Knights' News

REMINDER: We are a Latex free building as well. No latex balloons are allowed in the building!

Announcements

December 20th IQ Robotics December 22nd– January 2nd No School Christmas Break January 16th Early out January 16th End of Semester 1





Articles

Facts on Pelicans

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Here are some facts on pelicans! Pelicans are giant birds that are known for their large throat pouches used to catch fish. These pouches are not used to store their food for long periods of time. They use their pouch to help catch their food. They don't only eat fish, they also eat turtles, small mammals, and other birds. Another cool fact about pelicans is they do not have functional nostrils. This is due to their nostrils being so small and clogged up with grains of salt. Due to this they must breathe through their beaks and rely on the air sacs in their body. Air sacks? Pelicans have air sacs in their bones to help them fly lightly even being heavy birds. Pelicans can range anywhere from 11-30 pounds. Where do pelicans live? Pelicans live on every single continent except Antarctica. They thrive in warm, coastal waters and adapt to both salt and freshwater. Pelicans live in large colonies, and these colonies can consist of hundreds of pelicans.

Vietnamese Pot-Bellied Pigs

Lexie K. 9th grade

Vietnamese Pot-Bellied pigs can be multiple colors. The most common colors are solid black, white, pink, grey, and a type of rust color. Most of them are spotted. They commonly have small heads and wrinkled faces; their ears are small and pricked upwards. Vietnamese Pot-Bellied weigh between an average 70-150 lbs. but can get up to 200 or more. They average 3-ft and 15 inches long when fully grown. Full growth is when they get to around five years old. The Vietnamese Pot-Bellied pigs are a dwarf swine breed which was developed in the 1960s from the breed of Vietnam. Potbelly pigs usually have medium straight tails, but you can curl them. They were originally brought into Sweden and Canada and have since moved into several countries. In 1986 was when the first pot-bellied pigs were sold into the U.S. The potbellied pig's population almost reached a million with an estimated count of 675,000 Vietnamese potbelly pigs in 1991. Now the breed is facing endangerment and possible extinction. They got the name potbelly from their short legs and low hanging bellies. The pigs were used to symbolize happiness, safety and wealth in the traditional Dong Ho paintings of Bac Ninh province. Most pigs are easily prone to diseases, but the Vietnamese potbellied pigs are studied to have great resistance to disease and even parasites. Pot-bellied pigs are very smart and can easily learn and pick up things. If you want, you could have one of these as a pet in your house.

Meerkats

Taylor 9th Grade

Meerkats are members of the mongoose family, they have gray and brown fur coats and dark patches around their eyes that help protect them from the sun, they also have a dark tip on their tail. They have powerful claws and a pointed snout. Meerkats have slender bodies that are 10-14 inches long and tails that are 7-10 inches long. Their average weight is 2 pounds. They live in Southern Africa in dry open plains, savannas, and grasslands. Meerkats have a lifespan of 5-15 years in the wild. Meerkats are insectivores meaning that their diet mostly consists of insects like termites, beetles, and caterpillars. Despite mostly eating insects they also like to eat small mammals, snakes, birds, and even poisonous scorpions. For water meerkats might chew on tsama melons or dig up roots. They spend a lot of their time foraging for food and when they find it, they eat right on the spot. Meerkats live in burrows in the sand that they help each other build. They are very social animals and live in groups of 10-30 called mobs. They also brush and clean each other's fur with their claws and teeth. Meerkats rely on mentoring more than instinct when they are learning to forage and protect themselves from danger. Meerkat mobs have alpha females and males; the alpha female is the only female allowed to breed. After the female has the pups, every other meerkat takes turns babysitting them while the mother forages for food. The pups won't emerge from the burrow until they are about 3 weeks old.

Sports Update

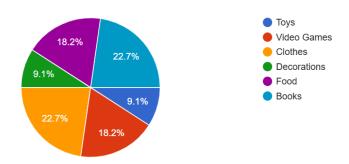
Ronin Wittmayer 9th Grade

On Monday boy's junior varsity played at home and lost 48 to 83. And then on Thursday they played against Bagley and lost 70 to 79. Then they played against Fosston and won 58 to 45.

On Monday the girl's junior varsity had played at home and had won 79 to 57. And then on Thursday they played against Bagley and won 73 to 58. Then they played against Fosston and won 73 to 58.

What Christmas Present Are You Hoping For?

22 responses



Kids thoughts week 16

Favorite Christmas Cookie

Charlie- Christmas Cookie

Jordyn- Sugar Cookie

Cortland- Sugar Cookie

