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Thank you....

1st Q Flagbearers:
1st: Nina Garces
2nd: Nidhi Khot
3rd: Luca Hinton
6th: Brian Kim
7th: Benoy Sen

DM: Talia Bolden
Ambassador: NONE
Attorney General:
Karina Bhatt

109 Uncovers Possible Secessionist Plot

By Jerry Armstrong

According to anonymous sources, the Kingdom of 109 is currently investigating a possible plot to overthrow the kingdom.

Sources also reveal that 109 has been researching possible religious cult activity among 109 citizens. 109 would not comment on whether the cult activity is related to the plot.

For at least a week,

outsourced private investigators have been seen coming in and out of official 109 offices. Mr. Huang has met with several unknown individuals who may or may not be investigators.

The Constitution does not address cult activity or secession per se. The king does have the power to make executive decisions ad hoc, so the

lack of text on the issue may not matter in the end. If the rumors of a plot are true, the guilty party would probably wish the Constitution did address it. Without clear definitions and limits on the king's powers, Mr. Huang could exact an extremely severe punishment with nobody to stop him. The punishment would probably not be pleasant for the guilty party.

Bhatt Chosen New Attorney General

By Willie Cager

After considering a dozen applications, Mr. Huang chose 3rd Period citizen Karina Bhatt as K109's second attorney general.

As AG, Bhatt will decide cases involving possible trespasses against the Constitution. She will also help Mr. Huang refine the Constitution, a process that began two years ago with the first-ever attorney general Alyssa Gorbaneva.

Bhatt crafted the language in a new provision posted Nov. 2. The provision addresses what to do in the event of the absence of the date-master or flagbearer, allowing each period to have three alternates based on tallest remaining citizens in the period.

"We may have to add a few more provisions this year," said Mr. Huang. "Karina may have a lot of work to do."

Molony Broadens Cancellation Law

By Willie Worsley

On September, Sinead Molony of 4th period proposed a new aspect of the Cancellation Law; that proposal, temporarily known as the Molony, intimidated everyone including Mr. Huang.

4th period was examining under what conditions would a system have or not have the Cancellation Law. Until now, the math community was satisfied in knowing that in order for a system to have the CL, every result in a single row or column had to be distinct. However, Molony was not satisfied.

"There had to be more," she thought.

Molony proposed that in addition to distinct results in every row and column, the whole system had to be commutative. After trying out a few examples of commutative and non-commutative systems, Mr. Huang conceded that Molony had possibly discovered something groundbreaking. 4th Period was awestruck.

Since then, Mr. Huang takes a measured approach to calling on Molony lest she discovers more.

"I'm careful when I call on her now," says Mr. Huang. "What if she does it again?"

Khot Sees Dolphin

By Nevil Shed

On October 1, Mr. Huang wrote a plus sign on the board, and that's when it all started.

During a homework discussion, 2nd Period citizen Nidhi Khot asked what the dolphin was doing on the board. Mr. Huang saw no dolphin, so he carefully scanned the board a second time. Still no dolphin. Finally, some other 2nd Period citizens pointed out to Mr. Huang that Khot was referring to the plus sign in an expression.

"That?" asked Mr. Huang.

Most did not see what Khot saw, but Katie Wang came to her defense. She approached the board and vigorously drew a

zoomed-in detailed version of the dolphin that Khot saw in her head. It was as if Wang and Khot's brains were one. Mr. Huang finally saw the dolphin-plus-sign connection.

"So when I draw a plus sign, you see this?" asked Mr. Huang while pointing at the dolphin.

"Yes."

"Ok," said Mr. Huang without argument. "As long as you know it's a plus sign, I don't care if you call it a dolphin, camel or an armadillo."

"I sympathize with Nidhi," said another citizen. "When there is a '5' on the board, I see a cobra dancing to 'Baby Shark'"

Jeon Proposes Common Sense Theorem

By Dave Palacio

Catherine Jeon of 4th Period has proposed a new theorem that would shake the foundations of math.

Frustrated at the time and effort it takes to prove things like Operational Property of Equality and Cancellation (Theorems 1 and 2), Catherine instead prefers to think of the hypothesis holistically. Once it makes sense to her, she then writes the theorem out in its entirety and then writes the one reason it is true: "common sense". For her, that is enough.

Of course, this did not sit well

with Mr. Huang.

"Mathematical proof exists to serve the math community," said Mr. Huang. "What may be common sense to you may not be common sense to the next person. That's why we prove."

Fellow citizens lauded Jeon for her theorem's simplicity and began chanting "Catherine sense!" over and over again. It's no surprise that using it would also cut down on amount of homework.

"Just think about it. Every proof done in one line!"

screamed one excited citizen.

Slow Start to Skill Drills Cup Race

By David Lattin

“By this time last year, we knew the record was in danger. I don’t think Michelle Kang has to worry about her record.”

That’s what Mr. Huang said when asked about the Skill Drills Cup race this year compared to last year after the 1st quarter. He seemed to imply that the Michelle Kang’s record of 23 set last year is not in jeopardy.

Statistics seem to support this. Computer simulations predict Tanmay Neema, currently in the lead with five perfects, will finish with 18, a total

that wouldn’t have even approached Adam Ardeishar’s record of 21 that stood from 2014 to 2018 until Michelle Kang shattered it last year.

The simulations all show Rex Allard, Catherine Jeon, Oliver Wang and Brian Kim finishing with anywhere between 11 and 14 perfects. They are all in 2nd place, tied with 3 at the moment.

The season is young. It’s anyone’s race at the moment, but aspirations about breaking Kang’s record might be too ambitious unless someone goes on a hot streak soon.

Paper Drive Helps Needy Zhang

By Louisa Baudoin

On October 30, 7th period held a paper drive. All collected sheets of paper were donated to those in need of paper — Athan Zhang.

Zhang was in dire need of paper but too proud to tell anyone. Fortunately, Mr. Huang deciphered Zhang’s disguised cry for help when he turned in his entire homework assignment on a small pink post-it.

“I knew I had to do something for him,” said Mr. Huang. “I couldn’t let him go on like that.”

“I saw that post-it,” said a fellow 7th Period citizen. “I never realized he was in such dire

need of paper. I mean, he dresses well. He doesn't look like someone who needs handouts, but I guess you can’t judge a book by its cover.”

Zhang received enough paper to last him about two weeks. The question is, what is he going to do when that supply runs out? Will 7th Period organize another paper drive?

Regular paper drives seem unreasonable, so it’s more likely that Zhang will be enrolled in a financial responsibility class to see what other expenses he can cut back on to make room for more paper purchases.

Skill Drills Standings (after SD #7)

- 5: Tanmay Neema
- 3: Rex Allard, Catherine Jeon, Oliver Wang, Brian Kim
- 2: Marina Lin, Raka Adakroy, Samuel Li, Tristan Devictor
- 1: Ally Chen, Simrin Chowdhury, Lucas Tao, Isabella Cai, Hannah Lin, Victoria Zhang, Nico Christofferson, Aashi Dugar, Jiwoo Hwang, Chae Kim, John Paul Gonsalves, Ronit Kapur, Kayla Park, Teddy Winston

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Ask Arvid _____
Answers to Questions in an Ever-Changing World _____

Dear Arvid:

If 109 has made advancements in agriculture, transportation and weapons, why are our weapons only made out of cardboard?

Dear Saruman:

This is one of the areas where 109 defers to the Powers-That-Be. Weapons must be made out of cardboard, tape and paper. Nothing else. Also, I think you underestimate the effectiveness of cardboard weapons.

Dear Arvid:

What is the point of the AMC8?

Dear Billy:

The next stage. To challenge yourself. To see possibilities. To see how you handle pressure. To experience different math.

Dear Arvid:

Billy here again. I mean, how does the

AMC8 help my grade?

Dear Billy:

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Dear Arvid:

Is there a point to taking a retake if you get a 79 on a test?

Dear Curious:

Actually, there is a point. Exactly one point.

Dear Arvid:

In Mr. Huang’s speech at the 109 vs. Tieland Zombies, he addressed us as “fellow citizens”. Does that mean he is at the same level as we are?

Dear Wade:

He’s a 23rd level chaotic good paladin with 12 bags of holding. You aren’t at the same level.”

New Ambassador to Meet with 210

By Moah Pritzker

Even though Mr. Huang is still in the process of choosing a new ambassador for 2018-19, the first main objective for the incoming ambassador is already decided.

K109 will actively pursue a new treaty with neighbor 210, led by Mrs. Freeman. In fact, the application for the position of ambassador is the writing of a letter to 210 requesting a closer relationship. 210 is still

a young community without an official name or constitution. K109 plans to encourage 210 in forming those pieces of their new country. They do have a flag already.

“Quite a few 109 citizens have emigrated to 210,” said Mr. Huang. “Forming an alliance with a community with a sizable population that is already familiar with and believes in the ideals of 109 is a no-brainer.”