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St. Patty's Day!

A time for green!

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 month, 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. Most Americans will wear green on St. Patrick's Day. Even though St. Patrick's Day will be during spring break, you should still try to wear green that day!

March Activities

Food Truck Thursday

Food trucks have become an important part of American culture. Food trucks specialize in one type of food, and they usually have small menus with very fresh food. We have excellent food trucks in Tallahassee, and the food trucks in Tallahassee gather every Thursday night at Lake Ella. Come join CIES on Thursday March 9th when we will visit the food trucks. The park at Lake Ella is one of prettiest in Tallahassee, and a lot of the **cuisine** is truly memorable.

FSU Baseball

Baseball is one of most popular sports in America. It is a wonderful tradition, and all CIES students should try to attend a baseball game. On March 21, the FSU baseball team will be playing Jacksonville University, which is another university in Florida. The game will be at 6pm on **Tuesday March 21** at the baseball stadium on campus. (You cannot bring a bag into the stadium, so please plan carefully what you will bring.) There will be a sign-up sheet available in the lobby. More information will be available on Facebook later this month. Don't miss it!



Just Perfect

It is very important that everyone attend all of their classes every day. Some students may need to miss one or two classes, but here at CIES we have many students that did not miss any classes last session! We are all very proud of these students. Congratulations!

Saad Alburakian
Yazmin Arciniegas Fonseca
Ana Claus
Mauricio Escobar Bravo
Merve Filik
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Claudia Malave De Abreu
Maria Alejandra Mejia
Maria Stephany Mejia
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Spring Break & Safety

***Next Friday we will have a special workshop. From 11:30 to 12:30 (during reading class), we will meet next door and talk about safety and crime prevention.**

**** Spring Break will be from March 13 to March 17.** If you are leaving Tallahassee, please be safe! Orlando, St. Augustine, Savannah,

Atlanta, and New Orleans are all cities that you can be reached easily by car. There are also wonderful beaches in Florida: **Daytona Beach, Panama City Beach, and Miami Beach** are a few of the most popular beaches this time of year. However, if you go to the beach for spring break, be very careful. Often times there are many people who are drunk during spring break, and it can be dangerous to be on the road. We want you all to have a fun and relaxing break, but just be careful and aware of your surroundings.

March Birthdays



March is considered by many to be a lucky month. We wish a very happy birthday to all of you with birthdays this month.

- Luana Silveira De Oliveira (March 1)
- Razan Abulola (March 2)
- Dasom Kim (March 12)
- Saad Alburakian (March 16)
- Oumou Diarra (March 17)
- Lacey Moret (March 23)
- Seongeun Im (March 26)
- Abdulrahman Alhabib (March 28)
- Sheila Villanueva (March 31)
- Leslie Wagner (March 31)

Culture Question

Question: Why do the CIES teachers always ask that we keep the windows in the classroom closed?

Answer: This is a good question. In most parts of the world, opening the window is something you always do. Before air-conditioning, opening the window is something everyone did. However, there are several important reasons why we ask you to keep the window closed. Firstly, the air is often very **humid** outside. In the morning it is sometimes foggy, and in the afternoon it can be very humid due to rain and storms. If a window is open, moisture can get into the building and cause bacteria and **mold** to grow in the classrooms. Since Hecht House is an older building, it is essential to keep the humidity down in the building.

The **pollen** outside is another important reason to the window closed. Spring will be starting soon, and many plants will be producing flowers. The pollen is in the air, and opening the classroom windows will cause pollen to get on the carpet and furniture in the classroom. This can be very bad for people with **allergies**.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, be prepared to dress in layers so you can be ready if the building is too hot or too cold. Also, if you're craving fresh air, simply go outside between classes!

Language Question

Question: What's the difference between "affect" and "effect"?

Answer: Both words have similar meanings and are pronounced exactly the same by most English speakers. However, please be careful because "affect" is a verb whereas "effect" is a noun. Furthermore, the common adjective (effective) and adverb (effectively) are spelled like the noun. Don't feel bad if you confuse these words—many native English speakers are confused by this. If you use these words in your writing just be sure to go back and ask yourself if the word is functioning as a noun or verb – taking that little extra time will guarantee effective (☺) writing.

- Cloudy weather **affects** my mood – if it is dark and gray outside, I usually feel very sad. [Affects is a verb.]
- Violence has many negative **effects** on society. [Effects is a plural noun.]

Quote of the Month

A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.
- Walter Winchell

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This issue's vocabulary:

cuisine (noun) – a type or variety of food

humid (adjective) – water or moisture found in the air (the opposite of dry)

mold (noun) – a brown or black fungus that grows in humid environments and is harmful to your health

pollen (noun) – a yellow substance produced by plants in the spring

allergy (noun) – a substance that causes the body to behave unusually (often causes you to feel sick or have a runny nose)