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"We are not small potatoes."

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## 109 Signs Treaty with Starship Inquiry

By Gil Gerard

On October 25, The Kingdom of 109 expanded its alliances by 100% by signing with the newly arrived Starship Inquiry and its captain Mrs. Duggan.

Inquiry was spotted by 109 astronomers several weeks ago. Newly appointed 109 ambassador Teddy Daniel made first contact after which two representatives delivered Mr. Huang a written message from Captain Duggan explaining Inquiry's mission.

"It was clear that our two missions do not conflict," said Mr. Huang. "In fact, we complement

each other."

During the signing ceremony, Mr. Huang emphasized Inquiry's search for truth and 109's mission of preserving traditional math and knowledge as a strong basis for partnership. He also highlighted the need for friends especially in the face of potential evil in Longfellow.

"Inquiry has some cool things like phasers and photon torpedos if we ever need to zap someone," said one excited 109 citizen.

The next step, led by Ambassador Daniel is the building of a 109 embassy within Starship Inquiry.

## 23% Addicted to Mixed Numbers

By Louise Fletcher

"It's alarming," said Dr. C.J. Glazer, director of the Center for the Rational Study of the Rationality of Rationals (CRSRR).

Dr. Glazer was pointing to a recent study by the CRSRR that found 23% of 109 citizens are addicted to mixed numbers. They can't help but change improper fractions to mixed numbers, even though improper fractions are more simplified and mixed numbers are less practical.

"It's true," said assistant director

T.G. Holland. "They get jittery looking at that improper fraction. Their only cure for the anxiety is to pick up that pencil and rewrite it mixed. It's a sad sight to see."

"It just doesn't look right," said one defensive citizen who asked to remain anonymous. "The numerator is bigger. The fraction is going to fall over, just like the Tower of Pisa one day. I have to save it!"

"The Superman complex often accompanies this condition. They think

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## 109 Exchange Opens Sluggishly

By T. Rowe Price

After resisting calls for a systemized Kingdom of 109 market economy, Mr. Huang finally relented this year, and the 109 Exchange was born.

Still having no currency of its own, 109 has preserved the barter-exchange nature of its economically primitive past by offering 109 merchandise for cash from various countries, school supplies, tissue boxes or gummy products. Market prices are reevaluated each week based on Mr. Huang's demand, so buyers need to be attentive to the price list.

As of November 7, a 109 sticker goes for 25 cents, 1

dry erase pen, 2 blue pens, 1 bottle of white out, 2 perfect skill drills, half a Euro, 5 Yen, 5 New Taiwan Dollars or 1 Kronor as well as other things. Multiply each price by 20 to get the prices for a 109 DVD and multiply by 40 to get the prices for a 109 t-shirt.

Sales have been slow. After an initial good week due to a large number of pencils (no longer on the list) in the population, the 109 Exchange has average sale of 4 stickers per week, mostly for American currency.

If the economy remains sluggish, prices may have to come down very soon.

## Slavik Says No to Gravity

By Ron Howard

When the notebook and papers fell to the floor for the umpteenth time, she had had enough.

Cassidy Slavik of 6th period, after seeing her books slide off her desk too many times, has decided that the solution to her problem is to attack the root of it: gravity.

"If it wasn't there, none of this would have happened," she said.

Endeavors such as this one are easier said than done. No one has ever found an on/off button for gravity. Even if we did know where the button is, there are plenty of people who like gravity like trampoliners and kids with remote control helicopters.

"I think she has to learn to work with her environment," said one nearby citizen. "She will never get enough support for turning off gravity."

## Mixed Number Addicts

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that mixed numbers will save world. Any sane person will tell you that improper fractions will do that," said Dr. Glazer.

With parental consent, some mixers have been sent to Horizons, a treatment center for mixed number addicts.

"We try to create a feeling a peace for mixers so they can accept themselves for who they are," said Dr. Pearson, a licensed mixologist. "Then we batter them with the truth about the wicked poison of

mixed numbers."

Results have been mixed. Some doctors admit that even though patients might show improvement, time suggests the tendency to write mixed numbers is still there just waiting to rear its ugly head.

"I don't know if it's worth it," said one depressed therapist who wished to remain anonymous. "Sometimes I feel like I will never convince that 23%. If that's the case, then I'm not here for them."

Mixed numbers are not the only poison to look out for. Studies show decimal use is also in the rise. Right now, the CRSRR has estimate the addiction rate to be 2-4%.

## Thank you, 1st Q Flagbearers!

1st: Helena Hatanpaa

3rd: Eric Liu

4th: Charlie Selph

5th: Breandan Tan-Fahed

6th: Daniel Meakem

LT: Adam Yee

## Small Potato Proves Cancellation Theorem

By Hines Ward

On October 10, Double Ten Day in Taiwan, Ethan Wu showed 5th period that even small potatoes can do math.

A day after calling Sean Zechmann a small potato and receiving a 24-hr. citizenship suspension, Wu boldly volunteered to prove the theorem of

cancellation at the board.

Although he had trouble spelling (a-c-c-o-c-i-a-t-i-v-e), he deftly used the recently proven OPE theorem to properly prove cancellation. After being called a small potato (non-citizens can be called such names), Wu silenced the jeers.

## 109 Investigates Contaminated Lunches

By Patty Hearst

After witnessing 20% of 6th period repeatedly move to the front of the room to read the Skill Drills problems, Mr. Huang ordered an investigation of Longfellow lunches.

Initial findings confirmed his fear: someone is putting anti-Vitamin A in the food, and it is adversely affecting eyesight.

Anti-Vitamin A slowly

affects the shape of the lens, making it harder to see far, or in some rare cases, making it harder to see near.

Studies also found correlation between those who eat Longfellow lunches and those who poke themselves in the eye with their own fork, walk into doors, have trouble catching a ball, and wear different color socks.

## Pamecha Asks Strange Question

By Gaius Marius

"Really?" That was Brad Kim's reaction to 1st period Ayush Pamecha's strange question on Nov. 2.

Pamecha innocently asked Mr. Huang if he could use the variables Ar, Aa and Af instead of x, y and z for a word problem. Mr. Huang paused to make sure he

heard Pamecha correctly. When he heard Kim's reaction, his ears were confirmed.

"Yes," replied Mr. Huang. He was not sure how to elaborate on the answer, so he didn't.

"Sometimes it's better to say nothing," said one citizen.

## Jung Off to Fast Start

By Craig Morton

After witnessing Deniz Atak finally break 109's Skill Drill record last year, 109 citizens were not prepared for another record-breaking year, but they might have to now. Harry Jung of 4th pd. has his sights set on Atak's record, and the ink isn't even dry yet.

Jung is a perfect 7 for 7. Last year, Atak started off 12 for 12. Their stats may look the same, but the two citizens are very different. Hunched over his desk a nervous wreck, Atak relied on double and triple-checking. Jung leans back, computing effortlessly, making sarcastic comments about the ease of the problems. Some dislike the cockiness, but a perfect is a perfect.

Jung has company. Gyongjae Kim of 6th has 5 perfects and Chloe Andresol and Minyoung Hwang have 4. A few lapses in concentration could result in quite the horse race.

This year's hard luck story has to be Adam Yee with 2. On four occasions, he has finished with 95% for the week.

## Skill Drill Standings (thru SD #7)

7: Harry Jung  
5: Gyongjae Kim,  
4: Chloe Andresol, Minyoung Hwang  
3: Nina Chung, Royce Kang  
2: Josh Havermale, Katherine Cheng, Adam Yee, Arthur Browne, Brendan Tan-Fahed, Joshua Kim  
1: Noah Daniel, Jaden Lee, Cliff Lin, Arman Parastaran, Erin Villaronga Mulligan, Anna Zhang, Ayush Pamecha, Jett Bisset, Chris Jiang, Giacomo Mecagni, Leela Abrishami, Aditya Sarkar, Jennifer Yang, Sean Clancy, Teddy Daniel, Kevin Juneau, Jake Parker, Austin Zhang

# Ask Arvid

*Dear Arvid:*

*How do you write with a dry erase marker?*

*Dear Marker Boy:*

*First, sniff the marker to make sure it isn't rotting. If it is, throw it away. Remove the cap (this is really important). Hold the marker perpendicularly against the board. Do not press too hard or the marker will explode. Move the marker at a Goldilocks pace, not too slow, not too fast.*

*Dear Arvid:*

*How do I remember to turn in homework?*

*Dear Amnesia:*

*Just remember! If you can't do that, ask your best friend to slap you at the beginning of class and yell: "Homework!" That should work.*

*Dear Arvid:*

*What is Mr. Huang doing when we're doing skill drills?*

*Dear Curiosity:*

*Sometimes he is checking your homework. Sometimes he is trying to figure out whose homework he is checking when you forget to put your name on it. Other times, he is just praying that you won't make the same mistake on skill drills that you made the day before.*

*Dear Arvid:*

*I sit in front and pass homework back, but that always distracts me from doing skill drills.*

*Dear Multi-tasker:*

*Everyone is still working on skill drills just like you. Wait until you are done with skill drills and then pass all of them back together.*

*Dear Arvid:*

*Do good grades grow on trees?*

*Dear Questionable Work Ethic:*

*No, but mangos do.*

Lost your notebook?  
 Lost your copy of Twilight?  
 Lost your lunch?  
 Lost your marbles?

Then come to the Window Sill!

- \* Conveniently located
- \* Fast service
- \* Pleasant lighting
- \* No fees

Now Open!!!

The Kingdom of 109 National Museum

- ◇ Located in northeast corner of 209
- ◇ Admission is free
- ◇ No museum map necessary (due to smallish nature of the museum)
- ◇ See the ruins of 109
- ◇ See old posters
- ◇ Weep for old 109 (tissue box provided)
- ◇ Dream of returning to 109 in triumph