IEP Activity:
**Virtual Jackbox Video Game Party!**
Friday, June 4 @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Do you like playing interactive, exciting games with friends? If so, come join us for an **ELI Jackbox Game Party**! Jackbox Games are online party video games that are played via a smartphone or digital device. These aren’t typical video games! These games are both fun and funny, and will get us talking and keep us laughing.

Don’t spend another Friday evening bored or watching TV! Join Pitt student and ELI Activities Intern Michael Whitaker on Zoom on **Friday, June 4**, to have some fun, hang out with your ELI classmates, and use your English outside of the classroom. We’ll start at 7:00 p.m., but you can join us at any time between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. and stay for one game, two games, or the entire hour.

You must **register in advance** for this activity. For more information or if you have any questions, contact **Rob Mucklo**.

ELI:
**Talk Time Conversation Groups – Final Registration Opportunity!**

In the Talk Time program, an English speaker meets with a small group of ELI students for fun and informal communication (not a class). Meeting times are once weekly during lunch or after ELI classes end on Mondays or Thursdays. You can register for day and time that fits your schedule.

**How can I register?**
You can register for Talk Time by email from Thursday, May 27 to **Thursday, June 3**. Use your Pitt email and send the following information to **elicomm@pitt.edu**.
1) your full name
2) the best day for you to meet: Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday
3) the best time for you to meet: 12:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.

You can also email **elicomm@pitt.edu** if you need more information or have questions about Talk Time.

Talk Time groups start meeting the week after registration, beginning June 7.

At this time, all Talk Time groups will meet virtually on Zoom while the University of Pittsburgh is under Guarded, Elevated, or High Risk **Operational Postures**. In person meetings may become available when conditions allow for it.

E-mail the Community Outreach Coordinator at **elicomm@pitt.edu** if you have questions or need more information about Conversation Partners.

ELI:
**Write for the ELI News**

The ELI loves to publish articles by its students. Would you like to share your thoughts or an essay you wrote? Would you like to write about your American experience? Would you like to teach us something about your culture? If so, please email your submissions to us at **elipitt@pitt.edu**. This is a good chance to improve your English and have your writing published. All levels are welcome!
IEP:

**F1 Students and End-of-Term Grace Period**

The Department of Homeland Security requires students to complete all levels of the ELI program in order to receive the 60-day grace period following the completion of study. This means that if you complete level 6 at the ELI, you will have 60 days after your last day of study to remain in the U.S.

If you complete study at the ELI before taking level 6, you will have a two-week grace period after your final day of class. This means that you will need to leave the U.S. within 2 weeks of your last day of study if you do not complete level 6.

Please note that the grace period is different for students who transfer to a new program. If you transfer to a new program at any time, you must begin study at the first available term of the new program. You are permitted to be out of school for up to 5 months before beginning the first available term of your new program, however. Please see Stacy if you have questions about these policies.

ELI:

**Title IX Policy**

Title IX is a U.S. law that gives you the right to report any instances of sexual misconduct to the University, have the University investigate what happened, and have your complaint resolved.

Sexual misconduct is sexual contact that you do not want:

- Someone speaking to you in a sexual way or asking you for sex when you aren’t interested.
- Someone forcing you to have sexual contact.
- Relationship violence: Spouse/partner speaking to you or treating you in an abusive or violent way.

- Stalking: Someone repeatedly following or threatening you, including by phone/text/email/mail/social media.

You can report sexual misconduct to ELI officials or to the police. The ELI will help you report the issue to the University. Please note: If you report an issue to an ELI staff or faculty member, the ELI is required to report the issue to the University Title IX office. The ELI cannot maintain complete confidentiality. In other words, if you tell any teacher or staff member in the ELI, they must report it to the university.

If you want to speak to a confidential advisor, the ELI can help you find a counselor at the University Counseling Center. In almost all cases, this counselor will not inform other people about what you tell them.

University Counseling Center  
119 University Place  
Nordenberg Hall  
412-648-7930

If you experience any type of sexual misconduct, harassment, relationship violence, or stalking, please talk to the ELI Student Advisor or an ELI teacher immediately.

IEP:

**New I-20’s for F1 Students**

If you are a new F1 student in the ELI, you will receive an e-copy of your new I-20 from Stacy soon. This new copy of the I-20 shows that you have registered for classes and are living in the US legally. This is the document that proves that you have enrolled in school, so you must have it for your records. Usually, the I-20 must be a paper copy, but SEVP is allowing schools to issue e-copies during the COVID-19 shutdown. When the ELI opens again, you should request a paper copy of this document, as well. Please be sure to check your Pitt email every day for instructions on how to access your new I-20.

ELI:

**Traffic and Safety Tips**

Oakland is among the busiest business districts in Pennsylvania and the second most populated neighborhood in Pittsburgh. With all of the hustle and bustle of a busy business district comes increased traffic from both vehicles and pedestrians (people walking) and increased safety concerns. For your safety, please review the general safety tips for pedestrians provided by the Pitt police:

- Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Keep alert at all times. Don’t be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible. This is where drivers expect to see people walking (pedestrians).
- Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.

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If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lighted area where you have the best view of traffic, then wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely, and continue to watch for traffic as you cross.

Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach you to make sure you are seen.

Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.

For more safety tips, visit www.police.pitt.edu/resources/pedestrian-safety-tips. Please note that these tips apply to any Pittsburgh neighborhood.

IEP: Probation at the ELI

As you know, consistent attendance, homework, and participation in classroom activities are all important for successful language learning. If you do not attend classes regularly and do the assigned work, your progress may slow, and your grades may suffer.

In addition, students who do not make a good effort in their work will be put on probation. Students on probation must improve their effort during the probation term, or they may be expelled from the ELI. Sponsors will be notified of probation, as well. There are three ways to be put on probation at the ELI:

1. Having failing final grades in two or more classes
2. Having over 8 absences in two or more classes
3. Having over 15 absences in one or more classes

If you had poor grades and/or attendance last term, you will receive a probation letter. If you are sponsored, your sponsor will be notified that you are on probation, as well. If you have any questions about the probation policy at the ELI, please see Stacy.

IEP:

Happening at Pitt

Here is a selection of highlights from the Pitt Events Calendar. Remember to check out the calendar for more event and activity options and descriptions.

Monday, June 7

Chancellor’s Annual Staff Recognition Ceremony: starts at 3:00 p.m. This ceremony honors University of Pittsburgh staff members who have completed 20-50 years of service in 2020. A great opportunity to learn more about the University and the kinds of amazing things that happen here in Pittsburgh. Register by June 4.

Wednesday, June 9

Ask Me Anything with Jade Darmawangsa: starts at 8:00 p.m. Join Adobe for an Ask Me Anything (AMA) session with social entrepreneur and CEO of X8 Media, Jade Darmawangsa, and learn more about both Jade and the way she build her Adobe Creative Career. A great opportunity to learn more about career-building, social media, and of course, to practice your listening skills. Registration required.

ELI:

Happening in Pittsburgh

Your weekly selection of events and activities in the Pittsburgh area. Please remember to take all Covid precautions and double-check event times and information before leaving your home. IEP students can use their Pitt IDs on public transportation. When using taxis, ride-share services, and all forms of transportation, take all safety precautions.

All Summer

Journey to Africa Presented by Peoples is the National Aviary’s summer feature. This amazing program introduces audience members to the birds of the African continent in free-flight habitats that look, smell and feel like those found in their native wilds. These up-close encounters include hornbills, penguins, eagles, and more. Sign up to feed the African Penguins by hand (daily at 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for an additional fee), meet one of the 500+ species of birds at the National Aviary in person (daily at 12:30 p.m.) attend one of the Talks about Pelicans or Condors (daily at 1:00 p.m.), or the Eagles of Africa (daily at 3:00 p.m.). There are a variety of timed ticket options and all Covid Policies must be followed.

If you have access to a car, check out the TribLive’s Weird Pennsylvania: Your Guide to Unique Spots in the State for some interesting and unusual summer fun you won’t find anywhere else. If you won’t be here in October to experience Halloween, check out the Castle Halloween Museum in Altoona. If you’re into history, especially American or Military History, travel to Gettysburg for a weekend and check out the Civil War Tails, which presents the battle in miniature with cats as the soldiers (hence “Tails” in the name). While you’re in the area, maybe try a ghost tour of the battlefields at night, if you’re feeling brave. Closer to Pittsburgh is The Coffee Pot in Bedford, PA. Bedford also has a ton of history, including housing George Washington’s troops before the American Revolutionary War, when he was still a British soldier and Bedford was still Fort Bedford for the British Army.

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June 5

Join instructors from Yoga Studios for Yoga in Allegheny Commons Park from 10:00-11:00 a.m. All levels of experience and children are welcome. Pre-register and bring your own yoga mat, as well as take Covid precautions. You can also attend the Meditation in Allegheny Commons Park at 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the fountain. All ages and levels of experience are welcome here, too. Registration required.

June 6

Join PPC and Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens for Bioblitz Family Fun Festival in Schenley Park from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Explore the biodiversity of Schenley Park, meet local nature experts and scientists, and go on a guided nature walk, plus more. Click the link for the full schedule of events. Registration for each event is separate and required for attendance, and all Covid precautions, include mask-wearing, are mandatory for everyone.

June 19

If you love to hike, take the 24th Annual Rachel Carson Trail Challenge on June 19. The Challenge is a 35-mile long hike from sunrise to sunset on the Rachel Carson Trail. The “challenge” is to complete the hike in one day, not to finish first. If shorter hikes are more your style, consider one of the short events that same day: the Homestead Challenge or the Friends & Family Challenge. Register to hike or to be a volunteer.

ELI Joke of the Week

This week’s family-friendly humor is courtesy of Parade.com.

Question: What has ears but cannot hear?

Answer: A cornfield