

# The ELI Newsletter

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## ELI's All-Star Soccer Team



The English Language Institute formed teams and had a soccer match on Friday, February 6th 2009. This was the first semester that an all-girls' team actually played against a boy's team...and won! The teams played vigorously against one another. After playing for nearly two hours, the team of French students walked away with the final victory. All in all, the players and spectator enjoyed a great game.



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Pictures from bowling night at Miami Strike!

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Pictures from the Valentine's Day dance; students' responses about celebrating Valentine's Day.

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Upcoming activities; English trivia.

# Bowling night at Strike!





# The ELI celebrated V-Day with a dance party...



## Students' Responses

### What does Valentine's Day mean to you?

**"I think V-day is stupid because you shouldn't need a special day to say 'I love you'" -Alex Riethmann**

**"We celebrate Valentine's day in France. I think that the idea is great, but this day underlines people who are single more than couples. It is more like an economic stimulus day; but it's a good excuse to party." -Nevena Ivanova**

**"V-day is an opportunity to express many beautiful feelings to my girlfriend, friends and relatives. On the other hand, I think it is senseless because we should not wait for a special day to say "I love you". -Jose Carlos**

**"We celebrate Valentines in Mexico; but it's not as popular as in the US. Nevertheless, we like to give gifts and hang out with our loved ones. I think this is a day to show people your affection, but we should do that everyday and not take anything for granted." -Lourdes Salguero**

**"For me, V.day is meaningful, because it's an opportunity to remember your friends and say just hello!" -Maria Fernands Buitrago**

**"I don't celebrate V-day often because of several reasons, such as religious ones. For me, every day is Valentine's day." -Abdulgader Safdar**

**"In Switzerland, Valentine's day is common among couples. However, it is not as popular as in Miami. People normally just go out to dinner instead of giving presents. In my opinion, it is definitely a nice way to talk about your feelings towards others, but I personally don't like this day. It seems to force people to do something with their partner this exact day. I prefer surprises which are unforced and heartfelt." -Tanja Orlando**

**"For the most part, V-day is just an opportunity for businesses to make money. For me, it's just like every other day, because I share and express myself every day to the people I love." -Nader Gharawi**

**"For me, Valentine's day is to have a really good time with family, friends and boyfriend. Personally, I think it's a meaningful and nice day." -Carolina Meier**

## Upcoming Events



- Soccer Tournament
- Downtown Miami Party Boat

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## Some English Idioms

At a drop of a dime

At the end of your rope

Different strokes for different folks

Plead the fifth

Add fuel to the fire

Against the grain

All on the same boat

Beating around the bush

Bite your tongue

Going cold turkey

When it rains, it pours

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