Beginning in November, ELI will offer a Community Service elective. This will provide students the opportunity to practice English with native English speakers and learn the importance of social responsibility. Students will volunteer at several non-profit community service agencies. They will visit a Food pantry in Boston and assist in serving food to the patrons, help young children at the Home for Little Wanderers and Second Step, and entertain elderly residents at local nursing homes. Students will be actively involved in all aspects of this program.

After reading the classic American novel Little Women by Louisa May Alcott, Steve Donovan’s class took a field trip to the town of Concord, Massachusetts to visit the author’s childhood home, which was used as a the model for the home featured in the book.

In November, in celebration of Thanksgiving, students will learn about Native American culture and life in early America during the colonial period. To enhance this section of our program, students will visit Sturbridge Village, a historical museum modeled after an 1830s farm town, to experience first-hand traditional American customs and ways of life.

Graduation is always an exciting time at ELI. On November 3rd, we said a fond farewell to a large group from Argentina that was bittersweet. The group leader and teacher, Gabriela Racca, brings her High School Seniors each year to immerse them in English, as well as to experience the unique culture of Boston. A great time was had by all; in fact the students didn’t want to leave. We look forward to a return visit next year.

**Happenings at PMC ELI:**

- **ELI students had the opportunity to practice English with native speakers from the United States by having a cross-cultural exchange with students who are studying languages at the college.**

- **The ELI computer lab is now equipped with software for students to independently study and practice for the IBT (Internet-Based TOEFL). This is in addition to our TOEFL preparation course.**

**ELI Activities — Exploring Historic Salem, MA!**

As the autumn leaves turned colors during the beautiful month of October, ELI students enjoyed a variety of interesting and fun educational and cultural activities. Students viewed the movie The Crucible and learned about the Witch Trials of 1692 before going on a field trip. In Salem, they visited museums and explored the town to make the history they were recently studying come alive in their minds.

At PMC ELI: Steve Donovan (center), ELI Assistant Academic Coordinator, with some of his students in Concord

Students talking in the dining room

Enjoying lollipops together after class

Dropping in on a class at PMC ELI

Around the School

Gabriela Racca