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Introducing Our School Pet “George”

OUR REPORTERS HAVE THE
SCOOP AND AN INTERVIEW
WITH OUR FAVORITE
RODENT

In January we welcomed a new member to our school - a guinea pig. The idea to adopt a pet came from some grade 6 students. They asked Mr. Gibbs, our principal, if we could get a school pet and Mr. Gibbs said if they did some research and recommended a pet, and raised money to look after it, he would consider it. They told Mr. Gibbs a guinea pig would be the best choice and that they would work the canteen every Wednesday to make money to buy him food and other supplies. So in January he arrived. We had a pet naming contest and “George” was the top choice.

Here for the first time George speaks to us about life, love, and his new home.

Q: What do you think about your new home?

A: *faint squeaking*

Q: What do you think of your name?

A: *louder squeaking* (we think that means he likes it)

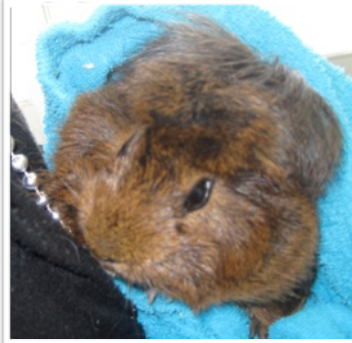
Q: What's your favorite thing to do?

A: *no response* (we think he's asleep)

By Sarah Dowsett and Emily Gannon

Did you know:

- "Cavy" is the scientific name for a guinea pig!
- Guinea pigs came from South America
- Rabbits make good friends for guinea pigs



⇐ Is George waving to us in this picture?



Editorial

GOING GREEN

By Megan Biluk

In the daily lives of Canadians, perhaps no greener change is more visible, or more used than the recycling bin. We throw our unwanted papers, drink cans, bottles, and other stuff in them. I know there are probably some people standing before the recycling bin thinking, "How is this going to make a difference?" I know it's hard to imagine that one piece of paper is going to stop global warming, and that's because one piece isn't going to, but if we all begin filling those bins with recyclables instead of throwing it away in the garbage or littering with it, then we are going to see a difference. Here's an example; the average Canadian recycled 71 kilograms in 2000, and

112 in 2004. I bet its even more now! If we all work together on this our planet is going to be a lot healthier. Where does it all go? Is it really being reused? Well I found out that it is being put to a lot of uses like building roads and dams, to name a few.

One of the other issues of concern for our environment is the pollution caused by cars and other vehicles. Did you know it costs much less for the average person to ride a bike or walk, instead of driving? The average person spends around \$1333.00 on gasoline each year - that's a whole lot of money! All that pollution from our vehicles also creates smog, and smog makes people sick, causes lung problems, and its one reason many children get asthma.

Something else you can do to help our planet is use CFL's (also know as compact fluorescent light bulbs). These are a great option to the energy hogging regular incandescent light bulbs. They use less energy, last up to 10 times longer. So as you can see, there are many things we can do today to save our planet for tomorrow.



Things that Bug Us

By: Megan Biluk and Rebecca Lamb

- When people start talking and then they say "oh, never mind."
- When it's grade 7 & 8 day in the computer lab and when we tell the 5s & 6s to get off the computers they say "no, it's already 10 after" when it's only 5 after 12.
- When a book leaves you hanging at the end.
- When the computers are sloooooowwww.
- When the internet crashes and you're in the middle of something.
- At the school dances when students run around screaming and yelling.
 - When one student is allowed to use a computer and then everyone else wants to use one but they're not allowed.
 - When you wash off your feet in the water at the beach and you just end up getting more sand on them.
 - When people tell really corny jokes and you're not sure if you should laugh.
- And finally... when people start making a noise that annoys you and they won't stop even after you beg them not to.

Did You Know...

◆ The oldest known cat was a female tabby named Ma, who lived to the age of 34!!!!

The Cougar Times Staff is...

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See Ya Next Year!



Yoshi was voted the favorite Nintendo character by students

Top Seven Things to do for Summer

7. Dress up and sing silly songs
6. Play with friends
5. Play Soccer
4. Doodle
3. Go horseback riding
2. Go outside and burn off some energy
1. Go Nuts!!

Compiled by Adriana Todaro

Just Jokes:

Q: When do Monkeys fall from the sky?

A: During ape-ri! rain showers

Q: What is the difference between a teacher and a train?

A: The teacher says, "take that gum out of your mouth", and the train says "Chew, Chew"

By Roberta Newey