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Food Truck Thursday

A fun Tallahassee tradition

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!

Due to the possibility of bad weather, we will be no longer be having a CIES trip to Food Truck Thursday this week. However, this is something that happens every week in Tallahassee, so you should plan to visit with your

friends and family. When you go, you may also want to bring a blanket to sit on as you eat dinner. There is also live music being performed. This is a fun activity for everyone!

Be a part of Nole News

As was mentioned a few weeks ago, Nole News is going to start **profiling** some of our CIES students. Many of you have really fascinating life stories! We have CIES students who are doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, and many of you have travelled all over the world. If you would like to share your story as part of our weekly newsletter, let your composition teacher know. Composition teachers will nominate students and you can be featured with your picture and story in a future issue of Nole News. We will select students from many different backgrounds who do great academically and who work well with their teachers and classmates.

Happy Birthday!

Everyone remember to wish the following special people Happy Birthday this week – including your Nole News Editor! ☺

Abdullah Alsharhan (February 3)

Andrew Wilson (February 5)

Norah Alali (February 6)

Yue Sun (February 9)

Culture Question

Question: What is the Super Bowl and why is it such a big deal?

Answer: Even though the Super Bowl isn't an official holiday, you have probably heard about it. It is the largest sporting event in the United States, and it features the top two teams in the National Football League. (This year's game will feature the Denver Broncos and the Carolina Panthers.) The game is always in early February; this year it is on February 7.

Nearly 120 million people will be watching the game. Since it is the largest television event in the United States, the **advertising**

for the Super Bowl is also the most expensive in the entire year. A 30-second

commercial during the Super Bowl costs \$5 million! Companies will plan very creative and special commercials, and many Americans prefer watching the television advertisements almost as much as (or more than) the football game! In addition, there is a spectacular concert during the middle of the game. Here in



Tallahassee, many restaurants and grocery stores will have types of food **promotions** or specials. If you decide to go out and eat Sunday night, though, some restaurants with televisions might be very crowded. Watching the Super Bowl is a great way to experience American culture!

Language Questions

Question: What's the difference between 'not' and 'non'?

Answer: 'Not' and 'non' both express negatives. However, 'not' is commonly used in English, whereas 'non' is not used as often. Not can be used by itself, whereas 'non' attaches to other words.

We use not to express the negative of most verbs. With the verb to be, we use the verb + not. With other verbs, we use do/does + not + verb.

Examples: I am not interested in math. (the verb 'to be')
I do not want to go to Canada in winter. (the verb 'want')

Non is a prefix that can occur with a small number of nouns and adjectives.

Example: There are no exceptions to the CIES attendance policy. It is nonnegotiable.

In this sentence, non has a similar meaning to 'un-' or 'dis-'. The non prefix isn't nearly as common, and it is good just to learn the words that use it as a prefix.

Question: When can I use 'few' and when can I use 'a few'?

A: Both 'few' and 'a few' are quantifiers used with count-nouns. 'A few' is very commonly

used, and it refers to a small number of something – more than two but still a small number. (Examples: I had a few cookies for dessert. I have a few pairs of shoes.) Using 'few' without an article is not as common and has a different meaning. Saying 'few' means that there is not a **sufficient** amount of something. Using 'a few' is neither good nor bad. Using 'few' is generally a bad thing.

- **I have a few friends. (I have a small number of friends.)**
- **I have few friends. (I have a small number of friends, and it isn't enough.)**

Quote of the Week

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land among the stars.
- Lester Louis Brown



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strength. skill. character.

This week's vocabulary:

trend (noun) – an activity that has become popular or fashionable

profile (verb) – to provide information about someone

advertising (noun) – something that a company does to provide information about itself

commercial (noun) – a form of advertisement found on television

promotion (noun) – anything a company does to make people buy things (such as a discount or sale)

sufficient (adjective) - having enough or a good amount