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CIES Nole News

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International Dinner

Beat the summer heat on Friday's trip to SGI

Don't forget about our end-of-the-session international dinner this Thursday evening. **We will gather around 6pm and stay until approximately 10pm.** Please bring any food that you like – especially food from your country. **This is a GREAT opportunity to sample food from all over the world.** The theme will be a Hawaiian luau – try to dress in summer or Hawaiian attire. (If you don't know about Hawaiian attire, you should Google it!)

Saying Goodbye to Mr. K ☹️

There are some teachers who have been here at CIES for many years, and they have helped make CIES a wonderful place for us all. Even though Kyle Kaminski has only been here for a couple of years, he has made a huge impact on all of us here. Kyle will be leaving CIES after this week, and he'll be moving to Africa to teach English in Burkina Faso.

When Kyle first started here, he was nervous just like many students are. He had never taught at CIES, and he had to meet all of the teachers and students. He spent a few weeks here working with Angel so he would be prepared to teach. However, once he started teaching here, he really **hit the ground running.** Kyle developed a great relationship with many of his students, and everybody learned that he has a really strong personality. Kyle is a very hard worker. He comes into work early, and is often here in the evenings and even on the weekends. He tries to stay fit,

and he encourages many CIES students to be healthy and participate in things like yoga. When CIES students have problems or need someone to talk to, Kyle is a person that many people have sought out. Kyle has taught students many things, but Kyle also loves learning from students too. He always loves it when students teach him their languages! During these past few months, Kyle has been working with many students to help them improve their TOEFL scores. He has become **indispensable** here.

At Thursday's international dinner we will be honoring Kyle and we encourage all of you to talk with him this week and wish him well on his new journey in life.

Last Call for VOICES

This is a last minute reminder about CIES Voices. You can submit your writing anytime before midnight on **TUESDAY JULY 26th**. Submit your writing to acwilson@fsu.edu. All submissions will be published and should be available online by late August. You can see previous issues on the main CIES website (www.cies.fsu.edu)

Food Drive!!

This is the last week of our Food Drive. We are doing this to honor Saud Alamri, who died in an accident two years ago. You can read about the food drive on the signs that are hanging in the classrooms

here. **We would like every student to try to bring in one or two food items and donate!** This is a great way to honor a truly wonderful guy. If you are leaving and are cleaning up your apartment, you should bring any food that you've purchased but not opened and donate it!

Dates for Fall I

For those of you who are travelling this August, we wish you all very safe travels! Many of you will be traveling far away, and many of you will stay in Florida. If you are staying in Florida, you should try to keep in touch with your CIES friends and maybe do some activities with them during the break.

If you are coming back for Fall I session, please remember these dates.

Monday August 22 – New students will arrive at CIES

Wednesday August 24 – 1st Day of Fall I session. **Breakfast starts at 8:30.**

All tuition or sponsor letters should be in before the first day of class.

Remember that we start taking attendance on the first day of class! If you are absent the first few days of class, this can have a very negative impact on your session.

Answers to Language Question:
Advice, freedom, trust, honor, pain

Many Happy Birthdays:

Abdullah Almohammadi (July 28)
Diana Cifuentes (August 4)
Jaime Carneiro (August 5)
Ngan Pham (August 8)
Salem Alrashidi (August 11)
Ankitab Patel (August 15)
Michelle Claycomb (August 16)
Hassan Alshakhs (August 17)
Olivia James (August 19)
Mohammad Jamshir (August 20)
Abdulla Alnuaimi (August 21)
Dan "Holly" He (August 21)
Kyle Kaminski (August 24)
Jaime Bello (August 27)

Oops.. We missed a birthday from a few weeks ago. A very happy belated birthday to **Ftoon Albalawi!**

Culture Question

Question: I am planning on driving far during the August break. What are some things I should know about?

Answer: In many ways, driving in the US is very easy. There are large highways that allow for fast travel between cities. However, as you start driving around to other parts of the

United States, you will need to know about a few things:

(1) **SPEED LIMIT:** On large interstate highways, the speed limit in Florida is 70 mph. Generally speaking, you can usually go about 5 miles over the speed limit and not get a ticket. If you go much over that, you are likely to get a speeding ticket. In some states, speeding tickets are expensive! Always pay attention to the speed limit. In some cities it can be 55 mph, but in some states it can be 70 or even as high as 80 (in parts of Texas). Also, pay attention to highways that go through small towns – it is very easy to get an expensive ticket in many small towns. Some towns have cops that write many speeding tickets. The more speeding ticket the cop writes, the more money the town receives. Please remember that **it is unsafe to drive fast in neighborhoods, schools, or on campus where there are people walking or biking.**

(2) **BAD WEATHER:** August is one of the worst months for bad storms. If you drive through a bad storm, you should try to get off the highway and stop in a safe place. If you cannot stop driving, then continue driving very slowly! (It is dangerous if you stop your car on the side of the highway.) The main thing to remember, the water on the road is more dangerous than the rain. Sometimes (especially at the beginning of a storm) water can be rushing fast and it can be strong enough to move a car. The best advice is to drive slowly, and try to get an app for your phone which warns you when there's **severe** weather.

Language Question

Question: What is an abstract noun?

Answer: An abstract noun is a noun that cannot be seen or touched. When we learn about nouns in class, we classify nouns into count and non-count nouns. Count nouns are words like *book, shoe, chair, car* – each of these words can form a plural. Non-count nouns are words like *sand, oil, water, and sugar* that do not form plurals.

Abstract nouns are non-count nouns, so they do not take plurals. It is important that you consider these words singular and use the correct word. For example, the word 'vocabulary' is an abstract non-count noun. It is wrong to say: "My vocabulary are big." The correct way is "My vocabulary is big."

Here are a few abstract nouns listed below. Try to arrange the letters to form the correct abstract noun.

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domeref _____ rutts _____
roonh _____ naip _____

Answers on the bottom of first page. Courtesy of M. Fogarty

Quote of the Week

It's time to say goodbye, but I think goodbyes are sad and I'd much rather say hello. Hello to a new adventure.
- Ernie Harwell



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This week's vocabulary:

luau (noun) – a party of celebration that originates from the Hawaiian Islands
attire (noun) – clothing; type of fashion
hit the ground running (idiom) – to begin a job with a lot of energy; not waiting to start new ideas
indispensable (adjective) – unable to do without; necessary
severe (adjective) – very strong and potentially dangerous; forceful