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Autumn Goodbyes

Celebrating the end of the session with the Fall Festival

Autumn is one of the best times of the year in Tallahassee. Cooler weather, football season, and beautiful foliage make this an awesome season. Fall I session ends this week, and, as always, it is a bittersweet time for us here at CIES.

We will have many students who will be leaving CIES after this week. Some of you have only been here for a couple of months, but some of you have been here since 2014! For those of you who have studied with us for many sessions, we wish you well. A year ago, many of you may not have been able to even read this newsletter – think how far you have come!

For those returning students, we look forward to seeing you back here next week for the first day of class on Wednesday October 14.

Now, on to the fun stuff:

FALL FESTIVAL IS THIS FRIDAY!!

This is an event that began last October at CIES, and it was one of our favorite events last year. We will have many many games to play!

One of the most popular games is pumpkin bowling (see the pumpkins in the picture above.) Other games include ring toss, corn hole, and you'll even have the

opportunity to throw a pie into a friend or teacher's face.

There will also be many food offerings on Friday – including snow cones, apples, cotton candy, and corndogs. (Our corndogs are made of chicken.)

Come on Friday at 9:30am and stay until about 11:30 or noon.

You're welcome to bring your friends and family; there will be plenty of food and fun for everyone! We will also be honoring those students who are leaving this session.



Getting to Know: Victoria Davis

When asked what he liked about having



Victoria Davis as a teacher, Abdullaziz Almotere said that it is because "she's always smiling." Victoria is one of those people that makes the CIES a better place. Victoria

was born far away from Florida in St. Paul, Minnesota – a state located next to Canada. She moved to Tallahassee in 1998 with her family, and she had the opportunity to travel to Russia and Azerbaijan during high school. She decided to go to FSU as an undergraduate student, but she did move to another college in Texas for a couple of years. One time in college she travelled all the way to Guatemala to surprise a friend. Like Kyle Kaminski, Victoria also worked at Starbucks. She had a wonderful experience teaching English in South Korea. She taught at Seoul Women's University in an English program similar to CIES. While she was in Asia, she had a wonderful opportunity to travel to Thailand and Japan twice. She came back to FSU to get a Master's degree in English language education. She has been at CIES for over four years. In June 2014, her daughter Abigail was born. She is a beautiful baby, and Victoria sometimes brings her to CIES. Her hobbies include camping, hiking, and going on beach trips with Lee (her husband) and daughter. She loves teaching her Foundations class this session. She also really loves teaching reading.

Important Reminders

* If you need to renew your health insurance for Fall II, do it this week and come see Claire at the front desk if you need any help. Everyone must submit proof of insurance for Fall II before they can go to class.

** If you are leaving this session, remember you can still submit your writing for the CIES Voices competition held in November. Email your entries to acwilson@fsu.edu.

*** If you are on an F-1 visa and you decide not to attend next session (Fall II), you have until December 8th to either transfer your I-20 to another school or leave the United States before December 8th. All transfer materials need to be submitted to Peggy.

Happy Birthday

The next issue of Nole News will be on October 21. Here are all the people celebrating birthdays in the next two weeks.



Osamah Alharbi (October 9)
Khulud Alshamrani (October 9)
Abdullah Alqblan (October 12)
Sena Gultepe (October 13)
Khysi Proseri (October 14)
Omar Alzabi (October 17)
Djiamila Toure (October 18)
Matt Cohen (October 19)
Junyuan Liu (October 19)
Mafraj Aldousari (October 20)

Culture Question

Question: What is Columbus Day?

Monday October 12 is a holiday in the United States. Although FSU is not closed that day, the post office, banks, and other businesses will be closed.

In 1492 (523 years ago), Christopher Columbus sailed from Spain and landed in North America. He is the person most people credit for discovering the Americas. Although Columbus Day isn't celebrated in Europe, it is celebrated throughout both North America and South America. In many Spanish-speaking countries, it is called *Día de la Raza*.

Christopher Columbus has many things named for him. Many American cities, a province in Canada, and **countless** streets are named for him. In addition, the capital of the United States is located in the District of Columbia, named for Christopher Columbus.

Last, but certainly not least, the nation of Colombia (home to many CIES students) was named for Columbus.

Language Question

Question: How do I form the negative of can?

Although this seems like an easy question, it is a mistake that many English learners make. The opposite of can is cannot. Although it is acceptable to write can not, it is much better to write it as one word. (Many composition teachers will tell you to write it as one word!) However, you can also use the contracted form *can't*. Be careful, though. In academic writing, it is not a good idea to use **contractions**. The best thing is to use the word cannot whenever you can.

Examples:

You can not smoke on FSU campus. (This is grammatically incorrect.)

You can't smoke on FSU campus. (This is correct, but informal.)

You cannot smoke on FSU campus. (This is the best way to write these words.)

Quote of the Week

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.
- Albert Einstein



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This week's vocabulary:

foliage (noun) – the leaves on a tree (that change color during the autumn season)

bittersweet (adjective) – something that is both enjoyable and pleasant but also sad and painful at the same time

pumpkin (noun) – an orange gourd (vegetable) that is used in some food and is a symbol of autumn in the US

corn dog (noun) – a hot dog sausage wrapped and cooked in corn meal

countless (adjective) – a very large number or amount of something

contraction (noun) – when shorter words are combined using an apostrophe