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## Wakulla Springs

CIES Trip this Friday

One of the truly special places here

in north Florida is Wakulla Springs. This area is home to a geological **springs**, which is a place where water from below the ground comes up to the surface of the ground. The water is very clean and stays a very **pleasant** temperature through much of the year. These springs are at the heart of the Wakulla Springs State Park. In addition to water activities in the springs (swimming, canoeing, and diving), there are many other activities. There are nature **trails** where you can hike, bicycle trails, and even trails where you can ride a horse!

CIES has a tradition of going to Wakulla Springs every spring and/or summer. We will be going to Wakulla Springs this Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. (Remember, we don't have class this Friday!) We will meet at CIES at 9am. Transportation will be provided to Wakulla Springs. Please bring sunscreen, sunglasses, warm layers, and a lunch to eat.

It will probably be too cold to enjoy some of the water activities, but we will be taking a boat cruise up the springs to really see the natural beauty up-close!

This is a beautiful area and everyone should make a point to visit this fantastic park!

### Final Exams Ahead !

It's hard to believe that this session is almost complete. Our last day of class is Thursday February 18. We have a lot to do between now and then. Here are the final exam dates for this week and next week. It is important that you plan to attend class on these days.

Thursday February 11: **Writing Final**

Monday February 15: **Speaking Final**

Tuesday February 16: **Listening Final**

Wednesday February 17: **Grammar Final**

Thursday February 18: **Reading Final**

On **Friday February 19 we will be having our CIES Game Day**. Our game day will have a Valentine's Day theme. Come to enjoy food, fun, conversation, and plan to say goodbye to your friends and classmates who are leaving this session.

### Culture Questions

*Question: What is the history of Valentine's Day?*

A: This is a good question and something that the Nole News editor had to look up.

Valentine's Day is also known as St. Valentine's Day. It began as a holiday to remember a Christian **saint**. However, about 800 years ago, the holiday started being associated with romance and being in love. As a result, it isn't really considered a religious holiday by most modern Christians. It is celebrated in countries throughout the world. In America roses, chocolates, and hearts are all associated with Valentine's Day. A symbol of Valentine's Day is **Cupid**. Cupid is actually the Roman god of love. He



traditionally has wings and flies around and shoots people with an arrow to make them fall in love.

*Question: Who celebrates Valentine's Day in the US?*

Answer: Every year Valentine's Day seems to become more and more popular. Although anyone can celebrate Valentine's Day, it is popularly celebrated by those who are in a relationship as well as children.

Children in school will exchange candy and small cards with each other on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Not every child participates in this tradition, but most

kids enjoy the opportunity to eat, have a celebration, and read nice things that their friends have to say.

For adults, Valentine's Day is a holiday for those who are in a romantic relationship. It generally involves buying a box of chocolates, getting a card, or exchanging a gift. Couples will usually try to go out for a nice dinner on Valentine's Day. As a result, it is hard to get a table at a nice restaurant on Valentine's Day.

### Language Question

*Question: Can adjectives and adverbs be the same word?*

Answer: Sometimes but usually not. When we learn new words, it is important to remember that some words can be used as multiple different parts of speech. 'Happy' is an adjective, but in order to make it an adverb we have to say 'happily.' Remember that adjectives modify nouns or pronouns, whereas an adverb can modify a verb, adjective, or other adverb.

There are some words that can be both adjectives and adverbs. **Fast, early, late,** and **hard** (meaning difficult) can all be both adjectives and adverbs.

#### Examples of adjectives:

Ferraris are known for being **fast** cars. ('fast' is an adjective describing cars)  
This is a **hard** test! ('hard' is an adjective describing test)

#### Examples of adverbs:

She drives way too **fast!** ('fast' is an adverb describing drives)  
I studied really **hard** for this test. ('hard' is an adverb describing studied)

BE CAREFUL. **Hardly** is an adverb, but it has a completely different meaning from the adverb hard. 'Hardly' means not much of something, which is actually the opposite of the adverb hard.

I studied hard for that test. (Means you studied carefully and involving lots of energy.)

I hardly studied for that test. (This means that you spent almost no time studying.)

### Happy Birthday!

**There are quite a few CIES birthdays this week. Don't forget to wish your friends (and teacher) a special day!**

**Ayah Alhashim (February 12)**

**Abdullatif Abu Tayli (February 13)**

**Hamdan Al Ajmi (February 15)**

**Fahid Almarri (February 15)**

**Patcharaporn Sangkasorn (February 15)**

**Isaiah Kraus (February 16)**

### Quote of the Week

**One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life; that word is love.**

**- Sophocles**



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**strength. skill. character.**

#### This week's vocabulary:

**springs (noun)** – a small fresh-water pond or lake where fresh water comes from the ground

**pleasant (adjective)** – nice and enjoyable

**trail (noun)** – a path or road (usually through a natural area)

**saint (verb)** – a person considered holy and highly religious

**Cupid (noun)** – a Roman god of love and a popular symbol for Valentine's Day and those in love

**hardly (adverb)** - almost not; barely; not at all; scarcely