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"Mathematica Ad Nauseam"

Kim, Shoaibi and Swarup off to fast start in Skill Drills race

Ruben Studdard

The four-year-old Skill Drills record may be in jeopardy. In 2004-05, Han Kim set the high mark with 18 perfect Skill Drills for the year. Seungin Sohn tied that mark a year later. Two citizens this year are off to a fast start and could eclipse that mark.

7th graders Nisha Swarup and Care Shoaibi (5th pd.) and Ashley Kim (1st pd.) both have 4 perfects after 7 weeks of Skill Drills. At that rate, they would finish the year with 16 or 17 perfects for the year which would put them devastatingly close to Kim and Sohn's record. To break the record, they will have to score perfects in some difficult weeks including the dreaded week of Kill Drills.

8th grader Haemin Park (6th period) has 3 perfects. Her breaking the record could be the story of the year since this is only the second year in which 8th grade Algebra and 7th grade Algebra both take the same Skill Drills designed originally for 7th grade. Up until 2006, each course had separate Skill Drills, and experts agree that the 7th grade version was more difficult.

Jaffrey appointed "Power of 2 Man"

Nick Fury

Showing amazing memorization abilities, Hussain Jaffrey has become a valued resource for 1st period.

When it became known to Mr. Huang that Jaffrey knew quite a few powers of 2, he assigned Jaffrey the task of memorizing the values of 2 to the 10th power to 2 to the 20th power. Jaffrey promptly

did it and has become the "Power of 2 Man."

Immediately upon hearing the elevation of Jaffrey's status, Rick Bailey requested to be dubbed the "Power of 1 Man." Mr. Huang immediately granted the request, and Bailey started memorizing the powers of 1. He also has become an invaluable resource.

4th period discusses quarter horses

Bill Shoemaker

"I can't do the problem if I don't understand the problem! What is a quarter horse? Ahhhh!" cried the exasperated Arlan Jaska.

The word problem involved the buying and selling of quarter horses, but Jaska was unable to proceed until he knew exactly what a quarter-horse was. His exasperation could not be mitigated since nobody else knew what a quarter-horse was

either. So there was to be extra research homework that night.

The next day, 4th period discussed what a quarter-horse was. A quarter-horse is a horse that is bred to specialize in racing distances of a quarter-mile or less.

So now, the relived Jaska could proceed with solving the problem. Disaster was thwarted, at least for the time being.

Mr. Huang declares 109 citizenship permanent

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

In his most historical decision since signing the treaty of alliance with Tieland, Mr. Huang declared 109 citizenship to be permanent as of 9/18/08. This permanence is retroactive, applying to all past residents of 109.

Mr. Huang spoke of the equality of citizens whether they be far away or near, old or young.

“There should be no distinction between current residents or past residents,” he said.

“They all have contributed to 109 in

their own special way, and their contributions continue to be felt.”

Formerly, past residents of 109 were labeled “former citizens.” This led to an artificial caste system, resulting in discrimination and name-calling by current residents who chided former residents for forgetting about their roots.

“I don’t expect former residents to be as involved with the well-being of 109 as they used to be,” said Mr. Huang. “I understand that people move on and have to build their own lives. But I want them to know that they will always have a home here.”

Mr. Huang rejects Beck’s takeover plan

Norman Schwarzkopf

The Kingdom is open to all ideas, but the Kingdom is also practical. A plan submitted by Armin Beck (1st pd) to take over all the lands of Longfellow has been rejected by Mr. Huang.

“I will listen to any plan. That is my duty as

monarch. However, the implementation of any plan must be founded upon need. This plan, though well thought out, had neither,” said Mr. Huang.

Beck’s plan called for cutting telephone lines, blocking exits and hallways, and quick military strikes.

The Kingdom has peaceful relations with both allies and non-allies. The same cannot be said for relations with the Powers-That-Be (PTB) who have plans of moving the citizens of 109 and people of various other nations to other parts of the realm. The exact date of this forced emigration has yet to be announced. Some say this will happen next spring. Others say next fall. If and when it happens, will 109 act?

Ask Arvid

Dear Arvid,

Why are 109 stickers so hard to peel?

Dear All-Thumbs,

The stickers are hard to peel to ensure the feeling of gratification when you finally peel it. When you do accomplish the task next time, to get the full effect, lean

back and say, “Ah, that felt good.”

Dear Arvid,

What does lactose intolerant mean? It sounds horrible.

Dear Innocent One,

You are still too young and innocent to know these things, but I assure you, it is horrible.

Dear Arvid,

How do I make Mr. Huang turn that frown upside down?

Dear Mr. Brightside,

Can you snap your fingers and make every single Washington Redskin lactose intolerant? Then I guess it can't be done.

Dear Arvid,

Someone in class tried to prove that subtraction is commutative. What if he is right? Will the universe explode? What then? I haven't seen High School Musical 3 yet, and I have to get into TJ. I'm scared.

Dear Scared,

Subtraction isn't commutative. You have nothing to worry about.

Mr. Huang announces mural project

Hoksai

Mr. Huang has assigned the southern

half of the western wall to be painted. There is already a large Pi symbol painted there by 4th period (2003) so the new project must incorporate the old art. Submissions are being accepted until October 31.

Wall space has become scarce, but the turning of the desks to the east this year has freed up more room on that wall. Since the Powers-That-Be have hinted a forced exodus from 109, this project could be the last one in 109.

Mr. Huang is also considering a simultaneous project to honor all 109 citizens.

5th period builds vocabulary

Emily Post

In an effort to improve vocabulary, 5th period has instituted Wacky Word Wednesday where Mr. Huang chooses words for them to learn.

5th period has covered 'zenzizenzizenic' (the 8th power of a number) and 'shchekotiki' (the feeling you get when you finally understand something) and

'emunction' (the act of picking one's nose).

Won in the hole with negative 100 heart points

William Harvey

Parker Won (5th period) has found himself in a deficit of -100 Mr. Huang heart points after some classroom faux pas.

One way Won could make it into the positives is solve 101 3x3 linear systems using determinants.

Won **really** likes the determinant method.

Skill Drills

7th grade

- 4:** Care Shoaibi, Nisha Swarup, Ashley Kim
3: Edward Ko, Hannah Pho, Carrie Murton, Daniel Kwun, Ye Jin Ko
2: Peter Steele
1: Rebecca Ho, Mya Abousy, Mike Gannon, Jake Huber, Alexander LeFloch, Amelia Sugianto, Angela Tang, Ho Joon Lee, Sam Clayton, Sanshiro Ebata, Molly Hurlbut, Leah Surratt

8th grade

- 3:** Haemin Park
1: Patrick Mahoney

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