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School communities vote for mascots & colors at 2 new schools

Riverdale Ridge Ravens will debut in 2018 & Reunion Elementary Yeti debuts this fall

BRIGHTON, COLO. (June 8, 2017) – Mascots for two new School District 27J schools have been selected. Students and parents in the new Reunion Elementary School community voted for the school mascot to be the Yeti. The new school is scheduled to open this August in the Reunion subdivision of Commerce City. The school will open to more than 350 pre-school through fifth-grade students in the rapidly-growing southern portion of the District. Colors chosen for Reunion Elementary are teal and silver.

At 27J's newest high school, still under construction, the mascot will be the Raven. The Raven is considered to be one of the most intelligent birds and seen as clever and playful. The colors for the high school will be dark blue, light blue and silver. Riverdale Ridge High School is being built at 136th Avenue and Yosemite Street in Thornton, in the western portion of the District. The high school will open in the fall of 2018 to grades six through 10, and add a grade every year until the school serves a traditional high school population of grades nine through 12.

In the fall of 2020, 27J's newest middle school, Rodger Quist Middle, will open and students will transition from the Riverdale Ridge High to Rodger Quist Middle located across the street on the west side of Yosemite Street in Thornton.

Both schools invited current District students and families to vote for their favorite mascot and colors. Reunion Elementary gave mascot surveys to parents and students at two parent meetings. Families could also access the mascot survey online. The Reunion Elementary mascot selections were based off animals in the Rocky Mountains and runners up were the grizzlies, bobcat, mountain lion, wolverine and ram. A total of 220 votes were cast for the Reunion Elementary Yeti. A cartoon Yeti and a large footprint will be used as Reunion mascot symbols.

Riverdale Ridge High School sent out a mascot and color survey to future students. West Ridge Elementary and Brantner Elementary students were able to vote for the mascot of their future high school. Students at West Ridge Elementary voted for their favorite mascot during technology classes in May. There were more than 500 survey responses for the mascot and school color survey. Mascot runners up were the mountain lion, roadrunner and bobcat.

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