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1st Q Flagbearers:
1st: Max Ludwikowski
3rd: Evelina Swigart
4th: Harrison Huynh
5th: Lizzie Sun
6th: Conner Moore
LT: Shintaro Ng
DM: Priya Shah

Ambassador: Sahana Ramesh

2015-16 Art Project Announced

By Richard Rauchenberg

After several years of small projects, 109 has finally planned a large-scale mural project similar in size to the mountains of the eastern wall.

"It's time," said Mr. Huang. "Nobody knows how long we will be in 209, so we need to make our mark."

The last large-scale mural, the purple mountains, mango trees and ocean on the eastern wall, was completed in summer 2012 by a team of artists led by Immalla Chen, Alex Fan and Sherrie Wang. While the western wall has less space, the message of

the project will not be minor.

The kingdom intends for the western wall to express how mathematics, the bridge between invisible perfection and the land of shadows, is vital to the experiences of mankind.

"We are trying to express the heart of mathe-

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Bodet Renames Theorem

By Chanterelle Truff

Mathematical truths remain the same, but the names of these truths can change. Julia Bodet reminded us of this reality by renaming the ancient theorem Operational Property of Equality (OPE) EOP.

A quick calculation reveals that there was only a 1/6 chance that Bodet would have named it EOP. She could have chosen POE, PEO or OEP just to name a few of the alternatives.

"I don't buy it," said one 4th pd. citizen. "That wasn't on purpose.

She just spelled it wrong. Why is she being treated like Marie Curie all of a sudden?"

"I like it," said another citizen. "The other way, when you pronounce it like a word, it rhymes with 'dope', and nobody like to be called that."

The new name has not caught on. Apparently, only one other citizen besides Bodet used the name EOP on Quiz #4 and Test #2. She wishes to remain anonymous, but she did say that when it comes to names, everybody has one.

109 Citizens Learn to Spell and Read

By G. T. Orandi

When Kyra Bolden entered 109 on October 8, she expected to learn how to simplify in group language, but she learned much more than that.

Her first justification in the simplification process was the "identity" property. Being at expert at pronunciation, Mr. Huang said the word as spelled. Bolden realized her mistake and replaced the word with her 2nd attempt: "identy." Strike two. She finally got it on her third try.

English troubles are not confined to 6th pd. After receiving his Skill Drills paper in 5th period, Taha Cheema, apparently not able to read his own name, passed his own skill drill paper back. Davis Riffe, also not able to read Cheema's name, passed his paper to Alex Talamonti. Fortunately, Talamonti *can* read, so he returned Cheema's paper to him.

"Reading isn't an important life skill," said Chase Joyner.

"This is exactly the kind of thinking that encourages people not to read," said Dr. Fisher King, director of the National Literacy Group. "If this continues, we're going to have a servant class of readers that read stuff for those who can't read or don't want to know how to read."

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maths," said Mr. Huang. "It's a bridge between the mystical and the concrete. This subject belongs on the western wall because this is where the most of the math is done in 109." The Kingdom of 109 prides itself on being the preserve for traditional mathematics.

Since the eastern wall was completed, 109 has only sponsored small projects. The waterfall in the southwestern corner was painted during the 2012-13 year by Katya Jonkers and the long-awaited eyes and crowns of the king and queen of Octopusland were finally completed last year by Megan Li.

The public still awaits word on whether the ceiling will be painted as the old ceiling of 109 was painted. Mr. Huang has not commented on it., fueling the belief that the ceiling may never be painted.

"It needs to be painted," said one 109 citizen. "The original ceiling was painted. We have a piece from the old one. We have to continue the tradition."

Once Mr. Huang settles on a master artist, that citizen may select a team of helpers if the artist so chooses. The team has the entire year to finish the job.

The tenure of the citizens at Longfellow is only two years, but their legacy will be eternal.

4th Period Specialness ?

By Skeeter Jones

Sometimes actions speak louder than words. When an entire period of citizens claims to be more special than the others, they could certainly shout it from the rooftops. But why shout it when actions speak louder than words?

4th period's actions have been loud and clear. They don't want to turn homework in. Since October 2, they haven't turned in a single assignment. The certainly couldn't have *forgotten* to turn in homework so many consecutive times. They have to be doing this *on purpose*.

"I know nobody likes turning in homework, but I've never

had a period with enough nerve to just stop turning homework in on purpose," said Mr. Huang. So far, no one from 4th period has commented, but Mr. Huang will be speaking with their representatives directly.

Mr. Huang should be as diplomatic as possible. As the French Revolution has shown, leaders who lack skilled diplomacy could end up with their heads chopped off. Heads are very important because they house the human brain, and brains are required to solve equations, the very same equations that Mr. Huang wants to see every day.

Race for Skill Drills Cup Wide Open

By Jackson Schultz

No clear-cut front-runner has emerged after six weeks of skill drills. That means Adam Ardeishar’s all-time record of 21 perfect skill drills may not be in jeopardy this year. However, that also means that 2015-16 could be one of those exciting years that comes down to the last week.

Most of this year’s strongest contenders come from 5th period. Jennifer Ho, Brittany Peng and Lizzie Sun are all tied for the lead with three perfects. Meanwhile, Alex Talamonti has two. Also with three are Daniel

Park of 6th period and Owen Rollins of 1st (Geometry HN). Jason Wang and Nithya Chintalapati of 3rd period are definitely in the running with two perfects as is Young Suk (Edward) Yoon of 4th.

“Right now, the demand for Ho, Peng and Sun is hot,” said Mike Greenberg of Daily Fantasy Skill Drills (DFSD). “I think a lot of fantasy players like the fact that in a period like 5th period, the competition pushes citizens to outdo the others. Then again, you have people like Daniel Park who seems to shine even without close competition.”

Mr. Huang Sued Over Discrimination

By Gabrielle Carteris

All is not well in the universe of mathematics. On October 29, decimals and mixed numbers filed a class action lawsuit against Mr. Huang and the Kingdom of 109 for repeated neglect and slander.

Mr. Huang’s dislike for the impracticality of decimals and mixed numbers is well-documented over the years, but the Civil Liberties Union for Numbers (CLUN) claims that his anti-decimal and mixed number rhetoric has sharply increased this year.

“Mr. Huang has said repeatedly that he ‘hates’ mixed numbers and decimals,” said Denis Leary, Press

Secretary for CLUN. “He is personally attacking them. We believe this should be about the issues, not their character.”

“I heard Mr. Huang say that he doesn’t even understand decimals,” said one 109 citizen. “I find that really hard to believe. I mean, he knows how to factor.”

The wildcard in this dilemma for Mr. Huang is how many citizens may side with the CLUN.

“We at the CLUN believe there is a large silent minority of 109 citizens that believe we are doing the right thing,” said Leary.

Skill Drills

Standings

(after SD #6)

3: Owen Rollins, Jennifer Ho, Brittany Peng, Lizzie Sun, Daniel Park

2: Nithya Chintalapati, Jason Wang, Young Suk Yoon, Alex Talamonti

1: Eli Sporn, Samir Chowdhury, Sahana Ramesh, Evelina Swigart, Marian Qian, Kaan Bali, Shing Gao, Nathalie Schmanske, Rupa Siva, Alex Strizek, Anish Tenepalli, Ishan Dogra, Adam Kunz, Conner Moore, Arul Nigam, Chelsea Park, Spenser Zamagni

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Ask Arvid: Answers and Solutions for An Ever- Changing World

Dear Arvid:

Why doesn't Mr. Huang ever ask us to turn in HW anymore?

Dear Amnesia:

You are supposed to turn in HW every day unless the crate is upside-down. He doesn't have to tell you to turn it in.

Dear Arvid:

I keep forgetting to bring a pencil to class.

Dear Ticonderoga:

Solution: keep forgetting to bring it about 7

more times. Eventually, Mr. Huang will get so frustrated, he will throw your books out the window. Then, you will never forget to bring a pencil.

Dear Arvid:

I tend to drop negatives. Can you help?

Dear Dropper:

Stop dropping negatives! If you do drop a negative, you must pick it up and either throw it away or use it. Don't leave it for someone else to throw it away. That's just gross.

Meyers Discovers Late-Night Property

By Ethel Merman

The list of real number properties is already quite long, but Ben Meyers of 1st period feels we need more. He may receive support from the Wrong Answer Faction, but those of the Correct Answer Faction will probably have a fit.

Meyers' property, called the Late-Night Property, allows the mathematician to change an inequality to an equal sign (or vice versa) at any point in the solution. He may do a different problem from the book than the one that was assigned. The property even allows for drool to wash away all work, provided the drool comes from one's own mouth while sleeping.

This property allows for more flexibility in

what is called a correct answer. On the surface, this is a godsend to those who have trouble in getting the correct answer. However, there is one caveat to using this property. The property can only be used if one is in the act of sleep deprivation late at night.

Proving one's sleep deprivation over just being bad at getting the right answers is tough. Until 109 ratifies a way to prove this, Late-Night Property may have to wait until approved widespread use. Until then, citizens are excited about the possibilities.

"This is so awesome," said Eli Sporn of 1st period. "This property allows for many different answers. Diversity. And isn't that what education is all about anyway?"