In the PMC Cross-Cultural Psychology class, ELI and PMC students meet with a conversation partner weekly to discuss various topics. This gives the ELI students an opportunity to meet with a native speaker from the United States, practice English and learn about U.S. culture. In turn, the PMC students learn about the cultures of the ELI students.

The weekly discussions cover a variety of topics that provide lively discussions about traditions, similarities and differences in the educational system in their country and the US, structure of the family, verbal and non-verbal communication, emotions and values, individuality vs. collectivism, inter-group relations, etc.

The students said they love the course as they are practicing English, meeting native speakers and learning about U.S. culture!

... and increased TOEFL prep!

We have opened up additional TOEFL preparation classes to meet the increased demand for more classes- one that focuses on TOEFL prep for the paper based test and one for the new IBT TOEFL. The classes are energized with student's focus on succeeding with the TOEFL. Also, the Wean Lab is open to all ELI students after 3:00pm where they can pick up a head set and disc for self-directed practice of the Internet TOEFL.

Every week the Boston culture elective class has been studying about a various site in Boston and then visiting that site.

Students have learned about the history of the Museum of Fine Arts and the extensive collection of art shown there. They studied about African-American traditions in Boston and visited the African-American Museum which is located in the historic Beacon Hill/Back Bay area.

Other sites to be visited are the Prudential Skywalk, which overlooks the entire city. Students will learn about and locate the various diverse ethnic neighborhoods in Boston. Also, during the President's Day holiday week, they will visit the John F. Kennedy museum which commemorates the 35th president of the US and the history of the period when he was President.

ELI Activities — Fun Playing Basketball!

ELI students have been busy learning and practicing basketball, a popular winter season indoor sport invented in 1891 in Massachusetts!

They meet in the gymnasium on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to play games and practice skills, such as dribbling, defense, and shooting baskets. It is great exercise and great for team-building, friendship, and practicing English!

ELI Students Enjoy Basketball in the Gym

ELI Students — Living and Learning Together

Class Time

Lunch Time