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Football at FSU

Fall's biggest sport starts on Monday!

As most of you know, football is the most popular college sport in the United States. As a matter of fact, for many people college football is more popular than professional sports. Even though college football earns Florida State many millions of dollars a year, the athletes who participate are not paid. (They aren't paid because they are all FSU students.) In the United States, athletics in college is considered a time of 'preparation' for professional athletes. Therefore, you will rarely see a professional athlete in the United States who is younger than about 21 or 22 years old. This may seem strange to people who come from another country.

There are only six home games a year at FSU, so you should all try to attend some of these games! You can often buy tickets online or hear from friends who may be selling their tickets. Here are the dates of FSU football games this year, and which college we play each game:

- Saturday September 10:**
Charleston Southern University
- Saturday October 1:**
University of North Carolina
- Saturday October 15:**
Wake Forest University
- Saturday October 29:**
Clemson University **
- Friday November 11:**
Boston College
- Saturday November 26:**
University of Florida **

**** The Clemson and Florida games will be hard to get tickets for!**

For those of you who will be here next session, CIES will be attending a game. Until then, Go Noles!

Soccer this Friday – FSU vs. University of Florida

Another very important sport at FSU is soccer. FSU has one of the best women's soccer teams in the nation! They routinely win most of their games. Last year they won 18 games and only lost 4. The year before that, they were the best team in the nation! The team is very popular, and the soccer field is always very crowded when they play.



CIES will meet over at the soccer field at 5pm, and we will get a special tour of the soccer field! We will find a really good place to sit. After that, the game will begin at 7pm. There are many types of food and concessions available at the game in case you get hungry. Don't forget to wear garnet and gold and cheer on the FSU soccer team against the University of Florida!

Welcome to Hunter Pelt

At CIES, we love getting new teachers. Every teacher has a different personality. Hunter Pelt is starting to teach at CIES this

session. However, Hunter is no stranger to CIES! He served as a TA for Andrew Wilson last year, and he has helped out many classes here at CIES. He has worked with students at every level, and he has served as a tutor, a conversation partner, and a friend for many. Many of you may know that Hunter speaks Arabic. He studied both French and Arabic at FSU, and he graduated with his Bachelor's degree in May. Now he is earning a Master's



Hunter Pelt pictured with former CIES student Eder Bermudez, from Ecuador

Degree in Education. He already knows everyone at CIES, and now he is excited to work with many

students. Hunter grew up in Crawfordville near Tallahassee, and he went to high school in Chiefland, a small town a couple of hours away from Tallahassee. He came to FSU in 2013, and he has been involved with many things at FSU. In addition to Hunter's fantastic abilities with language, he is also a talented musician. You will sometimes hear him playing the flute here at CIES. Hunter spends most of his time teaching and studying, but when he's not he likes reading, fishing, kayaking, and just spending time outdoors. We are happy to have Hunter as a teacher here at CIES, and we know that he is already a very important part of our CIES family.

Where are we from?

We have students from all over the world here! These are the countries that are represented this session:

Bangladesh	Brazil
Burkina Faso	China
Colombia	Costa Rica
Cote D'Ivoire	Honduras
Dominican Republic	India
Indonesia	Japan
Jordan	Kuwait
Libya	Mali
Mauritania	Mexico
Niger	Oman
Pakistan	Russia
Saudi Arabia	South Korea
Thailand	Turkey
United Arab Emirates	Vietnam
USA	

This week's awesome birthdays

Due to a computer problem, we missed out on birthdays from last week. (Our apologies!) Here are the CIES students celebrating birthdays this week and last week.

Rodrigo Lage (August 26)
Mashaal Alkhudhari (August 31)
Ghaleb Aldousari (September 5)
Claire Sipple (September 5)

Culture Question

Question: What is Labor Day and why is it celebrated?

Answer: As many of you know, next **Monday (September 5) is a holiday and we will not have classes at CIES.** The reason is that Monday is Labor Day. **Labor** is a word that means 'work.' Labor Day celebrates all of the workers in the United States, and it is a special day off for those workers. Many years ago, workers in the United States did not have many **rights**. They would work long hours, and they would not get paid very much money. Many workers also worked in factories or had jobs that were very dangerous. Nowadays, jobs in the United States are much safer, and people often get paid well in construction and manufacturing jobs.

In other countries the day celebrating workers is May Day (May 1). However, many years ago, workers would choose this day to protest and this sometimes got violent. As a result, the US government chose a new holiday to be the first Monday in September. It became a holiday in the United States in 1894.

Also, Labor Day symbolizes the end of summer. A lot of people may spend the weekend doing summer activities because the weather will start getting cooler in a few weeks. Even though school has already started in Florida, throughout many parts of the country, school for children starts right after Labor Day. Whatever you choose to do, we hope you enjoy your Labor Day, and you return to class refreshed and ready to learn! ☺

Language Question

Question: When I'm writing numbers, do I use commas or periods?

This is an excellent question, and you'll notice that the way we write numbers in the United States is different from other countries.

Commas are used to **separate** larger numbers. The rule in English is that there is a comma after every three numbers. For example, the number of students at FSU is 42000. We would write that number as 42,000. In Florida there are over 20000000 (20 million) people. We would write that number 20,000,000. However, if a number is only 4 digits long, we can write it with or without a comma. (Most common way is to write it without!) 8,311 or 8311 (more common).

Periods (decimals) are used to separate whole numbers from parts of a number. 14.7 or 12,301.79 are two examples of numbers with decimals. We also pronounce the decimal as 'point.' For example 14.7 is pronounced 'fourteen point seven' and 12,301.79 is pronounced 'twelve thousand three hundred and one point seven nine.'

Practice saying these numbers:

* 35,000	* 6212
*17.51	*84.25

Quote of the Week

It is the working man who is the happy man. It is the **idle man who is the miserable man.**

- Benjamin Franklin



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This week's vocabulary:

athlete (noun) – a person who plays a sport
routinely (adverb) – something that happens often, usually, or regularly
labor (noun) – relating to work
rights (noun) – things that guarantee a person's happiness or freedom; things all humans should have
to separate (verbs) – to take two things and divide them or put them apart
idle (adjective) – no working; lazy; still; not moving