

- CIES Recruitment
- Movie Date: Next Week

- CIES Voices
- Announcements

- Culture & Language Questions

CIES Nole News

The Weekly Publication for the FSU Center for Intensive English Studies



Volume 9, Issue 4



CIES Travels Abroad

Dr. Kennell recruits and travels to China

As all of you

know, we are very proud that we have students from all over the world here at CIES. When learning English, it is important that there be students from many different cultures in one place. In order to keep the international atmosphere here at CIES, we often travel to different countries and try to tell them about CIES. Jen Dickinson, our activities coordinator, also spends many weeks a year visiting other countries and giving out information about CIES.

This month, Dr. Kennell is traveling abroad in China for the entire month. He is visiting several different cities in China, and he is telling people about CIES. He is also learning about Chinese culture and traditions. Over the years there have been many Chinese students at CIES, and Dr. Kennell has been able to see some of these students over in China. Dr. Kennell says that China is “vibrant and full of energy.”

The most important recruiter we have, however, is you! Even though Dr. Kennell and Jen Dickinson love to tell people around the world about CIES, it is impossible for us to visit every country in the world. That’s why it is important for all of us to tell our friends, families, and colleagues about your time at FSU. Here at CIES we have posters that you can take home and show your friends. We also encourage all of you to follow us on Facebook and spread any CIES announcements that you might see. All of

us working together can help make this a wonderful place for many years to come.

Secret Life of Pets

Most everyone here really likes movies. We have a tradition of going to the movies as a CIES family. This summer we’ll be going to see “The Secret Life of Pets.” This is a



funny movie that is about a group of pets (some rich and some poor) and all of the adventures they go on. Stay tuned to the student activities board and the class announcements to find out about the date and time. This movie has been extremely popular, so don’t miss out on your chance to see it!

CIES Voices

As all of you may have noticed, we have recently hung up signs around CIES advertising the CIES Voices. We strongly want everyone to participate! It is very easy to participate. All you do is choose something that you have already written in class. It can be something short (like a journal) or something long (like an essay). Type up your writing if you haven’t already typed it. Submit it to your composition teacher, and he/she will submit it to the

editor. (You can also submit it directly to acwilson@fsu.edu). Remember, this is a wonderful opportunity to have your writing read by many people and be available on the internet. If you are applying for a job or graduate school in the future, you can



include the internet link to show that you’ve been published. This could make you have a stronger application and maybe a better chance of

admission. If you’d like to read previous issues of CIES Voices, please check out the following link: <http://cies.fsu.edu/Programs/Intensive-English-Program/News-and-Publications>. Remember that the deadline is **TUESDAY JULY 26th**. We hope all of you can participate!

Important Announcements

* Don’t forget our food drive this month. We want to collect lots of food and donate it to local charities. Next time you go to the grocery store, buy a couple of cans or other food items to donate. This is a great way to give to the community and remember a former CIES student.

** As we mentioned in last week’s newsletter, please make sure you let Lacey know if you are leaving the country during the August break. She will need to know in order to make sure your I-20 is valid.

Happy Birthday to...

Maria Beatriz Mendoza (July 14)

Culture Question

Question: I see a lot of young college students walking around. When do new college students start FSU?

A: There has been a large increase in the number of young (17-19 year old) college students arriving at FSU during the last two weeks. (If you're like the Nole News Editor, this might make you feel old!) There are several reasons why. High school students graduate high school in May or June. However, they are not allowed to begin studying at FSU until the second half of summer semester. (This means that they only started studying a few weeks ago.) Therefore, there are no **freshmen** on campus during the first half of summer. However, the majority of new freshmen do not start studying until fall semester. Most freshmen will live on FSU campus in dormitories/residence halls. In order to prepare new students for life on campus, FSU will invite new students to campus for a few days during the summer. During this time they will tour FSU, meet FSU students, learn about the residence halls, and be able to ask any questions. In addition to this student **orientation**, there is an orientation for parents as well. The goal of the parent orientation is to teach parents about FSU and hopefully help them feel

comfortable with the idea of their child moving away from home. Usually the parents are just as nervous during orientation as the student. If you happen to see any students touring campus, you can be nice and offer them a hello and welcome to FSU. (Remember, most of you were new to FSU not that long ago!)

Language Question

Question: What is the difference between 'smile' and 'grin'? Aren't they the same?

Answer: Several CIES have asked this question. As it turns out, this is rather a tricky question. A smile and a grin look rather similar. Using the word 'smile' is very common. You use it to describe anybody whose face shows that they are happy. You smile when something makes you feel good or joyful. You also smile when you are having fun. A smile is always a positive thing!

A grin looks like a smile, but most people would describe a grin as a little smaller than a smile. Also, a grin will often involve a smile showing your teeth. The biggest difference between a smile and a grin is context. Often times a grin is done when someone does something bad, tricky, or **mischievous**. You sometimes might hear the expression 'evil grin' or 'silly grin.' You might see the word grin in stories or in books. Since grin can sometimes mean



something bad, you should probably use the word smile if you are

unsure. Remember – everybody loves a smile. ☺ (Note: This picture is a grin.)

Seen Around CIES



Quote of the Week

I've had to learn to fight all my life – got to learn to keep smiling. If you smile, things will work out.

- Serena Williams



Center for Intensive English Studies
634 West Call Street
Tallahassee, FL 32306-1127
Phone: (850) 644-4797
Fax: (850) 644-7417
Email: cies@admin.fsu.edu
www.cies.fsu.edu
www.facebook.com/CIES.FSU
Nole News Editor: Andrew Wilson

This week's vocabulary:

- recruit (verb)/recruitment (noun) – the process of getting people (often students) involved in a school or university
- abroad (noun) – in another country; across an ocean or great distance
- freshman (noun/adjective) – a first year student; the first year of studies
- orientation (noun) – the process when a new person learns about the organization or school he/she is joining
- mischievous (adjective) – naughty; causing mischief; playfully annoying