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# Knights' News

## Announcements

April 19 Early Out @ 12:45  
Senior Trip (19th– 28th)  
Book-It Reward - small gym  
April 20 Honor Band in Moorhead  
April 21 State FFA  
April 22 Polk Cty. Board of Appeals Mtg. 6 pm (library)  
April 22-26 Scholastic Book Fair  
May 2 Preschool Assessments  
Senior Cap & Gown picture 9am  
May 3 Book-It Field Trip  
May 4 Prom at Climax Grand March 6pm

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**Have a great weekend!**

## Articles

### **Thunderstorms**

Stella Abeld 9<sup>th</sup>

Thunderstorms, a storm that has the ability to either make people fall asleep, or tremble in fear. Thunderstorms are cool to listen to for some, they just sit around and listen to the water drops hit the windows, and the rumble of the thunder. It sounds soothing, it can be soothing, but to some it makes them tremble with fear.

### **Black Skipjack Tuna**

AubreyAna Fredrick 9<sup>th</sup>

Black skipjack tuna are found in the lower half of the Gulf of California to northern Peru, including all the offshore islands and the Galapagos. Black skipjack fish eat anchovies, sardines, red crabs, and squid. Black skipjack tuna grows very fast; they can be up to nearly 4 feet, and more than 90 pounds. Black skipjack tuna are also called katsuo, arctic bonito, mushmouth, oceanic bonito, striped tuna or victor fish.

### **Gharial**

Natalie Laurie 9<sup>th</sup>

The gharial was originally native to the rivers of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal and Pakistan. Now they are only very few are found in Nepal and northern India. They are around 350 in weight as adults and the male's length is 3- 6 meters long while the female's length is only 2.6- 4.5 meters long, and they are a crocodylian in the Gavialidae family.

Sadly, gharials are critically endangered. There are around 650 left, the reason they are going extinct is because people were hunting them for their skins and their eggs were used for medicinal purposes. They are still hunted today but their biggest threat is habitat loss due to human encroachment and unstable fishing practices.

### Fun Facts about Meerkats

Emma Schultes 9th

Meerkats are a part of the mongoose family. Meaning they are immune to venom; they produce glycoprotein that binds to the protein in the venom. Meerkats are usually in groups of 20-30. Meerkats are also omnivores meaning they eat both plants and animals to survive just like humans! Meerkats do not drink water and don't need any due to what they eat. They eat insects such as grubs which already provide them with all the moisture they need. Meerkats can run up to 20 miles per hour. When standing, meerkats can be up to 30 cm, also being 12 inches.

## Week #31 Kids Thoughts

- What's your favorite fast-food place?
- Chase- McDonald's
- Riggan- McDonald's
- Kace-Taco John's



Which of these pets do you prefer?

24 responses

