

CIES Nole News



Volume 7, Issue 5

The Weekly Publication for the FSU Center for Intensive English Studies



Springtime Tallahassee

Saturday is a big day in Tallahassee

It has been a cold winter

in many parts of the United States, but, thankfully, winter is almost over and spring is coming soon. To celebrate the changing seasons, Tallahassee has a big festival every year. **This year's Springtime Tallahassee Festival is Saturday April 2.** The festival always happens in late March or early April, which is a time when the weather is mild and many flowers are in bloom. Many thousands of people from Tallahassee and all over the region come to this festival. There is a parade, great music, and a lot of fun things to eat, buy, and experience. Everybody at CIES, especially those students with children, should plan to attend! This can be an all-day activity!

Springtime Tallahassee Run

To start off the festival, there are a few running races. The first race is only 1 mile, but the other races are 5 kilometers and 10 kilometers. Some people can run very long distances, but other people can sign up for the short 1 mile race. Even if you do not run, you should still sign up to walk the race! The money collected is used to benefit two charities: one **charity** helps homeless animals that are in need of homes and the other charity helps give children after-school programs to make their lives better. You will have a fun time walking or running with friends, and you can help people! It isn't too late to sign-up! Please go to <http://www.springtime10k.com> to sign-up or get more information.

CIES Voices ahead

All of you have heard about the CIES Voices writing competition. **We already have had 10 people enter the contest.** We want many more people to enter the writing contest. Remember that anything that you have written, long or short, can be submitted! Please talk to your composition teacher or email Andrew Wilson (acwilson@fsu.edu) for more information.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following teachers this week!

Leslie Wagner (March 31)
Vicky Golen (April 4)
Calyn Stringer (April 5)

Culture Lesson

Question: What is April Fools' Day?

Answer: This Friday (April 1) is a holiday known as April Fool's Day. It is not an official holiday (nothing is closed), but it is one that is practiced by many people. This is a day where people play tricks or jokes on each other. Sometimes these tricks can be simple and fun, but sometimes these tricks can be very **elaborate**. Every year you will read in the news about some of the more elaborate April Fools' pranks.

An example of an April Fools' prank might be when all of the employees of a company decide to call the boss and say they cannot come to work. This might make the boss or

manager of a company very nervous and worried. And then, after scaring the boss, all of the employees show up anyway.

Another example is when there is somebody at an office that likes to keep a really neat and organized desk. His or her colleagues might go into their office and leave a mess on the desk in order to trick him or her.

Yet another example: Imagine that you really like a particular restaurant in town. You make reservations to go to this restaurant, but your friend calls to tell you that your favorite restaurant is no longer open! This makes you really sad, but then the friend tells you "April Fools'!"

There are many wonderful April Fools' pranks that you can play on your friends or teachers. We encourage you to be creative – but don't go too crazy!

Quote of the Week

I cannot do everything, but I can do something. I must not fail to do the something that I can do.

- Helen Keller

Center for Intensive English Studies
 634 West Call Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32306-1125
 Phone: (850) 644-4797
 Fax: (850) 644-7417
cies@admin.fsu.edu
www.cies.fsu.edu
www.facebook.com/CIES.FSU
 Nole News Editor: Andrew Wilson