Belongings in Classrooms

The ELI cannot guarantee the safety of your belongings if you leave them in an ELI classroom between classes or during the lunch break. ELI classrooms are not secure places to leave your bags, computers, or other valuables. It is always safer to keep your things in a locker. See the ELI main office if you would like to sign up for a locker for the term. Also, please remember to never leave bags in ELI hallways, the lobby, the Vault, or any other open area.

What do you like to do?

By Brianne Harrison

If you like to cook, play tennis, take pictures—or anything at all—Brianne can help you connect with others at the University or in the Pittsburgh community that share your interests. E-mail her today at elicomm@pitt.edu if you are interested in joining a student group at Pitt or a community group in the area.

ELI Activity:

ELI Picnic

Wednesday, June 28

3 pm – 7 pm

Mark your calendars! The ELI Picnic is Wednesday, June 28, from 3 pm - 7 pm in Highland Park. ELI teachers will cook food on a grill. There will be hot dogs (beef, kosher, halal, and vegetarian), watermelon, s'mores, and other picnic foods, as well as traditional picnic games. The ELI will provide the food; we’re relying on ELI students to provide the fun!!! We’ll be at the Maple Grove picnic shelter in Highland Park, about 15-20 minutes away by bus.

(Take the 71A or 71B outbound and get off at the corner of N. Euclid and Bunkerhill. Look for the tall apartment building.)

You must sign up and pay in advance by Monday, June 25. It’s very important that you register in advance so that we can make sure buy enough food. You can register and pay in the main office only Mon-Fri from 9-12 and 1-4. ELI students will be asked to make a $5 deposit at that time. ELI students who show up at the picnic will be returned their $5. If you do not show up at the picnic, that money will be used to compensate the ELI for food that was purchased. If you would like to bring friends or guests, they are welcome to join us, but they will be charged $5 each for adults, $3 for children, and you must register and pay for them in advance.

We don’t want to exclude anyone! When you sign up, please let the main office know about any dietary restrictions (vegetarian, kosher, halal, no pork, etc) or allergies you may have when you sign up. A separate grill and utensils will be used to prepare all halal foods.

Prayer Rooms

Summer 2017

The ELI can provide the following rooms for prayer:

Rooms 110 and 111:
1:00-1:45 pm,
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

If you plan to use these rooms, you must read and follow the rules below.

Please note that if any of these rules are broken, the prayer room will no longer be available.

• Rooms are available only for the times listed.
• Students must finish prayer at the times listed. The teachers of the 1:00 and 2:00 classes must be able to prepare before the class begins. If the teacher ever has to wait for students to finish praying, rooms will be removed from the schedule immediately.
• Students may not pray in the hallways, locker room, or anywhere in the ELI building.

ELI Activity:

FREE: Cinema in the Park

We will be going as a group to see “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows” on Wednesday, June 21, at Flagstaff Hill in Schenley Park. This movie is rated PG-13 for moderate violence. On June 21, meet Rob in the lobby of the Parkvale Building at 8:30 pm and we’ll walk over together. The movie begins at dusk, which is around 9:15 pm. Bring a blanket (or towel to sit on), some snacks, and a friend, and we’ll enjoy the free movie under the stars together! The city of Pittsburgh’s Citiparks office shows movies for free at various parks throughout the city. For a list of all the movies being shown, and for further information, go to http://pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/cinema-in-park. This website will also post cancellation information. Sometimes movies are canceled because of inclement weather.

Coffee Talk on Fridays!

4:00 – 6:00 pm Panera (3800 Forbes Ave.)
Fire Alarms at the ELI

Please be careful about setting off false fire alarms because this causes problems with the fire department. We would not want to have fire trucks at our building for a false alarm when they might be needed for a real emergency somewhere else.

Please remember the following:

- There are several square red alarms on the walls in our building. They call the fire department, and they are sensitive. Please be very careful with them. Do not lean on the wall next to them or touch them unless there is actually a fire.
- If the fire alarm goes off, leave the building and turn right on Meyran.
- Move calmly but quickly to the parking lot on the corner of Meyran and Sennott. Walk on the sidewalks.
- Do not stand in the hallways, doorways, or the in the middle of the street.

Please wait until a fireperson says it is okay to reenter the building.

Volunteer at the Bloomfield Saturday Market: June 24
By Brianne Harrison

The Bloomfield Saturday Market is a weekly farmer’s market that feels like a festival. The Market has been hugely successful and has become a popular destination in the neighborhood. This success is due in large part to the volunteers that support the Market each week. As a Bloomfield Saturday Market volunteer, you get to see the inner workings of a busy Market, be outside and in the community, and meet great people. There are many volunteer opportunities available at the Market, including: set up or tear down, staffing an information booth or supporting entertainers/activities/food demonstrations. We plan to volunteer as a group on the morning/early afternoon of June 24. If you are interested, please email Brianne at elicom@student.pitt.edu.

Sponsored Students and Final Exams

By Stacy Ranson

Please note that if you are a sponsored student, and you miss your final exam for any reason, or if you fail the final exam, your sponsor will be notified immediately. Final exams in the ELI are worth 30% of the overall final grade, and both the ELI and your sponsors expect you to take the exams and to perform as well as you can on them. Remember, too, that satisfactory academic progress is a requirement of the F1 visa. If you fail courses, your F1 visa may be revoked. Please check the posted schedules for ELI final exams and plan your schedule accordingly.

ELI Storytellers Series

One of the benefits of studying at the ELI is the chance to meet and to learn from people with diverse backgrounds and experience. The ELI Storytellers Series gives students the opportunity to share their stories with classmates. Speakers give a 10-15 minute presentation, followed by a question and answer period. The talks are scheduled during the 1:00 lunch break. The series is open to all ELI students, and it is a great way to get extra speaking and listening practice outside of class.

How about you? Do you have an interest or a skill you would like to tell us about? Have you accomplished something special or done something fun and exciting? Would you like to share information about your culture or hometown? What is your story? If you are interested in giving a short presentation, or if you know someone who should, email Stacy at sar72@pitt.edu.

Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

Join the ELI on Friday, July 14, as we go to Heinz Hall to hear the Pittsburgh Symphony perform. This is a very special performance of the music of John Williams. You might not know his name, but there is no doubt that you have heard his music – songs from Superman, Indiana Jones, Harry Potter and Star Wars, including music from the new blockbuster The Force Awakens.

Tickets are $15 each with the Pitt Arts discount. (Regular price is $27.) Our seats will be in the upper balcony. This performance will sell out quickly, so we must purchase our tickets as soon as possible. You must register and pay in the main office by 4 pm on Tuesday, June 20. You can register and pay in the main office from 9-12 and 1-4. Only cash payment is accepted. There are no refunds.

Feel free to invite your friends or family. With the Pitt Arts discount, each ELI student is permitted to bring up to 3 guests who are not Pitt students.

On July 14, we’ll meet at the ELI at 6:30 pm to take the bus downtown together. The performance begins at 8, but we’ll need to leave a bit early to avoid traffic.

Visit the ELI NEWS online: http://www.eli.pitt.edu/GENINFO/activities/index.html
JazzLive International Festival
By Rachael Crabb

This weekend, the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust is hosting the Pittsburgh JazzLive International festival for the 7th year in a row. Artists such as David Sanborn, Angelique Kidjo, and The Spanish Harlem Orchestra will play many different genres of jazz, both in the August Wilson Center and on three different outdoor stages between June 16-18.

Tickets are currently being sold for all the shows at the August Wilson Center, but the shows on the outdoor stages are free to everyone! Make sure you bring a blanket or chair to sit on!

The festival starts with an opening night party called “Rhythm & Groove.” Throughout the weekend, there will be food trucks, a night market, and DJ appearances on both Friday and Saturday, as well as many other fun events and activities!

If you are interested in buying tickets, getting more information, or seeing the full schedule of events, visit www.trustarts.org/jazzfest.

ELI Photo Contest
Show us how you see the world by entering the ELI Photo Contest! We’re looking for artwork for the ELI walls and to promote the ELI. We think the best source for that art is the students who make us who we are. We are looking for photos in the following categories:

Show Some Class: Take a photo that represents the experience of being a student in the ELI. Is there a certain space, person, or object in the ELI building or neighborhood that really represents the ELI for you?

In the Know: Now that you know what’s cool in Oakland and Pittsburgh, why not share it with the rest of us? Snap a photo of the areas of the city that you think everyone should know about.

Active Imagination: Many of you have participated in ELI Activities this term, and we know you have lots of pictures to prove it! Do any of your photos stand out? Enter your favorite!

Get Some Fresh Air: Pittsburgh is full of beautiful parks and outdoor spaces. Get out into nature and capture a photo of plants, animals, insects, or any other creatures that cross your path!

Pick-Me-Up: ELI students work hard every day to improve their English. With classes and homework, the schedule can be tiring. Who or what is your pick-me-up for when your energy is low? Can you capture that energy in a photo?

ELI Pride: Show off your school pride with a photo of you and your buddies wearing ELI or Pitt gear.

Participation:
- The contest is open to all current University of Pittsburgh ELI students.
- Judges will select 3 finalists from each category to be put on display at the ELI. Note: Categories must have at least 3 entries to be considered for prizes.
- ELI students and faculty will vote on their favorite photos among the finalists.
- Winning photographers in each category will have their photos framed for the ELI walls.
- Photographers may bring entries on a flash drive to Stacy Ranson in M22, or email sar72@pitt.edu.
- The deadline for submission is Friday, July 7 by 12:00 pm.

Contest Rules:
- No photographs incorporating alcohol or illegal activities will be considered.
- All submissions must be your own.
- Each student may enter ONE photo per category.
- All photographers who enter the contest give the University of Pittsburgh the right to use their photos for promotional purposes.

ELI Activity:
Trip to Kennywood
Do you like roller coasters and thrill rides? If you do, then mark your calendars and join the ELI as we go to Kennywood Amusement Park on Sunday, July 16 for Pitt Day! This is a special day for Pitt employees, their families, and their friends. The teachers and staff of the ELI would love for our students to join us.

Regular admission to the park is $44.99, but the University of Pittsburgh has a limited number of tickets available for only $22 (plus $3 handling fee and tax)! (Children under 2 are free; seniors 55 and over are $17.00.) The special Pitt Day tickets get you admission to the park for Pitt Day on July 16 and a catered picnic lunch. In addition to the special price and lunch, there will also be prizes, bingo, and activities for kids! Pitt Day tickets are available on a first come first served basis online at https://www.kennywood.com/pitt.

If you would like to go with the ELI group, you must purchase your tickets online by Friday, June 30. Keep in mind that the sooner you buy your tickets the better. There are only a limited number of tickets available at the discounted price. Tickets can only be purchased online, and you will print your ticket. This special price is not available at the ticket office at Kennywood. You can buy up to 10 tickets, so invite your family and friends! There are no refunds. Once you have purchased your ticket, please email Rob at Rob.Mucklo@pitt.edu to let him know you will be attending.

The 61C bus will drop us off at Kennywood, so it’s even easy to get there! We will meet in the lobby of the ELI at 9:30 am on Sunday, July 16, and take the 61C bus to Kennywood together. The park opens at 10:30 am and the park closes at 10 pm. Rob will stay at the park until 6 pm, but you can leave the park anytime you wish.

For more information about Kennywood, visit https://www.kennywood.com/.
Pittsburgh Public Pools Now Open

One way to stay cool as it gets warmer this summer is to visit one of the public pools in the city of Pittsburgh. Pools opened for the season on June 12 and will stay open through September 5. A daily pass is available to adults for $5 and for children ages 3 to 15 for $3. Season passes are also available for families and individuals.

There are 18 public pools in the city. The pools in Schenley Park, Greenfield, Highland Park, and Bloomfield are likely the most convenient for most ELI students. Pools are open on weekdays from 1:00 – 7:45 pm and on weekends from 1:00 – 5:45 pm.

Small children may also enjoy visiting one of the Spray Parks in the city. These public parks have sprayers and fountains built for children of all ages. The nearest Spray Park is located at Mellon Park in Shadyside. More information is available here: http://pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/spray-parks.

For more information, including pool addresses, visit the Citiparks Swimming website at: http://pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/swimming-home.

Remember, ELI students with a valid student ID card can access the swimming pools in Trees Hall and Bellefield Hall. For more information about the fitness centers at Pitt available to students, please visit: http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/IR_Facilities.

Dinosaurs at the Pittsburgh Zoo

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk among the dinosaurs? This summer, the Pittsburgh Zoo is letting guests get as close to that experience as they can. As a special add on exhibit, you can be face to face with the dinosaurs!

The special exhibit has eighteen animatronic dinosaurs, ranging from the herbivore stegosaurus to the terrifying tyrannosaurus rex. The dinosaurs even move and portray the personality of each species. The dinosaurs are settled in their own environment away from the zoo, giving a sense that visitors are actually visiting our planet as it was in the past.

The exhibit also has artifacts that visitors will be able to touch, such as replica dinosaur bones and different fossils.

This special experience is an add-on to the regular zoo, which is open from 9:30 am until 6:00 pm. General admission tickets cost $16 dollars for adults and $14 dollars for children. The dinosaur exhibit is an additional $6 for adults and $5 for children.

For more information about the exhibit and the Pittsburgh Zoo, visit their website at: http://www.pittsburghzoo.org/plan-your-visit.

Butterfly Forest at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

If you like butterflies, head over to Phipps Conservatory to see their butterfly forest. The exhibit lets many different species of butterflies roam free around some of their favorite plants and flowers.

Keep an eye out for species such as the zebra longwing, Pennsylvania monarch, and Florida malachite as you get walk through the exhibit. If you’re lucky, a butterfly may even land on your shoulder.

Phipps also has many other interesting exhibits open for the summer. The conservatory is now showcasing glass art by Jason Camrath, a glass artist from Seattle, that accurately depict many of the flowers within the conservatory, only scaling them up so they are huge! All of the glass pieces are between six and fourteen feet tall, with 40 installations scattered around the conservatory.

The conservatory is open from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm on Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 am to 10:00 pm on Friday, and from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Admission for students is $16.95 and children’s admission is $11.95. However, this is only for the summer months. If you visit during the fall or spring, while there may be different exhibits, admission is free with your Pitt ID!

WYEP Summer Music Festival

The WYEP radio station is hosting its 20th annual Summer Music Festival. The festival takes place on Saturday, June 24th at Schenley Plaza, across from the Cathedral of Learning. The festival goes from 3:00 pm until 10:15 pm, and it is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome to attend.

Some of the performers for this year’s festival include Black Joe Lewis & the Honeybears, Night Frog, and Tupelo & Jeremy.

For more information about the music festival, as well as a schedule of performers, visit WYEP’s website at: http://wyep.org/summer.