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Thank you....

2nd Q Flagbearers:

- 1st: Paul Yoo
- LT: (None)
- 5th: Ajay Chandela
- 7th: Daniel Pippin
- 2nd: Timothy Oh
- 6th: Saanvi Agiwal

Datemasters:

- 1st: Nihal Dhillon
- 2nd: Evan Li

Mr. Huang Appoints Dave as Attorney General

By Nathan MacKinnon

In the latest of non-traditional moves, Mr. Huang appointed Kaiya Dave as Attorney General of K109 without asking for candidates to submit applications.

In recent years, some have been worried that Mr. Huang is bending too many rules.

"That textbook tax was uncalled for," said one citizen, referring to the 2019 tax on Algebra 2 textbooks during Lancer Time that was ruled unconstitutional by Attorney General Karina Bhatt. For that, Mr. Huang had to step down from the throne for one week

Then, without precedent, last year, Mr. Huang eliminated the office of Ambassador, choosing to merge it with the office of Attorney General.

"If Mr. Huang wants to change the rules, he must change the Constitution first, as is his right," said Alex Pope, president of the Constitution Preservation

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Inget Really Misses Skill Drills

By Cale Makar

.In an unprecedented move, Mr. Huang paused Skill Drills for several weeks during Unit 5. While most citizens didn't miss Skill Drills, one student felt a gaping hole in his heart.

"Why haven't we done Skill Drills in a while?" asked Alex Inget, tears in his eyes. To mask the quivering sadness in his voice, Inget said he wasn't

complaining, but everyone knew that he genuinely felt the loss of his dear friend, Skill Drills.

"Have faith, boy," said Mr. Huang. "Skill Drills will return in 3rd quarter. You will be reunited."

As for all the water bottles left in the room during the year, they will probably never be reunited with their owners.

Keeler Obsessed with Invisible Problem

By Erica Johnson

A keen observation by a 7th period citizen brought up an interesting question. On November 15, Gavin Keeler noticed that #8 was missing on a worksheet on transforming formulas.

"How do we do #8?" he asked.

"We don't," said Mr. Huang. "It's not there."

"So how do we do it then?"

Keeler was convinced there was a #8 somewhere in the universe that didn't make it to the paper. Kidding aside, his question does bring up an interesting question.

Can a problem which is invisible or does not exist be solved?

If #8 did exist at some point in time and was even on that paper at that time, then it of course could be solved. Unfortunately, there is no one around to confirm there ever was a #8.

But what about a problem that never existed on the paper or anywhere? Can that problem be solved?

Yoo Arm Wrestles Warusa

By Nico Sturm

On 11/21, 1st period was at an impasse. The answer to #9 on Unit 4 Quiz 1 could include a plus/minus sign or just a plus sign.

Two voices, Paul Yoo and Kalan Warusa, defended either side. After a long discussion, neither the class nor Mr. Huang was convinced of either side. Mr. Huang said the only thing that could decide the true answer was arm wrestling.

At first, Yoo and Warusa were reluctant to wres-

tle. Yoo, shorter and lighter than Warusa, doubted his own abilities, and only two citizens thought Yoo could win. While it's true that usually, height and weight are both advantages, good arm wrestling technique can make up for those deficiencies.

In the end, the match was a stalemate, but it didn't matter.

"I had already decided who was right," said Mr. Huang. "I needed the entertainment, so I let them arm wrestle."

Shundi Said He Would Die in Peace after Perfect SD

By Mikaela Maltsev

After receiving a 5/5 on Box B of SD 8, Logan Shundi started dreaming.

"If I get a perfect Skill Drill, I can die in peace because I will know I have accomplished what I needed to in life."

When Shundi made his dream known, Mr. Huang wondered if Shundi had already received at least one perfect Skill Drill during 2021-22, but Shundi said he had not.

"I guess that's why you're

still alive," shouted one fellow citizen.

"I hope he really gets a 10," said Sarah Li whose neck was severely sprained after one of Shundi's thunderous apocalyptic sneezes. "I'm tired of getting hit by those sneezes."

Shundi was moved to the front of the room so that no one else would suffer an injury similar to Li's.

Eventually, after finishing SD 8 and SD 9, Shundi had two 10s. What will happen next?

Five-Way Tie in Race for Skill Drills Cup

By Darcy Kuemper

Joyce Gong and Paul Yoo stumbled while three other citizens were perfect, creating a five-way tie for the lead in this year’s race for the Skill Drills Cup.

Gong and Yoo went a perfect 6 for 6 in 1st quarter and hoped to maintain their one-point lead in the 2nd quarter. Unfortunately, Yoo stumbled on SD 8 and Gong on SD 9 while Ryan Qi, Kalan Warusa, and Arham Jain all went 4 for 4 to create the logjam at the top of the standings. All five are in Algebra 2. Roland Saunders and Jonathan Li also went 4 for 4 and sit tied for 5th and 2nd respectively.

Over in Algebra 1, Emma Zhang, who was also

tied with Gong at the end of 1st quarter, only went 2/4 in 2nd quarter and sits tied for 2nd with 8 perfects. Anne Zhang and Alex Lee, both 6th graders, are tied for 3rd with 6 perfects.

The most disappointed citizens include Angela Yan who followed up a perfect 1st quarter with a 2/4 2nd quarter, Jiwoo Lee who followed her 5/6 1st quarter with a 2/4 quarter., and Michelle Lin, who, tied for 2nd going into the 2nd quarter, only added 1, putting her into a tie for 4th with 6 perfects.. Kyle also sits in 4th place with six perfects.

When 3rd quarter begins, we will see if any of the five at the top can distance themselves.

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Societ(CPS). “Otherwise, he is just making a mockery of our founding document.”

“Kaiya Dave is highly qualified to be the AG,” said Mr. Huang. “She knows the Constitution

and cares about following it.”

Perhaps Mr. Huang is right. Already, several times Dave has corrected Mr. Huang on matters concerning absent datemasters and the crime of calling someone a small potato.

Perfect SD after #10

9: Joyce Gong, Ryan Qi, Paul Yoo, Kalan Warusa, Arham Jain

8: Sarah Li, Angela Yan, Emma Zhang, Jonathan Li

7: Jiwoo Lee

6: Michelle Lin, Alex Lee, Anne Zhang, Kyle He

5: Chloe Jeong, Helen Qin, Roland Saunders, Shihan Rao, Calvin Hurwitz, Hanjoo Jung, Henry Huang, Timothy Oh, Anderson Hao, Arnav Talreja, Lauren Zhong

4: Nyida Gyal, Sean Noh, Daniel Vladimiroff, Tyler Bult, Adam Zhao, Michael Zhou

3: Jinwoo Lee, Matthew Leverett, Aaron Lin, Caroline Su, Abby Cai, Rewa Sethi, Connor Weinshall, Jacob Clayton, Anne-Sophie Li, Jonathan Leong, Sophia Wallace

2: Allegra O’Grady, Logan Shundi, Emma Bui, Roxanna Sharafi, Emma Tao, Evan Li, Rebecca Sarmiento, Benjamin Kim, Evan Choi, YiMin Hou, Shirley Wang

1: Richard Deng, Tyler Jeong, Zoya Moloo, Zaiyan Baig, Ethan Chung, Sabina Hagen, Vanika Jivan, Kavin Madan, Michelle Park, Devika Shah, Haiyang Sun, Artorius Cox, Kaiya Dave, Jimin Lee, Ethan Ma, Lara Ozdemir, Daniel Pippin, Rithy Tha, Alex Lee, Karin Leverett, Samuel Li, Sacchi Thomas, Hera Han, Eric Li, Lex Tamura, Venita Wang

Ask Arvid

Answers to Questions in an Ever-Confusing World

Dear Arvid:

I have heard that each quarter, hundreds of us get on the All A Honor Roll. How many were on it 30 years ago?

Dear Curious:

About 15.

Dear Arvid:

Have Mr. Huang's tests always been this hard?

Dear Suffering:

No. They used to be much more difficult. The extra credit questions used to be regular test questions. About 20% of the topics aren't even taught anymore. Homework checks were every day. My child, you have it easy.

Dear Arvid:

Did Longfellow always have block schedule?

Dear Curiouser:

No. Against K109's wishes, we started that in 2021. Before that, we had every class every day, in numerical order, for about 50 minutes.

Dear Arvid:

Did Longfellow always have Lancer Time?

Dear Mel:

No. Against K109's wishes, the PTB started about 10 years ago.

Dear Arvid:

How old is Longfellow?

Dear Pamela:

It began in the 1960s.

Sixth Graders Sway 2nd Period Elections

By Andrea Burakovsky

The 6th grade voting bloc has never been a force until 2022-23. On election day for 2nd quarter offices, Evan Li became the fourth sixth-grader in 109 history to become Datemaster, the others being Seungin Sohn, Owen Rollins, and Joshua Massery. The 6th grade vote also significantly affected the flagbearer race.

Typically, 6th grade nominees get almost all, if not all, the 6th grade vote, but this year, the 6th grade vote also swayed the 2nd round of the flagbearer vote which did not include a 6th grade nominee. The first

round of voting ended in a tie between Timothy Oh and Tate Lyons, both 7th graders. In the second round of voting, almost all 6th grade votes (who voted for 6th grade nominee Michael Zhou in the first round) went to Timothy Oh, giving him a narrow win over Lyons.

"They are definitely a force," said one fellow citizen. "Anybody running for office needs to make sure they get most or all the votes from those little people. Timothy did that. Tate didn't, and that was the difference."