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# Knights' News

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

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## Announcements

February 8<sup>th</sup> Elementary robotics in Thief River Falls

February 13<sup>th</sup> Early out

February 13<sup>th</sup> Parent teacher conferences

February 14th-17th No school

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Have a great weekend!

## Articles

### **History of Movies by Bailey H**

Movies have been around for over 100 years. They started in the late 1800s with inventors like Thomas Edison and the Lumiere brothers. In 1895, the Lumiere brothers showed the first movie to an audience in Paris, and that's when movies became a big deal. In the early 1900s, movies were silent, meaning there was no sound. Famous actors like Charlie Chaplin made people laugh with their funny actions. Then, in the late 1920s, movies started having sound. The first movie with sound was "The Jazz Singer" in 1927. From the 1930s to the 1950s, Hollywood made some of the best movies ever. Studios like MGM and Warner Bros. created classics like "Gone with the Wind" and "Casablanca." This time is known as the Golden Age of Hollywood. Later, technology improved a lot. Movies started using color, special effects, and computer graphics. Directors like Steven Spielberg and George Lucas made amazing movies like "Star Wars" and "Jurassic Park." Today, movies keep getting better with digital technology and streaming services. People can watch movies anytime, anywhere. The magic of movies continues to be a big part of our lives.

### **The Epic of Gilgamesh**

Elizabeth N. 12th Grade

The Epic of Gilgamesh is a cornerstone of ancient Mesopotamian literature, serving multiple functions for its original audience. Beyond entertainment, it offered a spiritual reflection and conveyed many life lessons. The main messages within the epic include the inevitability of death, the power of friendship, the limitations of human power, and the value of order. The epic intertwines death and friendship through Enkidu's demise and its profound effect on Gilgamesh. Their initial rivalry evolves into a deep bond,

emphasizing friendship's importance. Enkidu's death throws Gilgamesh into despair, sparking his fear of mortality and his eventual journey for immortality. This journey, in the end, forces him to accept death as universal, highlighting the epic's message of embracing friendship and confronting mortality. Gilgamesh's journey also explores the limitations of power. Despite his perceived strength and semi-divine status, he is powerless against death, just like everyone else.

The epic also addresses the concept of order, symbolized by Uruk's walls and the existing social hierarchy. These elements reflect the Sumerians' belief in order as crucial for societal stability. The structured world within the epic contrasts with the natural world's chaos, highlighting humanity's desire for control. Gilgamesh's struggles with mortality, friendship, and power resonate with our own. The epic's enduring appeal stems from its exploration of these universal themes, reminding us of our shared human experience across all eras of time. It serves as a great reminder that ancient stories can still offer good insights into what it means to be human, and they also help to connect us to the past.

### **Hummingbirds**

Makenzie Q. 9th Grade

They are the smallest migrating bird. They don't migrate in flocks like other species, and they typically travel alone for up to 500 miles at a time. The name, hummingbird, comes from the humming noise their wings make as they beat so fast. Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backwards. Hummingbirds have no sense of smell. While they can't sniff out feeders, they do have good color vision. The average weight of a hummingbird is less than a nickel. Their tiny legs are only used for perching and moving sideways while perched. They can't walk or hop. Hummingbirds drink the nectar found in feeders by moving their tongue in and out about 13 times per second. They can consume up to double their body weight in a day. A flock of hummingbirds can be referred to as a bouquet, a glittering, a hover, a shimmer, or a tune. There are over 330 species of hummingbirds in North and South America. The average number of eggs laid by female hummingbirds is only two. These eggs have been found in nests smaller than a half dollar and compare in size to a jellybean or a coffee bean. The Blue-throated Mountain-gem's heart beats as fast as 1,260 beats per minute. Costa's Hummingbird's beats between 500 and 900 times. Compare that to a human's average heart rate of 60 to 100 beats per minute. Even more amazing, some hummingbirds can enter a state of torpor, reducing their heart rates to as few as 50 beats per minute to conserve energy and survive cold temperatures.

## Kid Thoughts

Left to right:

Cam- Anything with chocolate

Matias- Reese

Ben- KitKat



## Sports Update

By Skyler Berg 9<sup>th</sup>

Week #20: The girls basketball played on Tuesday January 28th against Win-E-Mac Patriots the JV lost 14-22 and the girls Varsity won 55-39. The boys played on Thursday January 30th, against Mahnommen-Waubun Thunderbirds, JV lost 60-23, Then the Varsity lost 57-70. Next on Friday January 31st both boys and girls went to play in the Target center to go and play against the Liberty Classical Academy Lions, the boys JV lost, and Varsity lost 38-80, girls JV won and girls Varsity won 48-32.

Week #21: On Monday February 3rd, the JH boys, JV boys, and Varsity played the Crookston Pirates, the JH boys lost, JV boys lost, and varsity lost 62-57 in overtime. Then both boys and girls played in Fertile the Falcons, girls JV lost, boys JV lost, and girls Varsity lost 51-33, and the Varsity boys lost 86-50. On Thursday February 6th the girls played the Fosston Greyhounds (parents' night) in Fisher. Then On the Friday February 7th the boys play Rothsay in Climax (senior night), next the girls play in Warroad on Friday.