

# THE TIGER'S TALE

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**FAMILIAR FACE, NEW PLACE:** Ms. Lira is new to AcadeMir Charter School Middle, but previously taught at AcadeMir Charter School West.

## MEETING NEW ACSM STAFF: MS. LIRA

By Elizabeth L. Gil  
Tiger's Tale Staff Writer

Our new Language Arts teacher Ms. Lira first wanted to be a teacher in 2005. She did this because she wanted her little sister, who suffers from Down Syndrome, to get the best possible education. In pursuit of her goal, she attended both Miami Dade College and Barry University. She studied to receive her degree in Elementary Education (from Kindergarten through Grade 6) and also received endorsements for both ESOL and reading. She finally became a teacher in 2006.

The schools she taught at before AcadeMir Charter School Middle were: Devon Aire K-8 center, Laura C. Saunders, Ethel F. Beckford, and Richmond Elementary as well as AcadeMir Charter School West. She has taught both Language Arts and Math as well as serving as a tutor. According to Ms. Lira, she was a good student overall, but Math was not her strong suit.

While many know her as a teacher, some may not know she is from Chile. Her favorite show on Netflix is Once Upon a Time. The last book she read is Divergent.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

# Students perform for sick children, make a difference in community

By Daniela Ordonez  
Tiger's Tale Contributing Writer

On Nov. 1, while you might have been at home sitting on your couch, two girls were out moving and tapping their feet to the beat of the music for a great cause.

Allison Leiva and Faith Yunis are dancers and recently visited a local hospital to complete a performance that could change the lives of many children. They may seem like normal students at AcadeMir Charter School Middle, but to the cancer patients they were true heroes.

They stated that dancing for these kids made them feel important because it showed the patients that they could make a difference and that they

could show the kids that anything is possible if you work hard enough to achieve it. They do all types of dance, except for ballroom. Although they know that they are not famous, putting a smile on the faces of sick children is satisfying enough.

## A SPECIAL VISIT

The children are not the only thankful ones — so are their parents. They thanked the duo for cheering up the children. According to Leiva and Yunis, the parents said the children always look forward to the visit. Leiva and Yunis said the children may make the girls' eyes watery but they don't cry and try to be strong so they don't disappoint the kids. Each girl has a special signature for when the children ask for autographs.

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## SPORTS

# College Football Playoff teams announced

By Jason Gorelick  
Tiger's Tale Sports Editor

Who's in? After waiting, we finally know who the top four teams are. This year of College Football was a little different. Starting this season, there was a College Football Playoff selection committee. Their job was to decide what team ranked where in the Top 25. There are thirteen members on the selection committee and in my opinion their job is really hard.

Well, the final four teams are ...



Alabama, Oregon, Florida State, and Ohio State.

On Jan. 1, 2015, Oregon will face Florida State University at 5 p.m. in Pasadena, Calif. Later that day, Ohio State will face off against Alabama at 8:30 p.m. in New Orleans. The Championship will be on Jan. 12, 2015 at 8:30 p.m. at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. A system many waited on for many years finally has one of the most pressing questions in all of sports. The next question to answer is ... Who will win?

# 'Big Hero 6' a big hit with viewers



By William Marquez  
Tiger's Tale Staff Writer

I recently went to see the movie "Big Hero 6" with my friends and family, and we all loved it. Let me explain the plotline.

First, Hiro (the brother of Baymax's creator), went to an illegal bot fight. Then his brother came to the rescue on a scooter and tried to run away, but they got caught and arrested.

Later, Hiro went with his brother to another bot fight but instead they went to Hiro's brother's technology college. His brother showed him a lab. At the lab, we meet Baymax, Honey, GoGo, Fred, and Wasabi (very important characters).

Honey is a cheerful, peppy, geeky, intelligent, optimistic, and eccentric girl. GoGo is a cool, sarcastic, sassy and smart girl. Fred is that dude who spends his whole life collecting stuff like comics and anything related to monsters. He is a cool and fun but not the smartest person in the world. Wasabi is a super OCD guy, he likes his

things the way he wants them to be. But if you get to know him he's a nice, smart guy. Last, but not least, is Baymax, the health care assistant. This robot is programmed to make sure you are healthy. Baymax is a friendly, nice, helpful robot. Hiro and his brother went to the science fair for a chance for Hiro to enroll in his brother's college. After they left the science fair the building caught fire. Hiro's brother tried to save someone inside, but was tragically killed. After the fire, Hiro investigates what started the fire and killed his brother.

OK, I'm not going to spoil everything. All the people I went to see the movie with said, "It was amazing, 5/5". I say the same thing. But the reason I love this movie is because it's a great mixture of comedy, family, and action. My favorite character is Baymax. My favorite moment is when he has a cat on his lap and said "hairy baby."

Make sure to stay after the credits for a small short related to the movie.

# ACSM Academic Contest

Answer all questions for your grade level below, and you could win a \$15 gift card, as well as be entered for a Grand Prize drawing at the end of the year. Turn in your answers to your homeroom teacher.

Last month's winner is Laura Gonzalez. Congratulations!

## GRADE 6

**Math:** What is 25.25 written as a mixed number in its simplest form? What is  $5\frac{7}{20}$  written as a decimal?

**Science:** Why does a permeable rock weather easily?

**Social Sciences:** Name three people who served as kings of Israel before the invasion of the Chaldeans.

## GRADE 7

**Math:** Simplify the following expression:  
 $7q+4x-7q+8x-z$

**Science:** What is a geological time scale? How was the geological time scale developed?

**Social Sciences:** What are the "Five Freedoms"? In what amendment would you find all five principles?

## GRADE 8

**Math:** Is  $\frac{4}{5}$  a rational number? Is  $\frac{4}{0}$ ?

**Science:** Explain the difference between a scientific theory and a scientific law.

**Social Sciences:** Name an important industry in both the northern, middle and southern colonies prior to the American Revolution.

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