



ECI Newsletter

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

OKLAHOMA STATE CAPITOL



On Monday April 2nd, 2012, ECI ELP students participated in the 21st International Student Awareness Day celebration which took place at the Oklahoma State Capitol in downtown Oklahoma. The event featured free booths, entertainment, and local and international cuisine. Participants had a chance to meet with other international students representing 78 countries and network with state officials, Honorary Consuls, and university and business representatives. ECI students were also offered a guided tour of the State Capitol. As a response to the event, Representative Cory Williams wrote: “We hope the international students’ living experience while attending school in Oklahoma leaves a positive impression on these

students, which can only help our state as we increasingly engage the world in the coming years.” We hope this experience also left a positive impression to our ECI students, and that they will continue to proudly represent their country in our state of Oklahoma!



TORNADO SAFETY

We want to remind all of our students that the Spring in Oklahoma and Texas may bring about some severe weather, and that they should constantly be mindful of the fast-changing weather conditions while planning outdoor events. Follow some simple guidelines and review your “Tornado Fact Sheet” for more information.



WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A TORNADO

If you hear the sirens outside, it means that a **WARNING** has been issued and you must take shelter immediately:

1. Remain calm and exit the school.
2. Stay away from windows
3. Go to the lowest part of the building.
4. Remain there until the threat has passed.

KNOW YOUR TORNADO TERMS:

Tornado Watch - Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television for information.

Tornado Warning - A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.

If a warning is issued or if threatening weather approaches:

- ***In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.***
- ***If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor.***
- ***Stay away from windows.***
- ***Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car; instead leave it immediately.***
- ***If caught outside or in a vehicle, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression.***

Visit <http://www.ready.gov/tornadoes> for more information.

You can also watch Local Channels, visit their websites, or download their Apps on your phone in order to receive regular weather updates.

www.koco.com
www.kfor.com
www.news9.com
www.myfoxdfw.com
www.wfaa.com

Stay Aware and Stay Safe!**GRADUATING**

The staff of ECI would like to wish all the departing students good luck in all their endeavors. Thank you for participating in our programs, and we hope you had a wonderful experience. Thank you to all the host families who so graciously welcomed our students into their homes. We wish you all the best!

NEWS FROM ECI DALLAS

With the campus expanding and welcoming more students, ECI Dallas has also welcomed new teachers to accommodate our growing numbers.

Welcome to our new qualified ESL instructors Brian Couzelis, Sammy Rangel, Kelly McGill, James Umphres, Marnie Tao, and Melissa Henry!

ECI Dallas students recently visited Six Flags in Texas, and here are a few pictures of their trip!



UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

The Fall semester is fast approaching, and many of our students are relentlessly working to get admitted into an American university. Do not forget to talk to your teachers and to your Program Coordinator about your plans. The ECI staff is here to assist you and to inform you of the university admission procedures and requirements. If you are planning on taking the TOEFL soon, don't forget to check out their website to register as well as to find out about the test and about useful studying resources. Visit www.ets.org/toefl for more information.

VISIT OF THE OKC MEMORIAL

On April 19th, 2012, ECI students attended the Seventeenth annual Anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing at the Oklahoma City Memorial. For the occasion, students visited the Oklahoma City Memorial Museum and even got a chance to talk with an OKC bombing survivor. This sad piece of Oklahoman history made for a mandatory field trip that we hope enlightened our students on some core American values such as remembrance, resilience, and a desire to learn from past mistakes while never forgetting those who suffered the consequences of ignorance and violence.



Visit www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org/ to relive your experience at the Memorial.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!

TUITION

Remember: your tuition is due **NO LATER THAN** the first day of the session. A \$20 late fee will be applied to your balance starting on the second day of class up and to \$100.

To make sure you will not run into trouble, plan ahead, and pay your tuition in advance if you are able to do so!

ATTENDANCE

Remember: you are allowed **three (3)** unexcused absences per session. Also, three (3) tardies equal one (1) absence. If you are absent, it is **YOUR** responsibility to go see your teacher to ask for the work that you have missed. You will have **two (2)** days to make up your homework and quizzes. You will not receive a grade for any work submitted after that.

In order for an absence to be excused, you **MUST** present us a Doctor's note or a Test Confirmation. Routine doctor and dentist appointments, as well as appointments with university advisors, will not be excused.

If you have any questions, keep track of your attendance with your teacher or by visiting your Engrade account at www.engage.com.

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"I'LL NEED A NOTE FROM THE ALIENS WHO ABDUCTED YOU TO EXCUSE YOUR ABSENCE."

MEMORIAL DAY

Don't forget! **On May 28th, 2012, the school will be closed for Memorial Day.** This holiday is a day of remembrance for all the Americans who have died to protect our freedom and our nation. Memorial Day also marks the beginning of Summer and is often celebrated with family and friends. Americans particularly like to grill on Memorial Day. If you plan on going outdoors and grilling with your friends, make sure to check the weather before you do so!

Enjoy your three-day weekend!



JUNE: ELECTIONS

ECI OKC Campus will hold their Student Council Elections in June. Get ready for a month of political debate and civic instruction as we elect a new Student Council President and Student Activities Coordinator. Nominate a friend or yourself **on or before May 30th, 2012,** and register to vote with Martha or Denika before Election Day on June 20th, 2012!



Students and Host Families

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We are here to help!

24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

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