



# The 109 Times

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Thank you....

### 4th Q Flagbearers:

- 1st: Helen Qin
- LT: (None)
- 5th: Ivan Nguyen
- 7th: Tyler Bult
- 2nd: Alex Lee
- 6th: Anderson Hao

### Datemasters:

- 1st: Paul Yoo
- 2nd: Karin Leverett
- AG: Kaiya Dave

## K109 To Be Dissolved ; Mr. Huang Leaving Longfellow

By Zach Altman

After 20 years of waiting and false alarms of leaving, the Prophecy of the Phoss has come true. The two turtles have returned.

Mr. Huang is leaving 109 and Longfellow. Mr. Huang has declared that the Kingdom of 109 will be dis-

solved on June 16, 2023 at 12:30 pm.

Needless to say, the news came as a shock to both citizens and friends of 109.

Mr. Huang's leaving means that any 109er's dream of returning to Room 109 will not be realized after all. Support for

repopulating 109 had waned in recent years as 109ers, including Mr. Huang, became more comfortable with Room 209.

Now, no one knows if 209 will be run by a new government or left to the anarchists.

Mr. Huang will now travel to another land,

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## Sophia Harris Eager to be Rid of Lunchbox

By Maggie Engler

Obviously eager to be rid of her lunch box, Sophia Harris has left it in Room 209 34 times this year.

Boasting a rainbow handle and unicorn motif, the lunchbox is unique and hard to miss.

"I usually see it under her desk right away," said Mr. Huang. "I don't know why she wants to get rid of it. It's nice."

"I used to have a Paw Patrol lunch box, but then I thought I was too old for it," said a fellow citizen. "Now I regret that. I miss Chase and Marshall. Don't throw away your unicorn lunchbox, Sophia!"

Images of unicorns have been found on Bronze Age Indus Valley Civilization objects. That was a long time ago.

## 2023 Auction Biggest Ever

By Yeon-Sik Cho

Now that 109 will be dissolved on June 16, attention turned to the end-of-year 109 traditions that will take place for the last time.

Most of the traditions happened the way they always do. Th 109 Awards were given out by past winners as usual. but the annual 109 Auction for charity, all proceeds going to the Alzheimer’s Association in honors of Dr. Patrick’s late father, was different.

Items in 209 that have been part of the Kingdom of 109 for many years, such as the Procrastination poster, Th School of Athens poster, sketches of murals, and original treaties with other nations, were up for bid. Citizens were eager to take a piece of 109 history home.

Surprisingly, 109 DVDs (market price \$5) also went up for bid, and every one of them were sold to mathematically challenged citizens for over \$5.

In other surprises, Ben Kim and Tate Lyons won their own water bottles.

## 2nd Period Practices Left-handed Handwriting

By Mike Dunn

Hendrick Johnson decided to write his math work on the board with his left hand. Little did he know that the entire class would soon do the same thing.

On 6/1, during 2nd period, Mr. Huang pointed out that Johnson had put the work for a problem on the board with his left hand. The writing was so good that no one had noticed he was using his off-hand. His curiosity peaked, Mr. Huang decided to have everyone write their first

name on paper with their left hand. Many were quite good at it. Then, someone looked at Karin Leverett’s name.

“Oooh, that’s terrible.”

Sure enough, Karin Leverett is not great at writing with her left hand.

“It’s ok,” she said. “I have my other hand to write with.”

Studies show that left-handers comprise about 10% of the population. That means about 90% are not left-handed.

## Lyons Confirms There Are 60 Seconds in a Minute

By Lulu Wang

.On June 9, most citizens were out on a trip to Pennsylvania, so attendance in 209 was sparse. Mr. Huang prepared light activities for them to have fun. Tate Lyons was one of those who had fun.

The activity involved deciphering phrases from only numbers and initial letters. For example, 24 H in a D meant 24 hours in a day.

Mr. Huang claimed there were 64 seconds in a minute, confusing Lyons, who had

always thought there were 60. Sensing his confusion, Mr. Huang gave him a way to know once and for all.

“There’s a clock right behind you,” he said. “Count the number of ticks the second hand makes before the minute hand clicks over to the next minute.”

Like a ninja ready to pounce, Lyons focused 100% on that clock.

“60 seconds!” he shouted confidently. Mystery solved.

## Jain Wins Last-ever Skill Drills Cup ; Yoo and Zhang Tie for 2nd

By Cassandra Xia

In the last ever ending to a Skill Drills Cup, Arham Jain of 6th period showed why he was the cream of the crop this year.

Only stumbling once in the 4th quarter on Kill Drills, Jain finished 3 out of 4 with a total of 18/20 perfects for the year. His PSD (Perfect SD ratio) ranks him in the top 6 all time.

Paul Yoo, Emma Zhang (the highest placing 7th grader), Joyce Gong, Kalan Warusa, and Ryan Qi all matched him with 3/4 perfects. Warusa had a

chance to move into a tie for 2nd when he got a 10 on Kill Drills, but unfortunately he had already uncharacteristically missed two easy questions on SD 17.

Hanjoo Jung (15) and Shihan Rao (14) were the 2nd and 3rd highest placed 7th graders.

All-time, Tanmay Neema still holds the record with 24 perfects, followed by Michelle Kang with 23 and Adam Ardeishar with 21. As this is the last year of the Skill Drills Cup, Neema's record is a record that will never be broken.

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not to lead it but to spread the good news of math's transcendence to the people there.

"I have no desire to lead another country," he said. "I just want to help others discover true knowledge. I certainly hope 209 does not descend into chaos. I don't think it will because 109ers will carry the discipline and love for learning

they developed with them wherever they go. And if they don't, I know where they live."

On June 16, per 109 tradition, Mr. Huang wil risk life and limb by carrying the large 109 flag to Westmoreland St. as the buses pull away. Then, at 12:30 pm, in a private ceremony in 209, both the large flag and the fire-drill flag will be lowered for the last time.

## Perfect SD after #20

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

## Ask Arvid

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### Answers to Questions in an Ever-Confusing World

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Dear Arvid:

Will K109 continue after Mr. Huang is gone?

Dear Kevin:

In your heart, yes, but the tangible, worldly K109 will end on June 16 at 12:30 pm.

Dear Arvid:

Where are the two turtles taking Mr. Huang?

Dear Kristina:

Somewhere beyond the sea called Trinity at Meadow View. It sounds peaceful.

Dear Arvid:

What will you do after K109 is over?

Dear Alex:

I have been answering your letters for 18 years. I think I will go to the beach to rest.

Dear Arvid:

Am I still a 109 citizen after 109 is over?

Dear Joanna:

You are forever a 109 citizen in spirit. As time passes, 109 may forget your name, but 109 will never forget *you*.

Dear Arvid:

Will the 109 movie still be available online?

Dear Alyssa:

Yes. We are working on a way to make it available on Youtube through the K109 website indefinitely.

Dear Arvid:

How do we know that the One Donut is safe from the evil ones? Isn't it just buried in the field? Couldn't anyone just dig it up?

Dear Yuqing:

Yes, you are right. Perhaps 109 should do something about that.

Dear Arvid:

Did Mr. Huang come up with the music for the 109 national anthem all by himself?

Dear Sara:

Actually, no.

Dear Arvid:

Will Mr. Huang ever smile for us?

Dear Ethan:

We shall see.