



Posing for a photoshoot, [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 balloons launching." *photo by riley callahan.*



Shouting at the top of his lungs, **Jeremiah Craig, 12**, excites the crowd of students at the first assembly of the year. The assembly filled the main gymnasium with loud cheers and multiple iterations of the Palmer Ridge fight song. Craig said, "I love getting the student body excited because it shows me everyone truly cares. It makes me so proud to see every student get on their feet and make so much noise at assemblies." *photo by mallory sale.*

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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 spread word 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 Lauren offered to paint my face, I couldn't turn down representing our colors." *photo by melanie sauter.*