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"We are not small potatoes."

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109 thanks 4th Q Flagbearers:

- 1st: Will Hammond
- 2nd: Katherine Cheng
- 4th: Yurim Kim
- 5th: Eric Sun
- 6th: Sebastian Ibararran
- LT: Grace Chung

Datamaster: Tori Lam



Mr. Huang Abolishes LT Legislature

By Peter Codevilla

Amid fears of an armed coup attempt, Mr. Huang has abolished the legislature of Lancer Time. Police sources have confirmed that the source of the coup is someone in the Lancer Time government.

"The mastermind of this fiendish plot has already stolen

the DNA of William Tu, a citizen whom he believes to possess maniacal characteristics, like those purple minions in *Despicable Me 2*," said Mr. Huang. "He planned to clone this citizen, creating an army subject to his will that would overtake 109 and rule with an iron fist."

Now that the House of Mangoes and House of Large Potatoes are gone forever, 109 security forces have been stationed all over 109 keeping an eye out for clones of William Tu. Once evidence has been obtained, the 109 citizen in question will be arrested and probably lose his citizenship, possibly forever.

Ardeishar Breaks Skill Drills Record

By Minna Manalo

Like Secretariat pulling away from his competition down the homestretch, Adam Ardeishar made history in Week 28 of Skill Drills by breaking Deniz Atak's 2-year record of 19 perfects. The record to beat is now a daunting 21.

After three quarters, the cup

was Ardeishar's to lose. The only threat was Yujung Lee who was two perfects behind. Unlike California Chrome in the Belmont, Ardeishar did not fade in the summer heat. Rather, he turned on the jets, setting a new record of seven perfect skill drills in a

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Beckner Soils Self

By Jules Winfield

On April 29, Jack Beckner was enjoying explaining a challenging problem at the board, something he had done many times before with much success, but then something different happened.

As he was finished up, Beckner looked at his hands and noticed they were darkened.

"At first I thought I was turning into a beetle," said Beckner. "Then I realized it was just smudges from the marker."

Not wanting to go back to his seat with grimy hands, Beckner asked permission to go to the bathroom to wash his hands. Mr. Huang immediately gave it.

"His explanation was excellent, so he deserved to have clean hands," said Mr. Huang.

"Jack is an inspiration to me," said a fellow citizen. "He literally gets his hands dirty explaining math. What effort! What grit and determination!"

It is exactly that grit and determination that earned Beckner the Best Explainer award of 5th period.

Sun Invades 4th Period

By Trisha Goodyear

Each day during 4th quarter, around 11am, 4th period looked to the door to see if a familiar face would appear, and almost every day, Eric Sun's face did.

Trying to outdo himself by arriving earlier each day, Sun, a citizen of 5th period, arrived about half way through 4th period to get a head start on the day's math. The earliest he arrived was 11:06 am.

"At first, I was like, what the heck is he doing?" said one 4th period citizen. "Then it became so normal that seeing him put a

smile on my face. He became a source of comfort."

"There would be times in class when I would wonder if my life had a purpose, and then, Eric's face would appear at the door," said another. "Thank you Eric, for distracting me from the important questions in life. I really owe it to you."

Some in 5th period claimed it was unfair for Sun to get a head start on the math.

"I need my lunch, so I can't just not eat and go to math! It's so unfair!"

The Kingdom of 109 wishes all
109 citizens a safe and happy
summer.

You are not small potatoes!

In fact, you are above average
size potatoes.

The 109 Awards

2013-2014

1st period

Best Explainer: Siona Prasad
 Best Panmanship: Siona Prasad
 Biggest Mouth: Jason Deng
 Most Improved: Jisolu Awe
 Best Student: Lauren Grohowski

2nd period

Best Explainer: William Sun
 Best Penmanship: Minyoung Hwang
 Biggest Mouth: James Xiao
 Best Student: Akhil Goel
 The Sam Sporn Inspiring Excellence Award: Wendy Yin

4th period

Best Explainer: Adam Ardeishar
 Best Penmanship: Yurim Kim
 Biggest Mouth: Ian Ghasemian
 Most Improved: Mason Duncan
 Best Student: Alice Fontaine

5th period

Best Explainer: Jack Beckner
 Best Penmanship: Taylor Daniels
 Biggest Mouth: Mia Uita
 Most Improved: Maria McHugo
 Best Student: Shihao Cao

6th period

Best Explainer: Alex Surratt
 Best Penmanship: Rachel Sohn
 Biggest Mouth: Naman Rai
 Most Improved: Brian Collins
 Best Student: Alex Surratt

Skill Drills

Standings

(after SD #29)

- 21: Adam Ardeishar
- 15: Yujung Lee
- 14: Siona Prasad
- 12: Naman Rai
- 11: Eric Sun
- 10: Richard Wang
- 7: Praveen Vinayak, Shihao Cao
- 6: Ethan Wood-Thomas, Alice Fontaine, John Lee, Grace Li
- 5: Lauren Grohowski,, Lynn Nguyen, Rishil Mysore
- 4: Lora Zhou, Ariane Richard, Rachel Sohn
- 3: Alex Ton, Ian Ghasemian, Deniz Nemli, Peter Lee, Bilen Essayas, Robert Hamilton, Nicole Owens, Emily Simons, Joyce Yang
- 2: Genevieve Deeken, Asia Kurtalic, Joel Lee, Yurim Kim, Thea Wang, Jack Beckner, John Wu, Seungmin Shin, Alex Yang, Will Hammond, Eric Lee, Jonathan Li, Stephanie Manning, Khang Le, Andrew Swenson
- 1: Andrew Kim, Brian Collins, Sebastian Ibararan, Grace Chung, Alex Surratt, Ellen Chen, Jack Donovan, Andrew Liao, Billy Carr, Megan Grohowski, Tori Lam, Caroline Versaw, Taylor Daniels, Paul Fabrycky, Rehan Javaid, Edward Lee, Will Koeppen, Jonathan Kaplan, Rafael Perez

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single quarter, faltering only once on a question during Kill Drills Week.

“That was the most impressive display of skill drill prowess I have ever seen,” said Mr. Huang. “I pulled out every trick I could think of, and he didn’t fall for them.”

Late bloomers Praveen Vinayak and Eric Sun scored four perfects each. Lee ended up the year with 15 perfects. Siona Prasad of 1st period had 14, Naman Rai had 12 and Eric Sun 11.

On Monday, June 16, Deniz

Atak, the previous record holder of 19 perfect skill drills presented Ardeishar with the Skill Drills Cup, but he also reminded everyone that he is still the only non-AA (GT) students to ever hold the title of Skill Drills King.

“You may be the prince,” said Atak. “But I am still the king.”

“I’m not sure whether you are GT or not matters,” said one citizen. “You’re still in algebra learning the same stuff. As long as the questions are the same, I consider it an equal playing field. There’s no need for a non-AA Skill Drills Cup.”

Ask Arvid

Dear Arvid:

I don't know what to do with myself over the summer.

Dear Free Willy:

You mean you're not scheduled for three camps, extra music lessons, and an enrichment math course? I suggest that you do what you want to do. If you can't figure out what that is, start by taking a large cardboard box and sitting in it. Something will come to you.

Dear Arvid:

I feel like I won't have any free time over the summer. I'm signed up for three camps, music lessons twice a week and an enrichment math course on combinatorics.

Dear Booked:

I have the address of someone named Willy. Perhaps you two can switch families for the summer.

Longfellow Summer Quiz Bowl Camp

What is Quiz Bowl?

- A quiz game played between two teams, consisting of four players
- Questions are read to the players, which try to score points for their team by buzzing first and responding with the correct answer
- Subjects covered include history, literature, politics, science, math, pop culture, geography and more
- Quiz Bowl competitions are played by middle school, high school and college students throughout the United States and Canada

Why participate?

- Quiz Bowl is super fun, and this camp is a really great way to learn more about the game
- Quiz Bowl enhances your memorization skills and builds strong study skills
- Quiz Bowl improves your ability to work in teams
- Quiz Bowl expands your knowledge on a wide range of academic and cultural topics
- Many of the Quiz Bowl topics are eventually taught in high school so you'll already be ahead before the 9th grade even begins

When?

Date: August 4-8, 2014

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m.

Place: Longfellow Middle School, Room 209

Cost: \$60 — please make checks out Longfellow Middle School

To register or if you need more info, please email Mr. Huang at ehuang1@fcps.edu