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A Q&A WITH MRS. RODRIGUEZ



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Karla Rodriguez recently came to AcadeMir Charter School Middle to assume responsibilities as the school's vice principal. The Tiger's Tale sat down with Mrs. Rodriguez and asked her a few questions about her background, her ideas for the school and her beverage choices:

Gil: What school did you work at before coming to ACSM?

Rodriguez: I worked at Doral Academy.

G: What advanced degrees do you have?

R: I have a master's degree in counseling and a specialist's degree in educational leadership.

G: Do you have any children? If so, how many?

R: I have three boys.

G: What are your future plans for our school?

R: My plans include providing a strong academic setting for students, providing more extracurricular activities and academic support, building school spirit and preparing students for the future.

G: What's your favorite Starbucks drink?

R: A venti caramel macchiato.

G: What was your favorite and least favorite subjects when you were in school?

R: My favorite subject was math and my least favorite was history (sorry Mr. Bunch!).

G: Do you have a favorite student?

R: I can't pick, but if I had to? Everyone.

G: What languages can you speak?

R: English and Spanish

G: What's your favorite TV show?

R: NCIS

ACSM hits the 'Court of Dreams'



HOOPING IN THE HEAT'S HOUSE: Members of the ACSM basketball team. Standing, from left: Jeancarlos Iglesias, Andre Perez, Carlos Lopez, Coach Andrews, Max Fernandez, Mr. Bunch, Wyatt English, Josue Cao, Adrian Gonzalez, Coach Williams. Kneeling, from left: Luis Morlote, Alec Beers, Andres Santana, Joshlyne Vandergriff, Angel Ruiz.

By Jason Gorelick
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The AcadeMir Charter School Middle Tigers were supposed to face off against Excelsior Language Academy on Nov. 4, 2014 at the home of the Miami Heat, the American Airlines Arena. Well, that's how it was supposed to be.

A few days before the game Excelsior let Coach Andrews know that they weren't going to be able to make it. So instead of a school vs. school game the twelve members of the ACSM Tigers basketball team were split up into two teams. Coach Andrews led the White team while Mr. Bunch coached the Blue team.

Before the big game though, there was much more preparation and practice. "We practiced twice a week from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m." Coach Andrews explained. The team practiced different types of passes, defensive and offensive plays,

body movement and control, and other types of drills.

This year it was harder for someone to make the team because only the top 12 players could make the team unlike last year. These players had to have the will to win, had to work hard, and love for the game.

Carlos Lopez and Angel Ruiz, who are two members of the team, told me that they worked very hard for the game and were ready for the big day. Both of them also wanted to be NBA players in the near future. Josue Cao, another member of the team, said he would recommend everyone to tryout and that it was a great experience.

When the game day came the teams warmed up and then it was time. The players told me they enjoyed the game and it was a great time. At the end of the game, the White team defeated the Blue team 30-20, but it didn't matter who won because they were both from ACSM.

OPINION

Deforestation hurts environment

By Joshua Negrin
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Deforestation is very bad for the environment. It is used for multiple reasons, such as logging operations, money, growing urban sprawl, and people's needs. However, deforestation is harming our environment!

Money comes from trees; people seem to not think that is important. People say money doesn't grow from trees, but they are incorrect. It does grow from trees, in the form of logs and wood products. Forests are logged for money, people's needs, and to meet growing urban sprawl.

Trees are being cut down for people's needs, such as paper and wooden cabins. Trees are also

being chopped down for more urban and city space. Logging operations deal more with paper and wood operations.

Logging operations also cut down many trees. They build many roads in spaces that extend to trees and deforest the area to reach beyond it. This is not good for our environment, not one bit.

Deforestation can also drive climate change. Trees block the moist and wet soil from the hot, scorching Sun. This helps more trees grow and the ecosystem has much more of a capability to survive.

The trees are very useful for the water cycle, since they can make some water evaporate from their leaves. The environment and our trees are very useful and dangerous to mess with.

ENTERTAINMENT

Review: Super Smash Brothers for Wii U

By Jonathan Touriz
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Super Smash Bros 4 for WiiU and 3DS is the fourth installment of Nintendo's bestselling franchise. An expanded roster, new stages, new modes, and there's no end to the smashing fun.

Technical tidbit: This may be a bit too technical for some, but please let us just get this out. The 3DS version is going to run at 60 frames per second, or FPS, even in 3D, as most games on the 3DS tend to slow down while in 3D. For those of you who understand the FPS system, you would probably guess that this is quite a few for the scale of Smash Bros. You will be looking at smooth animation, and gameplay.

Online play: Both versions will have online mode as Brawl did, but of course if your connection is not smooth, you won't be able to play comfortably. If you're not playing with friends you

can choose from two modes called "for fun" and "for glory".

Assist trophies: Assist trophies are tiny dome holding the spirit of a non-playable character. When the players grab the assist trophies, they awaken those characters who will assist in the battle.

Returning fighters: If a fighter used to change form in previous games, that second form is now a separate character. For example, Zero Suit Samus from the Metroid series now wears jet boots for fast and powerful kicks.

Newcomers: New characters to the Super Smash Brothers series include Rosalina & Luma from Super Mario Galaxy and Little Mac from Punch Out.

So that's Super Smash Bros 4, a crossover game that brings together the characters of Nintendo and their third party developers. We hope you enjoy it.

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.

GRADE 6

Math: What is the meaning of exponents? To write a number in exponential form as 5 to a second power, 5 being the base and 2 the exponent.

Science: What is Energy? Explain two different kinds of energies using real-life examples.

Social Sciences: What female Pharaoh was well known for creating trade ties with other empires?

GRADE 7

Math: How would you add and subtract Rational numbers with like and unlike denominators?

Science: What are the characteristics of the three stages of a volcano?

Social Sciences: What are the Five Principles of the United States Government? In what important document can someone find all five principles?

GRADE 8

Math: Sometimes the product of two positive numbers is less than either number. Describe the numbers for which this is true.

Science: Describe an endothermic Chemical Reaction, how it happens, and what it means.

Social Sciences: What war provided the beginning of the military career of future U.S. president George Washington?

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