tends to be very fresh and often healthy as well. As many of you know, there's a Filipino food truck located right next to CIES.

There is a food truck tradition here in Tallahassee. Many of the food trucks gather around Lake Ella every Thursday evening. Lake Ella is a beautiful lake in the center of Tallahassee. Families will go to try many different varieties of food, and they will often have a picnic there as well. Some of the various food trucks at Lake Ella sell food such as shrimp, **barbecue**, and even cupcakes!

This Thursday CIES will be attending Food Truck Thursday. **We are going to meet here at CIES Thursday at 6pm and then head over to Lake Ella.** Please bring money for food. You may also want to bring a blanket to sit on as you eat dinner. There will also be music being performed. This is a fun activity for everyone!

Getting to Know: Candace Walters

Candace Walters, like Kyle Kaminski, comes from Melbourne, Florida. However, unlike Kyle, she lived near the beach in Satellite Beach – she's a "beach girl". Candace was born in Germany because her dad was in the military. (However, Candace doesn't speak any German.) She spent most of her



childhood in Florida. Candace is a middle child – she has one older brother, one older sister, and one younger sister. Candace's mom is from Korea, and her dad is from New York. While growing up, she was shy and really loved to read books. She also played the flute in the **marching band**. Her favorite class was Latin. She loved learning the Latin language and even competed with other students to test her Latin knowledge. She came to Florida State to study Japanese and Business in 2006. She spent an entire year in Japan while she was in college. While in Japan, she worked at an English Café and spent time tutoring students in English. While she was there, she developed a love of teaching and loved meeting international students. After being in Japan, she got a TESOL certificate and then spent a year teaching at an elementary school in Korea. While she was living in Korea, she got to spend a lot of time with her grandmother that doesn't speak any English. When she got back from Korea in 2011, she really **hit the ground running** and started

working as a TA at CIES. She graduated less than a year later, and she's been here at CIES ever since! She's been engaged to her fiancé Alex for two years, and they will be getting married in December. One of the biggest loves of her life is her dog Butterbeer. Since Candace is such a big reader, she named her dog after a drink in the Harry Potter books. Candace loves her job and wishes to thank all of her awesome students.

Notes from the Office

* If you are a sponsored (scholarship) student, make sure we have a scholarship letter on file for Fall II session, which starts in October. If we do not have this letter, you will not be able to start class on time.

** We have 32 students who have low attendance this session. Those of you who are on probation run the risk of having your I-20 terminated. Those of you who are not on probation will be on probation next semester. Look on myCIES regularly to check your attendance.

*** If you have registered to attend classes Fall II and change your mind, please go see the front office. It is important that we know if you are planning to leave.

Special Thank You!

Claire, Lacey, and Michelle wish to send a special thank to all of you for being so polite and patient. We have some of the best students here at CIES, and they are very grateful to you all!

Happy Birthday

Joshua Valentine (September 15)
Abdullah Aljarboa (September 18)
Mahmoud Ammoum (September 19)
Abdullah Aldawsari (September 21)
Samhan Aldawsari (September 22)

Oops..a happy belated birthday to:
Rocio Lopez (September 6)

Culture Questions

Question: Why don't more people bike in Tallahassee?

This is an excellent question! Some of you may see fewer bikes in Tallahassee than you are used to in your home country. Others of you may not see many bikes in your home countries. For the most part, biking is not a major form of **transportation** in the United States. In many university towns, there will be many people on bikes because the population is younger and bikes are a quick way to move around a crowded college campus. For example, if you visit the University of Florida in Gainesville (2 hours from Tallahassee), you will find that many thousands of people bike to work or school every day. Even though

Tallahassee has a major university, you will not find as many people riding a bike because a lot of the streets aren't designed to have bike traffic. Many drivers will be impatient with cyclists, and it makes it dangerous to bike in some places. Also, unlike other cities, Tallahassee has a lot of large hills, which makes it more difficult to bike. However, riding a bike is good for the environment and excellent for your health. If you want to learn more about biking in Tallahassee, talk to either Jen Dickinson or Josh Valentine – they will **give you the scoop**.

Question: What is Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?

There is a very large Jewish population here in Florida. There are two very important Jewish holidays in September. Rosh Hashanah began on Sunday September 13, and Yom Kippur begins next Tuesday September 22. Rosh Hashanah is the celebration of the Jewish new year. Yom Kippur, always 10 days later, is a day of fasting and asking for forgiveness of your **sins**. After Yom Kippur, there is usually a feast after the fast. These are the most important holidays on



the Jewish calendar, and you will probably see some stores that are selling food to celebrate this holiday.

Language Question

Question: Is it toward or towards? (question courtesy of Fabian Roldan)

Both are correct. 'Towards' means 'in the direction of.' The opposite of towards is away. However, you can use both the word toward and towards – they mean the exact same thing. In many other English-speaking countries, the word 'towards' is more common. In America, they are equally as common. Perhaps just choose one you like better and use it. ☺

Quote of the Week

The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively.

- Bob Marley



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This week's vocabulary:

barbecue (also barbeque or BBQ) (noun) – an event where food (usually meat) is cooked on a wood fire

marching band (noun) – a large group of people who play musical instruments and march in special formations

to hit the ground running (idiom) – to start doing something right away without delay (often when you start a new job)

belated (adjective) – something that is later than usual

transportation (noun) – a method of getting or traveling from one place to another

give someone the scoop (idiom) – to provide someone with news, information, or details about something

sin (noun) – doing something that is wrong or not doing something that is right (used in a religious context)