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"We are not small potatoes."

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Thank you....

2nd Q Flagbearers:

- 1st: Sam Emory
- 2nd: Siryn Grinbergs
- 3rd: Zeeshan Huang
- 5th: Clement Ding
- 6th: Arnav Khetarpl

Datemasters:

- 1st: Emmanuel Onyejekwe
- 2nd: Siryn Grinbergs

Threatening Note from "901"

By Aaron Ness

A threatening note was found near the western wall in 209. K109 is taking the threat seriously. Mr. Huang is in closed-door deliberations.

On one section of a small rectangular piece of paper 3.5 by 2.5 inches, someone drew a flag sim-

ilar to the 109 flag. 901 was written in red in the center with two concentric circles around it meant to look like the One Donut. Two lines intersect behind the circles, much like the Lancer lance and Staff of Gandalf in the 109 flag. Two

menacing eyes peer from behind the circles. The phrase "Large Tomatoes" is written at the top of the One Donut. The other section of the paper says in large letters: "WE ARE COMING!"

Logan Shundi and Madeline Tarazi of 4th

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Deevy Goes Hatless...or Does He?

By Alex Cavallini

On 11/9/21, Carter Deevy shook things up, and all it took was a little wardrobe adjustment. Who says clothes don't make the man, or in this case, make shockwaves?

Several citizens noticed that Deevy wasn't wearing a hat for the first time this year, and citizens started staring. Braver souls took out their phones to send out the news: "Carter no

hat". Even Mr. Huang asked Deevy about it.

"It's invisible," replied Deevy.

Invisible hats haven't caught on yet, but they do have advantages. Depending on the material, an invisible hat can provide warmth while still showing off one's hair, though the hair being seen through the hat would still be pressed down by the hat, resulting in showing off one's "hat hair".

3rd Period Can't Decide When Declaration of Independence Signed

By Kenny Agostino

When Mr. Huang put what he thought was an innocent math problem on a worksheet, little did he know that the problem would spark a debate in 3rd period.

The problem asked the reader to multiply the digits of the year that the US Declaration of Independence was signed. The next step was to find the sum of the digits of that same year. The last step was to subtract the sum from the product.

"I thought the calculating might be tricky," said Mr. Huang.

Wrong. The trickiest part was deciding when the Declaration was signed.

"I didn't know we had to major in history in math class," said one clueless citizen.

"1876 sounds right. Our country is only 100 years old," said Amiti Ganguly.

"1876 would be after the Civil War!" shouted Atul Kotomaruju. His comment didn't seem to help.

Ganguly Denies 3rd Period Candy

By Hilary Knight

On Nov. 18, 3rd period had a glorious chance to get some Snickers. Their chance was glorious because they doubted the abilities of Amiti Ganguly. But they doubted the wrong person.

Deep into the Irrational Functions Unit, 3rd period had to practice the unnamed technique of taking an radical expression that had a radical inside of it and turning it into an expression composed of a sum (or difference) of two simpler radicals.

Ganguly, who had read about this technique in the textbook, felt confident she could show everyone how to do it.

"What do we get if you don't do it right?" someone proposed. Ganguly then put pressure on herself by promising candy to each citizen if she messed up. At first she promised Swedish Fish but had to change it to Snickers after Mr. Huang revealed he

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K109 Casts Blame on PTB

By Brock Faber

K109's relationship with the Powers That Be that oversee Longfellow took a sour turn this week when Mr. Huang on Nov. 18 openly cast blame on them for the recent changes in the rules for the Skill Drills Cup, rule changes that have elicited opinions from former Skill Drills champions.

For the first time in Skill Drills Cup history, the number of questions per Skill Drill sheet was reduced from 20 to 10 (two sets of five). In addition, today's Skill Drill takers get a five-question preview of

what the officially counted two sets of five questions will look like. Old-timers never received that benefit. Surprisingly, most old-timers, such as Summer Wang, don't mind sharing the all-time perfect Skill Drills records.

"Just let them know we had it tougher," said Wang proudly, who bagged 12 perfects in 2016.

Others, like Deniz Atak, who got 19 perfects in 2012, do mind.

"Just start a new list of top

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doesn't like Swedish Fish.

The crowd got noisy during Ganguly's time at the board, and she did initially make a small mistake before correcting it. Deethya Balaji tried in vain to restore order to the ruckus.

"Let her think! I don't care about candy!" she cried, stunning those who dream for free candy every period.

Ganguly did eventually reach the correct expression. 3rd Period's sweet tooth would have to wait.

"I think we have a big problem when people choose candy over truth," said one bystander.

Gong Misses One

By Jennifer Chee

Joyce Gong, perfect through ten Skill Drills, finally missed one question in SD #11 Box B. She maintains a one-point lead in this year's SD Cup.

Yeeyung Li and Michelle Lin of 1st period, Sophia Hou of 5th, and Delaney Raptis of 6th trail by one point.

"Joyce is one of the finest Skill Drillers in history," said Mr. Huang. "It's a real shame she made a mistake on that one. I thought she would go perfect the whole year." No 109 citizen has ever gone perfect the whole year.

Perfect SDs through SD #11

10: Joyce Gong

9: Yeeyung Li, Michelle Lin, Sophia Hou, Delaney Raptis

8: Kathryn Wu, Seongwoo Ju, Erix Xie, Nahyeon Ryoo

7: Justin Liu, Max Lee, Kalan Warusa

6: Ryan Qi, Evan Choi

5: Daniel Vladimiroff, Seongwoo Ju

4: Luke Swigart, Yongwon Lee, Jiwon Ryu, Yi Min Hou

3: Yanling Lin, Zain Marshall Elaine Zhang, Joshua Lee, Kyle Li, Sophia Ren, Ruby Trent, Andrew Chen, Daniel Choi, Max Liu, Siryn Grinbergs, Siyoon Kim, Sydney Maitland, Delilah Tanner

2: Sam Emory, Dheethya Balaji, Amiti Ganguly, Sean Hwang, Ryan Kang, Joshua Zhou, Allison Cheng, Yunah Choi, Jean Yoo

1: Richard Deng, Jack Franz, Lucas Jeong, Emmanuel Onyejekwe, Jiayu Chen, Sophia Guo, Aarushi Kanigicherla, Indira Melvin, Sonia Qiao, Clement Ding, Alex Gan, Maria Ayvazyan, Elisabeth Beach, Carter Deevy, Holly Raheb, Sophia Wallace, Aidan Burke, Nayeon Kim, Austen Kimmitt, Jack Russo

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skill drills," he suggested. "And frame the original one."

To normalize the playing field, Angeline Zhao suggested having ten questions per day instead of five for a total of 20. Mr. Huang nixed that idea because of lack of time, precisely the source of the problem caused by the PTB.

"The PTB has consistently taken time away from periods," said Mr. Huang. "Every year they have done this. And now we have this block scheduling which makes it impossible to cover the same material in a year. Something had to be cut, and that something was Skill Drills...and we still won't cover everything by June! The PTB is directly interfering in our mission, and if they keep doing this, maybe they have to go...or maybe we have to leave Longfellow."

Ask Arvid

Answers to Questions in an Ever-Confusing World

Dear Arvid:

I keep forgetting to bring a pencil to class. What do I do about it?

I know it’s frustrating when you’re missing something that should be there in the head area. Maybe it fell out nearby.

Dear Forgetful:

There is a really easy solution to this problem. Bring a pencil.

Dear Arvid:

When I graph straight lines, my lines are never straight.

Dear Arvid:

I bring pencils to class, but none of them have erasers. What do I do about it?

Dear Crooked:

Yes, that’s a common one. There are these things called rulers that we use to help us. If you don’t have one, you can use the side of a book.

Dear Missing Top:

Quiz Bowl — News and Notes

- The quiz bowlers who will represent Longfellow at MSNCT in May are: Aarushi Kanigicherla, Anthony Zhao, Edward Burros, Sarah Trainer, Edward Lin, Alan Tang, Sam Cohen, Sophia Guo
- On 2/19, Longfellow will host LATTE, its first in-person tournament in two years
- MSQBRank has Longfellow ranked #1 on the country (Mr. Huang believes the ranking is flawed)

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period examined the paper and deemed it a viable threat.

“We should definitely start arming ourselves,” said Shundi.

This is not the first time K109 has been threatened by mysterious notes. The organization RASP sent several threatening letters to 109, even going so far as to threaten the life of the royal family on the occasion of the coronation of Princess Valentina in 2018. In response, K109 built an arsenal of weapons, an arsenal that thankfully, was never put to use.

Now, 109 might have to rebuild that arsenal and raise an army. Although K109 has provided security for special occasions such as Princess Valentina’s coronation, 109 has not had a standing army since the days of Morris and Calamito, aka Dr. Donut.