Which Mouth is Cleaner?

By Nicole Kolodka and Megan Savick

Dentists require their patients to brush their teeth twice a day for two minutes. Dog biscuits are made to keep your dog’s mouth clean as well. But how well does all of this work?

For years, it has been debated whether a dog’s mouth is cleaner than a human’s mouth. Most experts say that it is impossible that a dog’s mouth is cleaner, mainly because they use their tongues as a wash rag and toilet paper. Humans tend to lick their fingers after they are done eating, not realizing how much bacteria is contained on one small finger.

“There is no way that a dog’s mouth is cleaner,” commented senior Mason Reece. “They lick their own butts, so how can they be cleaner?”

We researched to see how much bacteria is acquired in both the human’s and dog’s mouth. We took a swab of saliva twice from five dogs, and twice from five humans. We incubated, or kept the bacteria confined at a warm temperature, the saliva for two total days to see how much bacteria would be obtained. Here are the results:

The findings showed that the dogs had more bacteria growth in the two days than the humans did. The problem is that just because the dogs had more bacteria growth, it is hard to decipher what type of bacteria it is. So even though they have more, it could be a better type of bacteria.

A special thanks to Mr. Gucker; he let us use his room and materials. However, the problem was that we did not have the advanced technology to determine the type of bacteria growth in our lab.

We interviewed students after showing them the photos of the bacteria growth, to see what they had to say.

“I don’t think that a dog’s mouth is cleaner because of what they eat,” said senior Jenny Beckman. “I definitely think of getting better bones for my dog, and maybe I will floss more!”

“Seeing these pictures makes me want to brush and floss my teeth a lot more,” claimed freshman Tate Arters. “To keep your mouth clean, you should not chew tobacco or eat dog crap.”

“I think that the mouth is the dirtiest part of your body,” senior Mick Lloyd said. “I still think a human’s mouth is cleaner than a dog’s mouth.”

Most people tend to agree take Lloyd’s side on this matter. Even though that may be the belief, people continue letting their dogs lick them, and people continue licking their fingers. I guess it is everyone’s choice.
By Marc Frary
Our school is growing in different ways every year; including the number of students, number of classes, and faculty. Thoughts of how to keep up with the continuous growth are spread around. Most students will admit that they will think from time to time about how they would change the school. Although some students are more creative than others
“I don’t really like the school; it’s too boring. I would change everything. We would all ride zebras through the halls,” said freshman Cate Bailey.

Ideas like these keep the students’ imagination and spirit alive on those longer school days. Even though we won’t be riding zebras through the hallways any time soon, one must admit that it would make the average school day a bit more interesting.

Is it insane to dream about moving floors to get to class, or maybe fountains that have fruit juice instead of water?

In some visions of the future, there could be robots that carry our books to class for us, or maybe record the class so that students could review a lot easier and be better in class.

Some visions are more realistic though and are closer to being accomplished.

“I would change the school from an open campus to a closed campus. The annex would be gone and we would just build onto the main building.” said business teacher Ron Wachtel. “We just have to wait until the elementary gets built and the middle school gets fixed.

The thought of losing the annex is anything but new. The idea of getting rid of it has been passed around for years. Chances are that the annex will stand strong for many years to come.

A dream improvement to the school could vary from text books that you beam into your mind or maybe even an underground tunnel system from the annex to the main building to keep students out of the weather.

Possibly one day, the strange thoughts of how to change the school will be embraced. In the future, we might be able to take animals to class with us, or maybe teleport from one building to another. As for now though, we have to accept that they are only dreams of improvement.

By Holly Phillips
“You don’t get to 500 million friends without making a few enemies,” is the new upcoming movie, The Social Network’s tagline.

The Social Network is a movie based on the story of Mark Zuckerberg making the global social network Facebook. Facebook was made in Zuckerberg’s dorm room at Harvard University in 2003. The movie is set to hit the big screen today.

“I think the movie looks really interesting,” said junior Kayla Peters.

The movie is going to be very drama- and action-filled, with actors Justin Timberlake and Andrew Garfield and actress Brenda Song.

“I love JT (Justin Timberlake),” said senior Megan Rybacki. “So, I’m really excited to see him in action in the movie.”

The movie is originally modified by the book The Accidental Billionaires by Ben Mezrich, which was written in 2004.

The story behind Facebook is interesting. After being betrayed by his girlfriend Erica and being dumped, he gets the help of his fellow classmates, the Winklevoss twins, and tries to make a Harvard “Hot or Not”.

Although Facebook is a big hit around the world today, Zuckerberg was brought to court by his fellow classmates at Harvard that were charging him with intellectual property theft.

Zuckerberg created one of the most popular websites on the internet. However, he had to face many difficulties to get to where he is today; he is the youngest billionaire in history.

“I look forward to going and seeing the movie in theaters once it comes out,” said Peters.
Check Out the Sound of Neon Trees

By Mackenzie Greer and Marisa Romanchik

Neon Trees is a new band that is on the radio; their music is a combination of slick pop, sturdy organic rock. The band’s burst of rock energy and spirit comes from 60s garage-rock to 2010 dance rock. The vibe of the music is about forgiveness, passion and love. Neon Trees’ first single is “Animal” and it’s going up the charts.

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Neon Trees recording back in March. Photo courtesy of Wikipedia Commons

Austin Probert (9): “Oops, did I do that?”

Mr. Wachtel (staff): “If you’re not first, you’re last.”

Alana Ferrante (11): “What is meant to be - will be.”

Jamey Schiesswohl (12): “Life is a beach; I’m just playing in the sand.”

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Colts Try to Even Their Record at Copley

By Brandon Whitslar, Cory Woodhall and Ben Weinerman

Last Friday, the Cloverleaf football team had trouble handling the Green offense as they stumbled to a 36-29 loss in Suburban League play. The first two Green possessions looked promising for the Colts, as they forced first quarter turnovers that gave them momentum.

The Bulldogs continued to fight back and made sure that the score was even at 15-15 heading into halftime. To start the third quarter, Green came out and scored on multiple big plays that killed the confidence of the Colts and their fans.

“It was disappointing when they scored on all of those deep plays. I really thought we were going to win,” said junior Jake Saffle.

The Cloverleaf offense was much different last week, as they passed the ball the majority of the time. This worked in the first half, but in the second half, Green caught on and was able to stop the passing game.

The Colts fought until the end of the game and put themselves in a position to possibly tie the game with seconds left. However, the onside kick did not go their way, as the ball went through a Cloverleaf player and rolled out of bounds.

The Colts now hold a record of 2-3 (0-2) and will travel to Copley tonight in hopes of picking up their first Suburban League victory and evening their record.

“We really need to pick up a league win, so this week is really important to us,” said senior captain Cameron O’Rourke.

Copley comes into tonight’s game with an undefeated record of 5-0. Copley has rolled over teams like Massillon Jackson, Orrville, and Highland. The impressive speed and athleticism should be a tough test for the Colts all over the field.

“We know that they have some fast guys this year, but if we just stick to our game plan then we should be fine,” said senior quarterback Sean Mohney.

In order for the Colts to have any chance at making the State playoffs, they must turn things around quickly. If the season were to end tonight, the Colts would be eight places out of a playoff spot. A win against Copley would give Cloverleaf a much needed league win and a high number of playoff points.

“Copley is a big game for us. We really need to get some playoff points and pick up a league win,” said special-teams standout Ryan Cold.

The game should be a true test of whether or not the Colts can overcome adversity in their goal to make the playoffs. Support the football team tonight as they try to get things back on track against the Copley Indians. As always, presale tickets are available at lunch in the lobby for $4. Cloverleaf keeps the profit if you buy here.