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1st Q Flagbearers:
1st: Rachel Trainer
2nd: Jessica Feng
3rd: Indira Nair
5th: Joshua Lian

LT: (none)
DM: Andrew Evans
Ambassador: not yet
filled

Mr. Huang Suspends K109 in 6th Period

By Herbert Scott

In an unprecedented move, Mr. Huang chose to suspend 6th period from the roll call of the Kingdom of 109 because of "egregious actions" by only one citizen (now former citizen), Charlie Wu.

A statement by the King's office:

"In response to repeated mocking of 109's laws and lack of penitent heart by one

citizen, the king has chosen to suspend 6th period from the roll call of 109. While this order carries the appearance of punishment on the whole of 6th period, it is not. However, the king determined that suspending the constitution of 109 would be his only course of action to prevent further egregious actions."

The "egregious actions" referenced were the three times that Charlie Wu called a fellow citizen, Otto Janke, a small potato (once in Chinese), the unforgivable insult referred to in the constitution.

"It was clear that he knew he shouldn't do it and did it anyway," said one 6th period citizen.

Wu's citizenship was

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Rollins Saves Sun's Proof

By Bob Breunig

Lizzie Sun of 6th period had just finished her proof when Reevu Adakroy noticed a small hole in her reasoning. Her shoulders sank as she slowly walked back to her desk...until Owen Rollins swooped in to save the day.

The proof had to do with finding the last digit of a number involving nested powers of 7. To accomplish this task, Sun had to

show that a particular fraction would reduce to an even number.

"If the product in the numerator is even, and an even divided by an even is always even," said Sun. Everyone accepted it—everyone except the ever-thinking Reevu Adakroy.

"But 42 is even and 42 divided by 2 is odd," he said. In short, Adakroy was saying that the even numerator

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M'H Files Declassified

By Nadia Mouscanu

During the 2014-15 year, the kingdom was terrorized by RASP, the splinter group of 210. During 2015-16, the short-lived M'Hammer Industries flourished for a time and was hen hut down. The M'Hammer Industries Files, now declassified, now tell us that RASP and M'Hammer were connected.

In the M'H Files, CEO Miller Hollinger admits that he created the idea of RASP, wrote all of RASP's correspondence himself and then "disbanded" RASP. To make up for the animosity that he had created, Hollinger founded M'Hammer Industries to improve 109 culture and economy. M'H Industries was later shut down when it and a rival company got too competitive for Mr. Huang.

Until the files were declassified, the office of the king denied that Hollinger had anything to do with RASP even though there were rumors to that effect.

"We have now declassified these files about Miller Hollinger now that he has moved on from Longfellow," said Mr. Huang. "It is now publicly known that Miller Hollinger wanted what was best for 109, a community of citizens reaching their full potential."

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restored twice, but the third time, Mr. Huang had had enough. The suspension of 6th period will at least until the end of 1st quarter at which time Mr. Huang will reassess the situation.

Unfortunately, post-suspension, there was a fire drill during 6th period. For the first time since the adoption of the flag in 2005, Mr. Huang did not carry staff and the 109 flag was not carried by a flag bearer.

What are the ramifications for the former citizens? Suspension of the constitution means that those in 6th period no longer fall under the auspices of 109. They

do not have to follow it's rules or mission. However, they also will not enjoy any of the traditions of 109 unless Mr. Huang makes exceptions. Mild protests followed the decree.

"I don't think it's right to punish us, even if it was the only way to get Charlie to shut up," said one former citizen.

News of the suspension has spread to fellow citizens in other periods and even in other schools.

"I was shocked. I don't think they realize how different they are now," said one TJ student. "They won't get the last-day-of-the-quarter stuff."

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could be the product of an odd and even, like 42. Those cases don't agree with Sun.

Crestfallen, Sun was almost at her desk when Owen Rollins noticed something. Rollins was able to show that the numerator could be written as a difference of two squares, each of which were even, thereby excluding cases such as the one Adakroy brought up. Like the phoenix rising from the ashes, Sun's proof was saved.

"That was such a roller-coaster ride," said one 6th period spectator. "You could feel the air leave the room when

Reevu spoke, but you could also feel the joy come back after Owen did what he did."

Sun expressed her gratitude to Rollins but didn't receive a hug. Hugging Rollins was a common occurrence last year in 1st period

when Rollins was shorter and therefore cuter like a teddy bear (teddy bears were named after President Theodore Roosevelt).

Despite growing up with asthma, Roosevelt became and avid out-

doorsman. He ordered that the Panama Canal be built and won the 1906 Nobel Peace Prize for his peace efforts that helped end the Russo-Japanese War.

"You could also feel the joy come back after Owen did what he did."

Vladimiroff Starts Strong

By Tony Hill

After a less than stellar race for the Skill Drills Cup last year, the kingdom has been jolted by young talent in the form of Alan Vladimiroff of 2nd period.

After seven weeks of Skill Drills, Alan as 6 perfects, on pace for 24 for the year, a score that would shatter Adam Ardeishar's all-time record of 21 set in 2014.

"He's good," said Mr. Huang. "We'll see what happens 3rd and 4th quarter." Mr. Huang was referring to the uptick in difficulty later in the year.

Meanwhile, knocking on the door are Halasya Malladi, Jeannie Qi, Alison Wan, and Youngmin Kwon, all also from 2nd

period. Kwon had four straight perfects to end the quarter.

Following them with 3 perfects are Brian Lai and Sarina Saran of 2nd period and Rohan Damani, Alyssa Gorbaneva and Derek Liu of 3rd period.

"I don't know why this happens, but there is always one period that is the powerhouse period," said Mr. Huang. "The others want to take them down."

The other better hope for more weeks of Skill Drills if they want to catch Vladimiroff. In recent years, due to Longfellow's increase of holidays and teacher workdays, the kingdom has had trouble fitting in enough weeks of Skill Drills to make Ardeishar's record attainable.

Skill Drills Standings (after SD #7)

6: Alan Vladimiroff

4: Youngmin Kwon, Halasya Malladi, Jeannie Qi, Alison Wan

3: Brian Lai, Sarina Saran, Rohan Damani, Alyssa Gorbaneva, Derek Liu

2: Eric Deeken, Rachel Trainer, Avery Barnett, Maxx Yang, Jeongwoo Yoo, Ella Park

1: Nathan Cao, Winston Chin, Emilie Kim, Valerie Li, Zach Paikin, Abhimanyu Sastry, Toby Schultz, Rebecca Zhang, Sean Choi, Kevin Fan, Mike Husk, Kacy Lee, Daniel Leverett, Mallika Dandamudi, Daniel House

Lu Reads Minds of Fellow Citizens

By Ricky Blake

It takes a perceptive mind to read other people's minds. Edwin Lu showed why he is a master mind-reader.

After returning a quiz in 5th period, Mr. Huang challenged the citizens to guess who wrote the 20 different responses to "Rate:" located just below "Name" and "Date". To everyone's surprise, Lu guessed the other 19 responses correctly. The rest of 5th period was far behind.

"I couldn't believe it," said

Sarah Zhang, who corrected Lu's paper. "Either he cheated or there is something else going on."

"I have skills," said Lu simply. "And perhaps hidden cameras. Mwahaha." For the rest of the class, Lu had the All-Purpose Trophy on his desk.

Mr. Huang did reveal the "Rate" responses on the quiz in order from highest grade to lowest, and in the case of ties, he wrote the responses in alphabetical order, so Lu was able to make

some informed guesses. However, the Center for Psychic Probability calculated that the chances of Lu guessing all 19 correct were still astronomically small.

"Now my mom insists that I study how to read minds as well as Edwin just in case reading minds is on the SATs," said one worried citizen.

The College Board said that reading minds is not a requirement for the SAT's but might help.

Ask Arvid

Answers to Questions in an Ever-Changing World

Dear Arvid:

Why don't I get my paper back when my name isn't on it?

Dear Forgetful:

When your name isn't on the paper, Mr. Huang doesn't know it's yours. If he randomly picks someone to return it to, he only has about a 3% chance of being right, so he chooses to have you pick it up.

Dear Arvid:

Sometimes the first person in our row doesn't pass the papers back. What should I do

about it?

Dear Frustrated:

The next time it happens say this: "Hey buddy, he gave you four copies for a reason, and it isn't cause he wants you to do the HW five times."

Dear Arvid:

Is math a verb?

Dear Confused:

In the kingdom, it is.

Blindness Invades 1st Period

Charlie Waters

Tuesday through Friday, the same thing happens in 1st period. The projector turns on. Most citizens begin Skill Drills in their seats. But a small devout group including Zara Adams and Andrew Zhao stands up, moves to the front of the room and sits down. Why? Because they are nearly blind.

Even though some citizens in the back can see just fine, a group of nearly blind students, some of whom sit in the first and second rows still feel the need to sit up front.

"Sometimes I wonder if they have trouble eating dinner," said one 1st period citizen. "I mean, supposed their using a fork. Do they poke themselves in the eye?"

"Some of them already have glasses!" said another fellow citizen. "I think they should complain to their optometrist."

Sun Defends Bunny Rights

Carol Collins

Bunny advocates all over the kingdom protested against Mr. Huang's mistreatment of bunnies in word problems. Their leader? Caroline Sun of 5th period.

The protests began when Mr. Huang included a quadratic problem involving a bunny named Deniz jumping from a cliff. Sun immediately protested the cruel treatment of bunnies.

"He's cruel," said Sun who is one-eighth bunny. "It's important that we bunny-defenders make our voices heard." Some were ambivalent about the bunny. Others used the word problem as an opportunity for artistic expression.

"I was inspired," said Austin Shi who drew on the front board how Deniz looked after the jump. Even the ambivalent citizens cringed at the graphic nature of the drawing.

"Austin went too far," said one citizen.