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2nd Annual Food Drive

Remembering Saud Alajmi

Summer II 2014 was a very sad session here at CIES. On July 12, 2014, one of our CIES students, Saud Alajmi, passed away. Saud was young and very energetic – he had many friends here at CIES. There was a memorial service to remember Saud, and many of his friends and teachers shared stories about their experiences with him. We also remember him by keeping a photo of him in the CIES conference room.

As a way to remember Saud, we host a food drive at CIES during the month of July. We are having a food drive here at CIES these next few weeks. A food drive is an event where food is collected from many people. Second Harvest is an organization that takes all of this food and then distributes this food to those who are hungry or **needy**. Many thousands of people in Tallahassee and the surrounding area benefit from this organization.

We will be collecting food donations for the rest of the session. If you are planning to leave Tallahassee after this session, this might be a good opportunity to clean out some of your extra food. Canned goods, boxed foods, and juices are all good examples of things to donate. Do not donate bread, **produce**, or anything that is **perishable**.

Tubing on Friday

As you likely already know, this Friday will be our big event of this session. After classes end at 12:30, we will be travelling to the Chipola River to go tubing. Even though the weather is hot, it will be cool

since we will all be in the water. If you want, there will be places along the way that you can swim. However, if you don't want to swim, you are welcome just to stay on the tube and just relax and float!

It would be a good idea to wear sunglasses as there won't be much shade on the river. Also, please wear sunscreen – especially if you are likely to get sunburnt. It might also be a good idea to bring a lunch or snacks since the ride down the river is several hours long. Just be careful not to get your phone or camera wet! ☺ It'll be fun for us all!!

CIES Voices Ahead

Here at CIES we have a writing competition known as CIES Voices. All students are **encouraged** to participate in this writing competition by submitting a writing sample to their composition teacher. You can submit anything you want – a journal, an essay, a paragraph, a poem, a song – anything! Many teachers may even give you an assignments grade or extra credit for submitting something. It doesn't matter how long or short your submission is. Your teacher will tell you when you have written something that would be good for CIES Voices



The deadline for submissions is **TUESDAY JULY 26th**. You can submit your writing to your composition teacher, or you can email it directly to Andrew Wilson (acwilson@fsu.edu). If you would like to see past issues of CIES Voices, you can visit the CIES publications page. (<http://cies.fsu.edu/Programs/Intensive-English-Program/News-and-Publications>) The most recent issue will be available online this week.

Important Announcements

* If you plan on returning to your home country in August (between Summer II and Fall I), please see Lacey so she can take care of your I-20.

** Please make sure you are checking your attendance regularly on myCIES. If you are a student on probation, this is particularly important!

*** Our building, Hecht House, closes at 7pm every day. You are welcome to stay here and study or work with a conversation partner/tutor until then. After that, you will need to get special permission from Dr. Kennell in order to stay.

Happy Birthday!

- Yufan Liu (July 9)
- Lina Istomina (July 10)
- Tianying Jiang (July 10)
- Lisa McClellan (July 10)

Culture Question

Question: What is Eid and who celebrates it?

A: Eid is the most important holiday for Muslims. The word 'Eid' means 'holiday or celebration' in Arabic. The full name of the holiday is 'Eid ul-Fitr.' It is the first day of a new month in the Islamic calendar, and it is a day to celebrate the end of the fast. Each month begins with the sighting of a new (empty) moon, so the crescent moon is a symbol of Islam. As we mentioned in last week's newsletter, Ramadan is a time of fasting and special devotion. Eid is a day of festivities, and most Muslims eat A LOT of food on Eid. Since this is the most important holiday of the year in many Muslim countries, Eid is usually a festival celebrated over three days. People will return home to be with their families, and they may eat many large meals with different groups of friends and families over several days. Schools and businesses will close during these days. Since this is such an important holiday, be sure to wish all of your Muslim classmates 'Eid Mubarak!' Additionally, there is a second Eid holiday which is celebrated two months after Eid ul-Fitr (in September this year). We will talk more about this Eid in the fall.



Language Question

Question: How are the words 'fun' and 'funny' different?

Answer: Although these two words are related, they are actually very different. For starters, **fun** and **funny** are both (usually) adjectives.

Fun means enjoyable, pleasant, and something that brings you happiness or entertainment. Fun can be used to describe a person, a game, a situation, or a hobby. Fun can also be a noun that has the same meaning.

Funny means something that is humorous and causes you to laugh. Funny can be used to describe people, movies, or certain situations in life.

However, be careful not to confuse the two. In some situations, fun and funny can have rather different meanings. For example, you can often use the expression "looks fun." If you see a friend of yours surfing or biking, you might say: "That looks fun!" However, if you say "That looks funny," it can often mean something looks strange or unusual. Take these two sentences:

Maria looks fun. (This means that it seems like Maria would be a nice and enjoyable person to hang out with.)

Maria looks funny. (It means something about Maria looks odd, unusual, or different. This might be considered an **insult!**)

An easy way to remember is this: if something is likely to cause you to laugh or is really awkward and unusual, use funny. Otherwise, the word you are looking for is probably fun.

For each of the following sentences, decide whether to use 'fun' or 'funny':

1- She's a really _____ person – she's always playing games and doing extreme sports.

2 – That was a _____ movie – we laughed for several hours after it was over.

3- I'm not sure about that house. Something looks _____ about it – it might not be safe to enter.

4 – That was a really _____ concert; the music was great!

Quote of the Week

Life isn't about getting and having, it's about giving and being.

- Kevin Kruse

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This week's vocabulary:

needy (adjective) – poor; not having basic necessities

produce (noun) – fruit and vegetables (also the name of the section in a grocery store)

perishable (adjective) – things that will go bad, expire, or not stay fresh for a long time

encourage (verb) – to give confidence; to inspire; to fill with courage

insult (verb/noun) – to say something nasty, mean, or offensive