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Enjoying the morning sun, **Melanie Sauter, 12**, and **Erin Kaelin, 12**, hug in front of vibrant hot air balloons. The two woke up extra early in order to make it to one of Colorado's classic hot air balloon festivals. "I'm so glad I got to experience the festival," Sauter said. "It was so fun to walk around and see so many Palmer Ridge students out enjoying the balloon launching." *photo by riley callahan.*

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Grinding through his homework, **Caleb Chau, 10**, works during his Free Range period. When he works, he likes to listen to music and socialize with his friends about their classes. "Sometimes I just remind myself of the pros and cons of getting my work done now, rather than later," Chau said. *photo by ruby bales.*



Striking the strings on her instrument, **Robyn Rockwood, 9**, plays a melody in Symphonic Winds. She currently plays the double bass but hopes to make the bass guitar her own in the future. "My favorite part of Symphonic Winds is getting to play with the rest of the band and hearing all of the music fit together," Rockwood said. *photo by olivia michon.*

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Evading the defender, **Makenna West, 12**, runs down the field to send to the offensive side. She has been playing varsity field hockey for four years, and has done it her way by leading the team for two years. West said, "I really think we can make it to state. I feel confident in us and feel like we are a really good team." *photo by aniston mcniel.*



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1210 STUDENTS

288 FRESHMEN

283 SOPHOMORES

315 JUNIORS

324 SENIORS

108 STAFF



1. William Baker, 12, gets his boat ready to go against his competitors. Baker spent a lot of time building his boat, and put a lot of work into it. "It was pretty fun, and with the build process too, we all helped each other out," Baker said. *photo by ruby bales.* **2. Gigi German, 11**, throws a fast ball to the hitter on the other team. German is hoping to play in college in the future. German said, "I'm one of the varsity pitchers, and the whole team is really close so we do our best to play for each other." *photo by lily dozier.*

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Wake up **Shoot**, It's 7:20!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND YOU'RE ALREADY LATE?
Blame it on the alarm.

SNEAKERS OR SANDALS?

I'll go with sneakers, might just snow.



Through the roundabout, time to park.
NO MORE SPOTS, DIRT LOT IT IS.

seriously?! *More construction?*

ATHLETIC OR MAIN ENTRANCE?

Gotta do athletic, it's too cold for a walk.

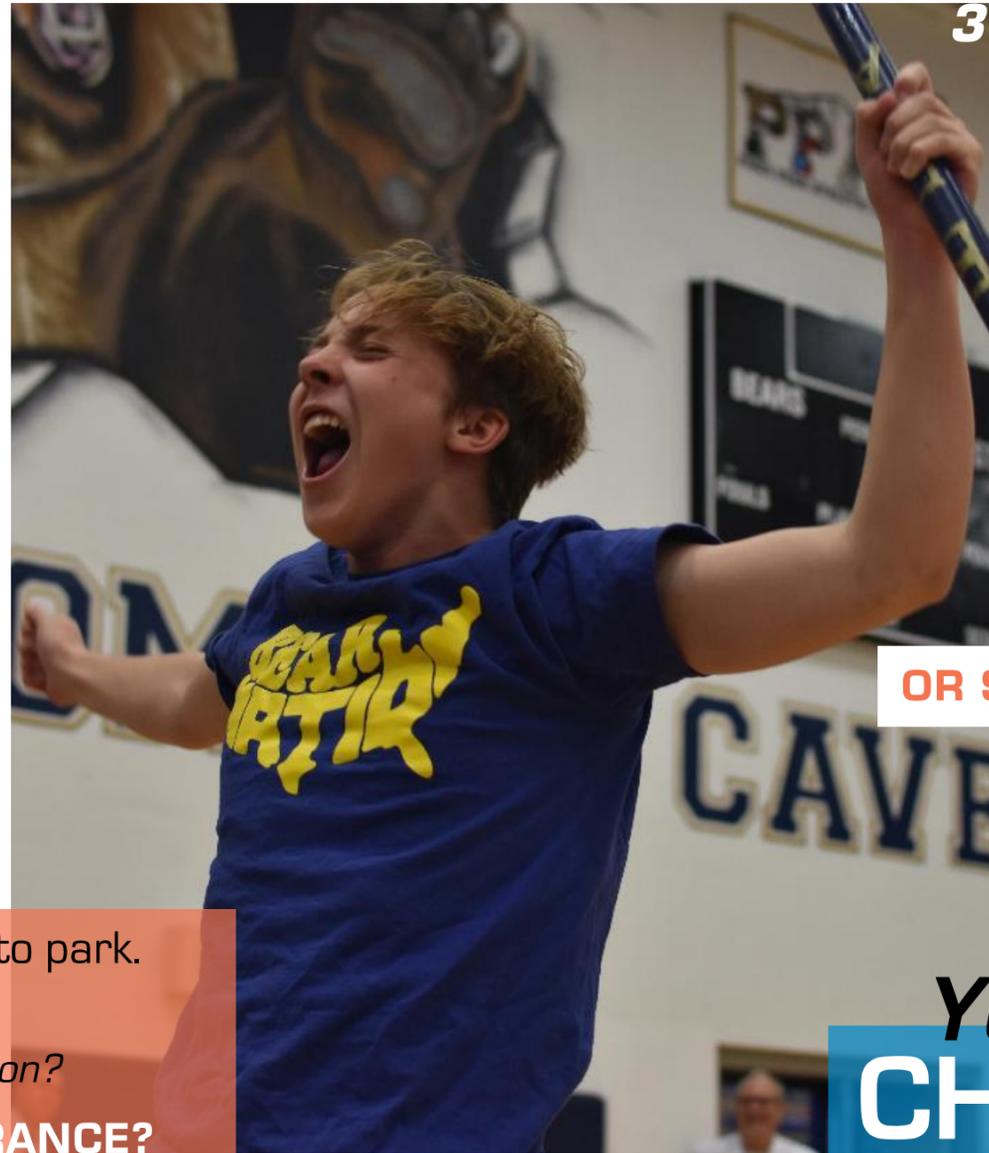
I'M STARVING!

READY FOR LUNCH SO SOON?

Dude, it's 8:37 and I've got second lunch.

BOSCO STICKS OR ZEBRA CAKES?

Zebra cakes, DUH.



Got class,
it's across campus.
TIME FOR A WORKOUT, READY?

*Look at those stairs,
there's gotta be like 50.*

**TAKE THE INCLINE OF STAIRS,
OR SNEAK AN ELEVATOR RIDE?**

UGH... Those stairs get me every time!

All the decisions...

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1. Scaling a rock climbing wall, **Molly Cundith, 12**, looks for higher rocks to grab. It's a sport that pushes you past your physical limits, but it's super friendly," Cundith said. She has been rock climbing for a few months and prefers climbing outdoors because it gives her more variety. *photo by jasie parham.* **2.** **Jordan Taylor, 12**, dances with **Mr. Armentrout, Illianna Corum, 11**, and **Braylen Howarth, 11**. Students chose their songs and added their own twists. "We did the Christmas dance from 'Mean Girls' because we thought it was funny, and the class responded to it great," Taylor said. *photo by alaina feddes.* **3.** Leading up the senior section for an assembly, **Jerry Craig, 12**, hypes everyone up before singing the fight song. Craig said, "I was holding the spirit stick and it is kind of like our school's holy grail; it represents our school and all the pride we have." Craig made it one of his goals to grow school spirit and represent the student body. *photo by mallory sale.* **4.** **Avaiyah King, 9**, falls into the splits during her floor routine. King has done gymnastics since she was five and makes her routines unique. "Bars is my favorite event because it is the best and easiest event for me personally, and my favorite part of the team is the environment," King said. *photo by lily dozier.* **5.** Participating in orientation day activities, **Sydney Shin, 9**, messes around before vision testing. Link crew introduced the freshmen around the school. Shin said, "Orientation was really helpful. All the leaders were really nice, and it was small enough to go and see everyone's classes during the tour." *photo by melanie sauter.*



Enjoying the Navy and Gold tailgate, **Lauren Coval, 11**, dabs splotches of blue paint under **Cole Murray's, 11**, eyes. The event, held just prior to the first school dance of the year, offered various clubs a great place to stand out and gave students time to have fun with their peers. "Face paint is always a Navy and Gold tradition that really shows school spirit," Murray said. "So when Coval offered to paint my face, I couldn't turn down representing our colors." *photo by melanie sauter.*



Second period, morning announcements.

"Goooooood morning Bears!"

OH HEY, IS THAT MORGAN?

"POWDERPUFF AT 7!" SHOULD I GO?

Parker and Twesme say yes, but sports... *meh.*

"Please join us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance."

It's spirit week.

SHOULD I DRESS UP?

Shoot, am I the only one?

Oh never mind, Jerry is. *Sick!*

HE LOOKS WAY LAMER THAN I DO.

Fall is finally here.

STARBUCKS OR SERRANOS?

Might just have to get an iced PSL.

SO READY FOR FALL FASHION,

eeeeeeek!

High school flies by. Might as well live it up.

YOUR **friends** AND **family** AND **expressions**
AND **moments** AND **fun**.

It's the
Way You

LIVE

STUDENT LIFE

Staring his opponents in the eyes during a mock trial, *Will Baker, 12*, hides his emotions to evade the prosecution's pervasive questions. The mock trials in AP Government mirrored the traditional American judicial process that occurs in courts across the nation every day. "In the trial, I was the defendant whose car was stolen. I liked being able to go off the script a little bit and come up with some more questions because that added a level of interactivenss to the trial," Baker said. *photo by ethan michon.*



First period.

YIKES! Why did I take yoga?

I AM SO NOT FLEXIBLE.

CORPSE POSE

is for sure the best pose ever created.

But maybe that's a stretch; Hehe.

Back from lunch ... math time.

WARM-UP, HOW DO I DO THIS?

Aw shucks, why do we have to

be talking about Pi today?

I'M STILL HUNGRYYYY.

Last period! **Finally. "O ROMEO, ROMEO. WHEREFORE ART THOU ROMEO?"**

Did anyone actually read Shakespeare?

THOU ART TOO LONG.

NO FEAR SHAKESPEARE IS A LIFESAVER.

Let's face it, learning can be bland.

So, you made the most out of it.

YOUR homework AND labs AND tests AND Socratic seminars AND "good things."

It's the
Way You
LEARN

ACADEMICS

Holding their homemade aircraft, *Matthew Neptune, 9*, assists his partner *Caleb Dall, 11*, in fixing the fuselage. They had a certain amount of time to complete their required amount of flights, so having to fix their build used up precious minutes. "Right after we started our timer for 'Wright Stuff,' our build broke and we could not stop the time. It was very stressful trying to fix it while the timer was running," Neptune said. *photo by melanie sauter.*



Hoco week. All eyes on StuCo.

Everyone put off buying their tickets again. SAME.

I HEARD THEY'RE LETTING US GUESS THE THEME THIS YEAR.

HINT: "THAT'S A FAR AWAY E." SAFARI? GENIUS!

BBQ Dad day? So iconic.

I'm bringing my spatula.

Cocoa and Cram.

NHS TUTOR TIME.

What's better than hot cocoa and studying with friends?

Just hot cocoa: duh.

TOO BAD THAT'S NOT AN OPTION. JK <3

Friends of Rachel spreading love and positivity.

Cheering up the school,

ONE STICKY NOTE AT A TIME.

Hey, WHERE'S THAT FLOWER FROM?

My Friends of Rachel of course!

Everyone has their "thing."

Lucky for you, there's a club for that.

YOUR *activities* AND *competitions* AND *achievements* AND *meetings* AND *events*.

It's the
**Way You
GO**

ORGANIZATIONS

Ice hockey players *Trevor Bradley, 12*, and *Rhys Halaby, 12*, hold up Colorado and U.S. flags before their game on Palmer Lake. This year, the hockey team battled Cheyenne Mountain on an outside rink carved onto Palmer Lake for the first time ever. "The Palmer Lake game was an awesome experience and it was a super successful fundraiser event. Playing outside on a rink on a lake, there's nothing like it. It's a natural form of the game," Halaby said. *photo courtesy of jill bradley.*



Field hockey semi-finals.

Freezing rain.

JUST KEEP YOUR COOL... LITERALLY.

Do we really have to play in this weather? *brrrrrrr.*

WHOAH, NOW WE'RE ON THE NEWS!

Hi mom!

Volleyball game at Mead.

The bus rides are always the best part, undeniably.

WHO HAS AUX THIS TIME?

TURN IT UP!

"HOPPED OFF THE PLANE AT LAX!"

Let's hit the courts, calm your nerves.

Krispy Kreme before regional matches?

BEST TRADITION EVER!

SHOOT, *Not Again!!!*

Now I feel sick ... still worth it.

There's nothing like being on a team.

YOUR **wins** AND **fellowship** AND **bus rides**
AND **team rituals** AND **championships.**

It's the
Way You
PLAY

SPORTS

Yelling in character, **Celeste Woody, 12**, projects her voice to the audience full of family and friends. Woody played Winnifred in the fall musical, "Once Upon a Mattress." "My favorite things were learning and getting into a character with such high energy. I also loved getting to meet so many new and talented people, despite that there was a lot of dancing and all the costume fittings were sometimes a mess," Woody said. *photo by melanie sauter.*



First finals ever...

I'm so scared my tummy hurts.

LIKE HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO REMEMBER

the entire semester ???

Hopefully, Mr. Brady's techniques in PREP will help.

CROSS MY FINGERS!

Taking my driver's test.

Ummm, this lady looks scary.

shoot! That wasn't a full stop. Maybe she didn't notice ...

SHE DEFINITELY DID.

STILL GOT THE LICENSE! WAS IT ALWAYS THAT EASY?

Time for the SAT:

deep breath,

ONLY HAVE TO KILL THIS SO I CAN GO TO COLLEGE.

NO BIGGIE, BUT ... BIGGIE!!!

I hope my hours of SAT prep on Khan Academy pays off.

WAIT, DO I HAVE TO USE A NO. 2 PENCIL FOR THIS?

No one does it like quite like you do.

YOUR **style** AND **quirks** AND **personality**
AND **choices** AND **characteristics.**

It's the

Way You

BELONG

REFERENCE



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Last day, *Finally!*
WEAR PANTS OR
get dress coded by Schleiker?
TOUGH DECISION.
LET'S GO FOR IT.

It's not like I could get detention now anyways.



3



4

Well, I guess it's time to go.

NO MORE PARKING TICKETS,
and no more flying over the speedbumps.

No more dashing to the door in the freezing cold
I'M NOT SAD, YOU ARE. to scan my ID.

OKAY, MAYBE JUST A LITTLE.



2

1. Extending her pom to the sky. *Illianna Corum, 11*, cheers for the football team. Corum got into cheering thanks to her family friend. Corum said, "We had a family friend, kind of like our nanny, who got me into cheer and I have loved it ever since I was five." photo by *olivia michon*. 2. Mock attorney *Amber Wright, 12*, hands Judge Molé car keys which she used as evidence for the prosecution. Getting to participate in the mock criminal trial gave students in AP Government, like Wright, exposure to a daily legal process. "I was one of the two prosecution lawyers, so it was a lot of fun to feel what it's like to present my arguments and to question a witness," Wright said. photo by *ethan michon*. 3. Drifting on ice, *Griffin Henderson, 11*, keeps his eyes on the puck. Henderson and the ice hockey team made it to playoffs after a solid season. "My game has developed a lot. It was a lot of fun to play with the seniors this year who are graduating," Henderson said. photo by *olivia michon*. 4. Hands on keys and mouth on reed, *Caleb Ray, 11*, produces soothing harmonies and tunes during band practice. Ray enjoys quicker tempo songs and has been in band for six years. Ray said, "My favorite part is having fun with band and creating something new. Fun and fast pieces are my favorite." photo by *lauren halenkamp*. 5. Balancing the water bucket barbell over her head, *Celeste Woody, 12*, performs on stage above the pit orchestra. Woody played an ecstatic and exuberant character in the musical, "Once Upon a Mattress." Woody said, "It wasn't hard for me to memorize the lines at all since Winnifred has very similar aspects to my personality as a child." photo by *ethan michon*.

Whippin' into the parking lot
for one last time.

I ALWAYS GET BLINDED.

Oh no... I DON'T HAVE TIME TO REPARK.

Hope I don't get on @prdriverssuck.

Literally so embarrassing.

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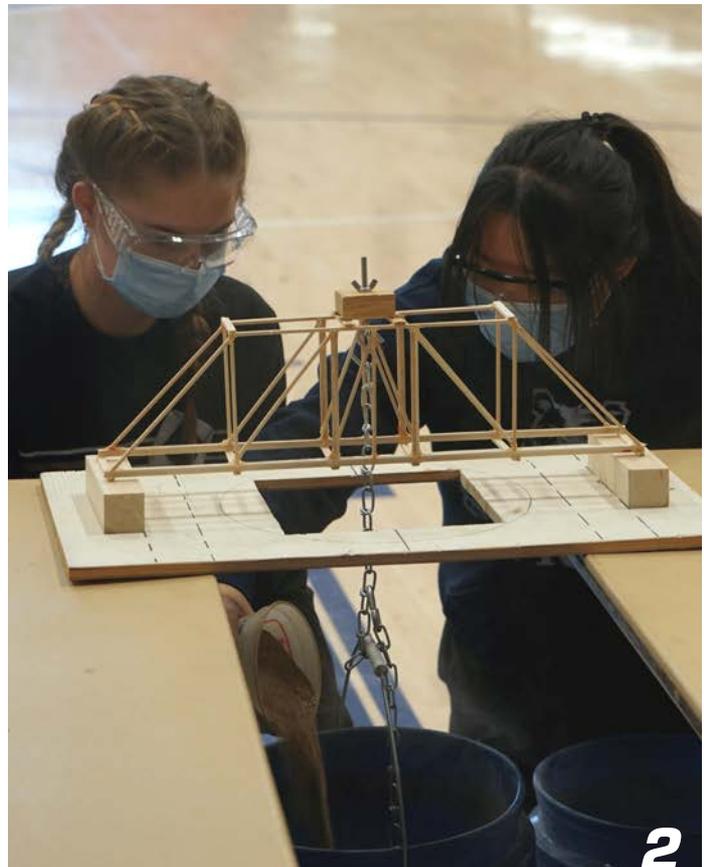
1. Holding up a cantaloupe to her mouth, *Lauren Coval, 11*, takes a break at the yearbook's annual BearBQ. Coval and the rest of the staff played volleyball, cornhole, and board games. "We were all messing around, making jokes, and it had a very positive energy. It was a piece of cantaloupe that I had just finished eating and it was quite delicious," Coval said. *photo by melanie sauter.* 2. *Madison Kuo, 12*, and *Nicole Day, 12*, meticulously pour sand into the bucket below their bridge. The ultimate goal of the event was to create a bridge that could bear increasing amounts of weight. "It was a very last minute thing. When I got home, I came up with a plan, measured our wood, and jotted down the requirements for the competition. I wasn't expecting too much for the bridge, but it went pretty well," Kuo said. *photo by melanie sauter.*



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