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CIES Nole News

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Trick or Treat

Halloween Dress-up this Friday

Halloween is a popular holiday that is celebrated every year on October 31. It is something that is popular with both children and adults.

Halloween started out as All Hallow's Eve. It is a day that comes before All Saint's Day, which is an important Christian holiday. All Hallow's Eve is a day to commemorate those that have died. Since dying and death are scary to many people, Halloween has become a holiday celebrating scary and frightening things. Children will dress up in costumes. Some of the costumes will be of scary things, but other costumes are just meant to be fun. Children will go around to different people saying "trick or treat." People respond by giving people candy.

Adults do not go around trick-or-treating, but many adults will host parties where people will dress up.

On Friday we will all be dressing in fun costumes at CIES! Stay after classes at 12:30, and we will meet downstairs and in the courtyard. There will be a contest for the student (and teacher) with the best costume!

Save the dates

November is probably the busiest month of the year at CIES. There are many events, and it is important to put these days on the calendar so you can plan ahead.

Friday November 13th is the FSU Homecoming Parade. This is a big celebration and an important FSU tradition. CIES will create a float that will be decorated with flags from everyone's countries. If you have a flag from your country, you should bring it to the parade and celebrate. We will be walking next to the parade float, and you will be waving to thousands of people who come to watch the parade.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK OPEN HOUSE!!!!

On the afternoon of **Tuesday November 17th**, we will open the doors of CIES and anyone can come to visit our facility. There will be several classrooms that are decorated with items from your country and region. There is music, dancing, and fun for everyone. Several of the CIES teachers will be helping students to plan ahead for this important event! (Remember, Tuesday November 17th – don't plan anything for that date!)

Honor Roll students

CIES is a very awesome place to learn English because we have many students who work very hard in all of their classes. We had 44 students last session that made all A's and B's in all of their classes. Many congratulations to those of you who work so diligently! However, the teachers would like to especially congratulate all of the students who made A's in all of their classes. These students are:

**Ahmed Alshammari
Ixchel (Ale) Ayala Marquez**

**Liyang (Phoebe) Ding
Renata Roldao
Mengying (Eliza) Zhang**

On behalf of all of the teacher's here at CIES, we'd like to give you all a thumb's up.

Time Changes this weekend!

Before you go to bed on Saturday night, make sure you set your alarm clock, watch, and any clocks in your house back one hour. Congratulations – this means that you get an extra hour of sleep on Sunday! After the time change, it will now be much easier for us all to wake up in the morning. However, the sun will also set much earlier, which means you have less hours to do daytime activities. Thankfully, most of your phones and computers will change time automatically.

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.

Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays the first two weeks of the session!

Hamad Alajmi (October 23)
Moroje Alharbi (October 23)
Shiyu (Ivy) Zhang (October 28)
Ali Alzeebi (November 2)
Jiabei Xu (November 2)
Motaz Albaasi (November 3)

Culture Question

Question: Why do I keep seeing so many signs advertising 'flu shots"?

Answer: If you have been to a pharmacy or grocery store lately, you have probably seen a sign for flu shots. A shot is another word for a vaccination. The flu is an illness that involves coughing, a fever, and a sore body. The flu can be very serious for some people, and it almost always involves missing school or work.

Flu is most common in the autumn and winter months, so it important to get a flu shot early to avoid being sick. Usually oliday in the United States. Although FSU is not closed that day, the post office, banks, and other businesses will be closed.

Language Question

Question: What's the difference between 'who' and 'that'?

Answer: Both 'who' and 'that' are words used to start relative (adjective) clauses. 'Which' is a word that we use to describe things. Both 'who' and 'which' are used to provide extra information about a noun.

Boring sentence: Marilyn Monroe was a popular entertainer in the 1950s.

Better sentence: Marilyn Monroe, who was one of the most famous Americans in history, was a popular entertainer in the 1950s.

In the sentence above, you can only use 'who' (you cannot use 'that'). In the second sentence, you are adding extra information that isn't required.

However, if the sentence adds extra

Quote of the Week

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
- Eleanor Roosevelt

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
corndog (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