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#### Atak Breaks Skill Drill Record

By Alec Guinness

In dramatic fashion, Deniz Atak of 5th period broke the Skill Drill record held by three former 109ers.

On June 1, Atak scored a 5 on the last day of Skill Drill #30, the last one of the year, quieting the doubters and pleasing his supporters.

On June 4, Mr. Huang presented Atak with the all-purpose trophy which had been used earlier in the day to celebrate Tajin Rogers' victory at the National History Bee. Atak was thrilled, but he was even more thrilled at humiliating Habib Karaky.

"What now, Habib!" he screamed in Karaky's direction. Karaky shrugged it off in the same way he shrugged off the Lakers' dismal defeat at the hands of the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Former record-holders Han Kim, Seungin Sohn and Care Shoaibi could not make the presentation, but they all wished Atak well. Congratulations were also sent by Mr. Williams and Mr. Gorgia.

Now Atak moves on to less important endeavors like breaking the world record for speed cubing.

#### Myrick Uses Fancy Word

By Noam Chomsky

Dylan Myrick, not know for fancy speech, used some fancy vocabulary while reviewing for the final exam.

One June 1, Mr. Huang broke everyone into groups and had each group write some problems pertaining to selected topics. Myrick's group was assigned age word problems.

In the second sentence of the problem, one of the persons was described as being "thrice" someone's age in the near future. Several citizens were confused. Normally, age problems use the phrase "twice", "three times" or "four times." They had never seen "thrice."

Myrick smugly defined "thrice" to be "three times." The confuzzled citizens responded with amazement and joy over acquiring this new knowledge that would save them time whenever they would need to express three times something.

"I was just happy to contribute something to society," said a smiling-Myrick.

#### Murals Will Not Be Finished On Time

By Alyson Hannigan

Alas, the ambitious mural projects for the east and south walls will not be finished before the 4th quarter ends.

Mr. Huang laments that the 2011-12 citizens will not see them finished until the fall. The master artists Sara Chen, Sherry Wang, Alex Fan, Rachel Ho, Elizabeth Radcliffe and Immalla Chen plan to continue working over the summer. They are confident they can finish before the express lanes on the Beltway are done.

"I knew it was going to be difficult to be faithful to the timetable," said Mr. Huang. "I had hopes, but I knew it was going to be hard."

Still to go are the ocean, birds, farms and waterfall on the east wall and several marine animals on the south wall.

#### 109 Creates Congress

By Walter Cronkite

In a stunning move, Mr. Huang, the tyrannic king of 109 has announced that beginning next year, 109 will have citizen representation in government known as the 109 Congress.

The flagbearers will take on the duties of senator in this Congress. As of yet, 109 has not released details of how much legislative power the Congress will have, but even a slight sharing of power will be a significant change in this absolute monarchy.

# 5th Period Celebrates Day of Finn

By Francisco Garcia

On June 1, 5th period celebrated the Day of Finn, a spontaneous holiday invented in response to Finn Gunderson's being featured during the class that day.

With the dreaded final exam looming, 5th period had to review a recent quiz on functions, a topic taught much earlier in the year.

Having earned quite a good grade on it, Gunderson volunteered to explain how to solve for x in the equation Rx + Tx = w. He deftly showed the class how to factor out the GCF x and then divide both sides by R + T.

Unfortunately, on June 13, Gunderson had his citizenship suspended for 24 hours for flying the flag of another country, The Society of Awesome.

# Thank you, 4th quarter flagbearers!

1st: Sydney Hallisey

3rd: Jesse Cai

4th: Shannon Chu

5th: Siri Fredriksen

6th: Jameson O'Donnell

#### Killion Coins Math Term

By Noam Chomsky

On June 7, history was made after school during a review session for the final exam. Mike Killion was at it again.

While at the board explaining a swimming word problem, he had to add two large fractions. Knowing what he had to do, he confidently declared to the onlookers:

"So, I need a common dynometer."

Killion shocked the crowd with this new term. He had shortened the previous term "denominator" and altered a couple of vowels.

"Can he really do that?" asked one amazed citizen. "Won't the math council rebuke him?"

The math council has not yet eleased a statement on Killion's rebellious declaration, but all expect they will. They do not take self-imagined math terms lightly.

#### Cleary Flaunts Biology Knowledge

By George Costanza

It started as a typical, daily innocent observation of art and ended up being Mia Cleary's moment of glory.

Ever since Sara Chen and Sherry Wang finished the jellyfish on the south wall of 209, 6th period's Mary McMahon comments on how good they look every day. She admires their translucent quality.

This time, others started chiming in about jellyfish biology. The knowledge of the innards of jellyfish are not typically common knowledge, but Mia Cleary pounced on the chance to show off her knowledge of them.

"Their mouth and their butt are the same thing!" she exclaimed.

Cleary was referring to the fact that jellyfish have an incomplete digestive system. Lacking intestines, a liver and pancreas means that the "mouth" takes in food and expels the waste.

"Cool! I wish I could do that," said one excited citizen who, after thinking about it for a minute, decided it was a bad idea. But how did Cleary know so much?

"My extensive research in marine biology has made me an expert in marine creatures. I especially enjoy studying jellyfish who are toxic to human beings like Lion's Man jellyfish with scientific name Cyanea capillata. They're fascinating."

#### The Wisdom of Pulliam

Compiled by Benedict the Anchorite

"That is quite inappropriate."

"That's not a hypothesis. It's a fact."

"F and B-Prussh ... same ting!"

### SD Final Standings (thru SD #30)

19: Deniz Atak

14: Antonio Chan

13: Crystal Zhao

11: Shawn Choi, Habib Karaky, Mayuko Takamura, William Kodama

9: Aaron Chung, Peter Kim, Tim Wu

8: Krystal Chao, Emma Fan

7: Alex Simons, Hannah Scanlon, Renee Zhang, Will Baxley, Grace Lee, Aazrin Mir

6: Jinwook Hwang, Tom Pulliam, Veronica Kim, Helen Ngov

5: Shannon Chu, Emily Stranne, Michelle Lim, Allie Babyak

4: Manny Panzardi, Caitlin Dozier, Mary McMahon

3: Ayse Bal, Immalla Chen, Selina Cheng, Yonghwan Kwon, Nathalie Thomas, Brian Zheng, Juho Lee

2: Gabi Gresenz, Johan Ketkar, Gaby McDonald, Josh Mosier, Evan Yang, John Zele, Siri Fredriksen, Michael Shue, Isabelle Wyerman, Alex Fan, Yonsei Kim

1: Varun Talwar, Bella Femia, Summer Powers, Emily Swett, Jessica Boyer, Alex Fried, Diana Zavela, John Corvari, Daniel Kwon, Kelly Thu, Sara Chen, Jesse Dennis, Madison Kloster, Kyle Nguyen, Ashwin Dasgupta, Susie Choi, Nate Lavoy, Hannah Champness, Jessica Boyer, Dylan Myrick

#### Never Again!

Brought to You by the Citizens of 109

 $6^3 = 37$ 

 $1 \times 1 = 2$ 

5 > 6

"How do you know if it's going left and down?"

"What's 8 + 9?"

Asking James what's 8 + 9

Obscene triangle

4/3 = 1.5

1/114 = 1/14

Final answer: 2/4

### Congratulations citizens of 109!

You are not small potatoes

Eat mangos

Be like Haitao and Tajin