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"We are not small potatoes."

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Thank you....

3rd Q Flagbearers:

- 1st: Sarah Li
- LT: (None)
- 5th: Cayden Frantz
- 7th: Roman Bishop
- 2nd: Tate Lyons
- 6th: Lex Tamura

Datemasters:

- 1st: Joyce Gong
- 2nd: Lucy Evans
- AG: Kaiya Dave

Two Turtles Sighted Off the Coast

By Ruben Gallego

In a land of prophecy, such as 109, false alarms occur from time to time. The prophecy of the two turtles has generated several false alarms over the years, but none of those false alarms reached the level of the current situation. The two turtles are here, and

they seem intent on making landfall.

The Prophecy of the Two Turtles, which first originated from the wise Phoss, states that the same two turtles who brought Mr. Huang to 109 in 2004 will return to take him away. However, the prophecy also states

that if Mr. Huang were to ever leave, "his going out would not be the same as his coming in."

Two turtles have been spotted in the ocean in the past, but in all previous cases, they did not approach 109 or 209 further. This time is different.

Two giant turtles, who bear a striking

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Choi Complains About 6th Period

By Julia Brownley

"Nothing happens here," said Evan Choi about 6th period.

Maybe it's not so boring after all. On SD 11, 6th period finally scored more perfect SDs than 1st pd, giving 6th pd citizens reasons to rejoice.

Choi is very competitive with 1st period, always noticing when they have more perfects .

But Choi might be right about the general malaise of 6th period. Here are some common questions from Mr. Huang to 6th period that often result in complete silence:

"Did we do this last time?"

"What kind of z score would you like to have?"

"Did you have a good break?"

"What day of the week is it?"

Zhong Misses Opportunity

By Darren Soto

The door was open for Lauren Zhong, of 6th period but she didn't take her chance.

On U6 Quiz 2, Zhong got two answers for #9, so as a good student should, she decided to make sure they both worked. Careful examinations of her scratch work shows that she knew "25" definitely worked. "1/25" looked suspicious. She tested it, and it worked, but she decided to test it again to make sure. This time, it didn't work. She decided to write down only one answer: "25".

It turns out both answers did work. For a short time, the door was open for 1/25, but it was only open for so long. If Zhong had made her decision earlier, before testing 1/25 again, she would have received full credit for #9.

In life, doors do not stay open forever. Sometimes, you have to take the bull by the horns, strike while the iron is hot, gather rosebuds while you may, seize the day, and leave nothing to chance

Chandela Begg for More HW Checks

By Jill Tokuda

With the end of 3rd quarter approaching, citizens got nervous about their grades. Ajay Chandela was one of the them He wanted some help from Mr. Huang in the form of more homework checks!

"Please, check my homework next week!" he pleaded. "I need a grade boost."

"You don't know how homework grades work, do you?" said Mr. Huang.

Apparently not. Mr. Huang explained to Chandela

and to anyone in 5th period who might have thought homework checks can potentially raise one's grade, that after homework checks, one's grade either stays the same or goes down. Grades aren't able to increase due to a HW check.

"Oh..." said Chandela, as he spread out his papers, notebooks, and computer on the vacant desks in front,, behind, and to the left of him. "Never mind, no more HW checks please."

Yoo Criticizes Jeong's Musical Ability

By Eric Sorensen

.For an unknown reason, Paul Yoo decided to let everyone in 1st period know that Tyler Jeong's clarinet-playing isn't good.

"Tyler's clarinet isn't good," he said out of the blue.

There was silence. From the reaction in the room, it seems everyone, including Nihal Dhillon, already knew.

"He doesn't warm up his clarinet," said Dhillon to break the silence. "It sounds horrible." Dhillon didn't waste time expressing his opinion.

Remaining silent, Jeong didn't seem to object. Maybe he too thinks his playing is horrible.

"I'm not even in band," said one citizen. "But Tyler did have a guilty look on his face, as if he knew Paul was right."

"That's why orchestra is better," said another citizen. "Our instruments are ready to go as soon as you tune it. No need to 'warm it up.' If Paul says it, it must be true. He's always right."

Jain Leads Yoo, Zhang by One ; Warusa, Yan, Qi, Gong in Third

By Brittany Pettersen

After 2nd quarter ended in a five-way tie, Arham Jain of 1st period finally opened up some separation between him and the other contenders for the 2022-23 Skill Drills Cup by going a perfect six for six, ending with 15 perfects after three quarters.

Paul Yoo (1st) and Emma Zhang, who also went six for six in 3rd quarter, both stand in 2nd place with 14 perfects. Hanjoo Jung (7th) also went perfect but sits in 5th place with 11.

Sitting in 3rd place with 13, Kalan Warusa, Joyce Gong, and Ryan Qi fell off the pace, going 4 out of 6, while Angela Yan kept her hopes alive

going 5 out of 6.

The race now enters the unpredictable 4th quarter where tensions rise and the hard-to-predict Skill Drills for the Masses and Kill Drills loom.

Generally, there are fewer Skill Drills weeks in 4th quarter as well, so those not within two perfects of first place do not have a good chance of catching up.

“History has shown us that you really need to be within two to have a shot,” said Mr. Huang. “And it’s not impossible, even if we only have 4 SDs left. Kill Drills could hurt even the best, and it’s the 4th quarter, so sometimes the brain gets tight.”

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resemblance to the two creatures from 2004, are closer to K109 than any other turtles have been. They also seem headed for the docks, a location where a meeting of the minds could take place.

“I don’t think it’s anything,” said one 109 citizen. “This has happened many times before, and nothing happened. The prophecy might not even be true. 109 forever!”

Perfect SD after #16

- 15: Arham Jain
- 14: Paul Yoo, Emma Zhang
- 13: Kalan Warusa, Angela Yan, Ryan Qi, Joyce Gong
- 12: Sarah Li
- 11: Hanjoo Jung
- 10: Michelle Lin, Shihan Rao, Anderson Hao, Jonathan Li
- 9: Tyler Bult, Calvin Hurwitz, Alex Lee, Jiwoo Lee
- 8: Roland Saunders, Adam Zhao, Kyle He, Arnav Talreja, Lauren Zhong
- 7: Chloe Jeong, Helen Qin, Emma Bui, Emma Tao, Jacob Clayton, Henry Huang, Timothy Oh, Anne Zhang
- 6: Jin woo Lee, Sean Noh, Rewa Sethi, Michael Zhou, Evan Choi
- 5: Daniel Vladimiroff, Roxanna Sharafi, Rithy Tha, Connor Weinsall, Saanvi Agiwal, Caroline Su
- 4: Nyida Gyal, Aaron Lin, Allegra O’Grady, Hera Han, Ben Kim, Shirley Wang, Karin Leverett, Evan Li, Samuel Li, Ben Wang, YiMin Hou, Sophia Wallace
- 3: Matthew Leverett, Logan Shundi, Zayan Baig, Seojun Choi, Sabina Hagen, Abby Cai, Jimin Lee, Daniel Pippin, Anne-Sophie Li, Rebecca Sarmiento, Jonathan Leong
- 2: Zoya Moloo, Kavin Madan, Rehka Shen, Haiyang Sun, Roman Bishop, Kaitlin Bradely, Artorius Cox, Alex Inget, Joshua Lee, Ethan Ma, Isabella Boehm, Cassie Park, Lex Tamura, Sacchi Thomas
- 1: Richard Deng, Tyler Jeong, Julia Brennan, Ethan Chung, Alexander Lee, Ethan Estrada, Cayden Frantz, Vanika Jivan, Michelle Park, Hendrick Johnson, Shoshona Saxe, Devika Shah, Jacob Xu, Cleary Caruth, Ethan Chen, Venita Wang, Ben Zeng, Kaiya Dave, Sophia Falsone, Murad Feroze, Sophia Harris, Gavin Keeler, Lara Ozdemir

Ask Arvid

Answers to Questions in an Ever-Confusing World

Dear Arvid:

Can the Kingdom of 109 ever change monarchs?

Dear Curious:

Yes. This is all in Article 1 of the Constitution. If the monarch dies, the queen immediately becomes monarch. Also, the monarch may dissolve 109 if he wishes.

Dear Arvid:

How will being a citizen of 109 help me in life?

Dear Thinker:

It is always helpful to be reminded that you are part of something bigger than yourself.

Dear Arvid:

When should I start wearing shorts again?

Dear Accessorizer:

I would wait until the temperature is consistently above 82 degrees F. It's easier to style with long pants, so I like to wait as long as possible before switching to shorts.

Estrada Makes 5th Pd Turn in HW

By Glenn Ivey

On Valentine's Day, Ethan Estrada gave everyone in 5th period his own special Valentine. Turning in homework!

The period started joyfully, with Estrada learning that he finally got a perfect Skill Drill. In his exuberance, Estrada shouted that he wanted a HW check so he could turn in the homework that he was so proud of. Eager to please Estrada, Mr. Huang immediately ordered a homework check even though he was not planning on doing one. Emma Bui and Michelle Park slapped their foreheads in frustration.

"Why did you say that?" they asked.

"I just couldn't control my joy," said Estrada afterwards. "After getting that 10 on Skill Drills, I wanted to show that I can complete my homework too. After all, that's the more difficult of the two tasks."

Jivan Hordes Band-Aids

By Kevin Casto

On March 22, Vanika Jivan inflicted numerous paper cuts on herself so that she could horde 109's band-aids.

"At first it was one band-aid for one cut," said Mr. Huang. "But then she started coming up to me every minute asking me for more."

There are now only seven band-aids left in 109. Unless a new shipment arrives or unless 109 works out a pencils-for-band-aids trade with another nation, 109 will not be able to deal with more than seven cuts before the end of the year.

"I think she was trying to verse-jump," said one citizen. "I saw this movie where you would travel to other universes in the multiverse if you gave yourself enough papercuts. Yes, she was definitely trying to verse-jump."