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Luck of the Irish

Celebrating a fun American holiday here at CIES

Saint Patrick was a Christian man who lived more than 1500 years ago. He was a religious person who lived in Ireland, and he is considered a very famous person in Irish history. March 17th became a day that the Irish people celebrated the life of St. Patrick. Starting in the 1800s, over 4 million people in Ireland moved to the United States. When they came to the US, they brought their traditions of St. Patrick's Day with them. In cities such as Boston and New York, where many Irish moved, there is a parade to celebrate him. Over the years, St. Patrick's Day became a celebration for many Americans who are not Irish. Green shamrocks (a type of plant, seen on the hat above) can be found all over Ireland, so this has become a symbol for the holiday. If you go anywhere this week, you will probably see green decorations everywhere. Although people still have to go to school and work on St. Patrick's Day, it is an excuse for many people to have a party and celebrate.

Here at CIES we will be celebrating by having a **St. Patrick's Day party**. Most Americans will wear green on St. Patrick's Day, so we invite you to wear green on Thursday! We will have food and fun during lunch between reading and speaking class on Thursday. **(Don't forget to wear green!!)**

Take me out to the ballgame

Even though football is the most popular sport in the fall, baseball is the most popular American sport in the spring and summer months. FSU has one of the best college baseball teams in America, and we also have one of the most beautiful baseball fields. Baseball has been popular in America for over a hundred years, and baseball is a very important part of



American culture. CIES will be going to the game on Tuesday March 22nd when FSU will play the University of Central Florida. This is a fun event that everyone should plan to attend. **We will meet at the baseball stadium at 5:45 on March 22.** (There will be directions on Facebook.) **Go Seminoles!!**

CIES Voices Competition

CIES Voices is a writing competition that we have three times a year. Everyone should plan to submit their best writing to this competition. **The winners get recognized at the international dinner by Dr. Kennell, and the 1st place winner will have his or her name on a plaque.** Please read the signs in the class or ask your composition teacher if you have any questions.

A/B Honor Roll for Spring I

In the last issue we honored those students who made an A in every class. In this issue we want to also recognize those students who made all A's and B's (with at least one A). Congratulations to all of these students!

Hamdan Alajmi	Saif Al Khateri
Sara Alahmadi	Manal Alamri
Salem Alamri	Moroje Alharbi
Mohammed Almanie	Dalal Alnasser
Abdulla Alsharhan	Faisal Alsaif
Abdulla Asswailem	Ali Alshomrani
Abdullah Alzawied	Sarah Alzuwaidi
Andrea Arredondo	Bader Alshatti
Cagla Aydin	Mutaz Bakri
Eder Bermudez	Blanca Delgado
Shaida Diawara	Silvia Garcia
Xiaolei Guo	Lina Istomina
Sang Hyun Kwon	Eddie Kabore
Juan Malave	Abeer Mobarki
Leila Nagarba	Le Nguyen
Nhan Nguyen	Felix Olivo
Samiratou Oubda	Marthial Oubda
Laura Pena	Ngan Pham
Patcharaporn Sangkasorn	Sylvie Sanou
Fadia Shuaib	Hyunji Song
Yue Sun	Cherifa Traore
Sy Aristide Traore	Josiane Traore
Raul Vasquez Lorenzo	Hengwei Xing
Amal Yahya	Dingjie Zhou

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to those celebrating birthdays this week and a **belated** birthday to those who had birthdays during spring break!



Manal Alamri (March 9)

Oumou Diarra (March 17)

Culture Question

*Question: Why are the restaurants in Tallahassee always so **crowded**?*

Answer: If you ever go to a restaurant during lunch or dinner, chances are it will be rather crowded. Although fast food restaurants tend to be less crowded, most **'sit-down restaurants'** tend to always be popular and many will have a wait.

The best answer to this question is that Americans don't cook as much as other countries. For starters, nearly 60% of women in America work. In years past, women would often stay at home and they would be more likely to cook. If you ask an American who is older than the age of 50, they will probably tell you that

they almost never ate outside of the home growing up.

Another reason is that grocery shopping is something that takes time and often times **produce** and meat can be rather expensive. Believe it or not, it is often cheaper (not to mention easier) for a family to go out to a restaurant than it is to cook a large meal.

A final reason is simply convenience. Most American families have children that are very involved in school, sports, and other **extracurricular** activities. Parents spend much of their time taking their children different places, and this can lead to less time being able to cook dinner.

Interestingly enough, **immigrant** families to America often cook more than non-immigrant families. If you ever cook dinner, you're more than welcome to invite your Nole News editor to eat!

Language Question

Question: What is an abstract noun?

Answer: As you have learned in grammar class, a noun is a person, place, or thing. We can usually identify people and places because they are very often capitalized. (Examples: Victoria Davis, Monticello) Other types of nouns can be categorized as concrete or abstract. A concrete noun is something that

you can put your hands on (examples: book, chair, coffee cup). Most of these nouns take an article such as 'a', 'an', or 'the'. (Although there are a few non-count nouns, which we will discuss next week!)

Another type of noun is an **abstract noun**. With an abstract noun, you cannot put your hands on it. Some examples of abstract nouns are advice, courage, education, and trust. Abstract nouns do not use articles! Look at these sentences with abstract nouns.

Incorrect: The love is important to everyone.

Correct: Love is important to everyone.

As you can see, the abstract noun in this sentence does not require an article.

Practice: In the following sentences, say if the sentence is correct **(C)** or incorrect **(I)**.

(C) or **(I)** A freedom has been a part of American life since the 1700s.

(C) or **(I)** I asked Mr. Wilson for an advice.

(C) or **(I)** Honor and bravery are two very important characteristics of soldiers.

Quote of the Week

As long as you live, keep learning how to live.

- Seneca



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strength. skill. character.

This week's vocabulary:

belated (adjective) – describing something (usually a birthday) that is late

crowded(adjective) – many people in a small area

sit-down restaurant (noun) – a type of restaurant where a waiter comes to a table (opposite of fast food)

produce (noun) – fruit and vegetables

extracurricular (adjective) – organizations or activities outside of school

immigrant (noun/ adjective) – a person who comes to live permanently in another country