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# CIES Nole News

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## GOODBYE You say goodbye, and I say hello

*Saying goodbye (for now) to many CIES students*

The above words are lyrics to a song from the Beatles. The name of the song is 'Hello, Goodbye.' One of the lyrics to the song is "I don't know why you say goodbye, I say hello." That lyric is a great saying for this week. Even though we might be saying goodbye to many members of our CIES family, this is only the first chapter of a great future. You have probably met people from dozens of countries around the world, so no matter where you travel, you will have a friend there! CIES has a very active Facebook page, so be sure you keep in touch via that page. Also, you can get posters here at CIES and distribute them to your schools and organizations back in



your home country. Also, there are posters on Facebook as well. Post these posters on your Facebook wall or Instagram and share information about CIES with your friends. Lastly, don't forget to say goodbye to your teachers this week and try to get some pictures!

it is the day we say goodbye to all of our CIES friends and family. We have over 30 students leaving this week, and Friday may be your last chance to say goodbye to many of them.

In addition to goodbyes, we will be celebrating a Water Day on Friday at 9:30. There will be different games to play, and there is something for everyone. There will be games where you practice



tossing water balloons, another game where you try to limbo, and even one where you try to fill up a bucket of water using a sponge. After the games,

there will be pizza available to eat as well as a 10-foot-long banana split.

The most important part is at the end. We will hand out certificates to those students who will be leaving. This is a chance for us to recognize every student who is leaving individually. Not only do the teachers make a speech about each student, but students can talk as well. Even though many of you are fasting this month for Ramadan, hopefully you will still be able to come out and say goodbye and recognize those students who are leaving.

### Saying goodbye to Matt Cohen

In addition to the goodbyes that we will be saying to our classmates, we will also be saying a special goodbye to Matt Cohen. Matt has worked at CIES for 2 ½ years (since January 2014). He has taught every class, and most of you have probably had him as a teacher at one point. He has a great sense of humor, and he makes a point to always talk to students after



class or help students if they ever have any questions or problems. He is an excellent listener, and

we will all miss him! He will be heading to Pennsylvania (outside Philadelphia) for a few months, and then after that he will likely go abroad in the future. His wife is from South Korea, so there will be a lot of traveling in Matt's future. When talking about his time here at CIES, Matt said that "it has been amazing to help talented students improve their English and watch them grow. I'm happy that I got to participate in these students' development."

### Submit your pictures!

This week everybody will be taking lots of pictures at CIES. We will be putting some of these photos in the Nole News! Email your pictures to Andrew Wilson ([acwilson@fsu.edu](mailto:acwilson@fsu.edu)), and they might be in a future issue of the newsletter! ☺

### Water Day this Friday

Even though Thursday is the last day of class (and the day of the reading final), Friday is the official last day of the session. Even though there is no class on Friday, it is a very important day because

## This week's birthdays

Ahmed Almansour (June 10)  
Sara Alahmadi (June 13)  
Yuma Moriya (June 13)  
Jiafeng Zhang (June 15)  
Ali Alshomrani (June 17)  
Yo Tachibana (June 17)  
Sultan Alenezi (June 21)

## Culture Questions

*Question: Why are so many of my CIES peers fasting?*

A: Many CIES students are **fasting** the next few weeks because of Ramadan. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, and it is considered a very holy month for Muslims. During this month, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. At the end of the day, they observe *iftar*. During *iftar*, Muslims will eat dates to symbolize the end of the fast. After eating the dates, there are usually prayers followed by a large meal. Ramadan is also a time for charity. Many Muslims will bring food to those who are poor, and they might share their evening meal with their neighbors. Although fasting can be a challenge, most Muslims are very proud that they get to fast during Ramadan. Ramadan is a time for

Muslims to be thankful and abstain from things that might be bad or harmful. If any of your friends are fasting, please ask them about Ramadan. It is important that we share our culture with other people!

## Language Question

*Question: Is it better to use a gerund or an infinitive after the verb 'remember'?*

A: Both are correct. However, even though both are correct grammatically, they have very different meanings.

**A gerund** is an -ing form of a verb. Many verbs in English are followed by a gerund. Look at these sentences with underlined gerunds:  
I avoided talking to my friend.  
Keep doing good work!  
I enjoy speaking English.

**An infinitive** is a verb that is (most often) preceded by 'to'. Many other verbs are followed by an infinitive. Look at these sentences with underlined infinitives:

I decided to do my homework.  
I plan to buy Mr. Wilson a present.  
I waited to see the doctor.

'Remember' can be followed by both.

I remembered to do my homework last night. (infinitive).  
I remembered doing my homework last night. (gerund).

These sentences look the same but are rather different. If you use remember + an infinitive, then the remembering happens BEFORE the other verb. *I must remember to pay my bills.* (You remember first, then you pay your bill.) If you use remember + gerund, then the remembering happens AFTER the event. *I remember coming to CIES for the first time.* (You are remembering a past event after it happens.)

## Practice Time!

*Circle the most logical answer below:*

I remember to celebrate / celebrating my 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Remember to call / calling your father on Father's Day!

## Quote of the Week

**I don't love studying. I hate studying. I like learning. Learning is beautiful.**  
- Natalie Portman

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This week's vocabulary:

lyrics (noun) – words in a song

toss (verb) – to throw carefully or slightly

limbo (verb/noun) – to walk under a stick that is low to the ground

fast (noun/verb) – to go without eating, usually for religious or political reasons