

Janet L. Young Elementary School Rationale

Background

Prior to breaking ground for Janet L. Young Elementary School, the Shields and Locan school site and surrounding properties were agriculturally based. With site's history and CUSD goals, the architects proposed a similar concept to Boris Elementary which is a design that honors the agricultural history of the area as well as the district's commitment to readying our students for their high-tech future.

Theme

The architecture of our building and our educational platform support our commitment to creating a 21st Century learning environment for our students. Readyng our students for citizenship in America's ever-changing future will require them to be entrepreneurial, optimistic, collaborative thinkers and workers, creative, resilient, life-long learners.

The following recommendation for the motto, colors, and mascot of Janet L. Young Elementary School (YES) are made with consideration from our background and theme.

Our "YES" Motto: "Soaring into the Future."

Our "YES" Colors: Crimson, Sky Blue, White, and Silver

Crimson, shade of maroon, is a color representing power, love, and is associated with nobility. Sky Blue is the color of the sky and it is associated with depth, stability, trust, loyalty, wisdom, and confidence. It also is a color which produces a calming effect. White is associated with peace, humility, and reverence. Silver is the color of illumination and reflection. It reflects positive energy and emulates forward movement.

Our "YES" Mascot: Jets

Jets are an aircraft which uses a jet engine to propel forward in a fast motion. When thinking about a jet in its entire process of being formulated, built, maintained, fueled, staffed, passengers, etc. there is a direct correlation with Clovis Unified. The jets represent the end goal of our core value of, "it's people not programs that make the positive difference." It takes teams of people with different skills to maintain and operate a jet, much like Clovis Unified using teams of people to ensure student success. ***Our "YES" goal, is to develop individuals who are ready to take flight into the future and soar their way to excellence!***

The school colors also correlate with the mascot. Silver representing the actual jet. The sky blue and white representing the sky which the jet will soar into. Last, crimson, representing the heart of all stakeholders involved in Janet L. Young Elementary School.

In conjunction with the correlation of a jet and Clovis Unified, there are some direct ties with the community at large. The school is being built near the flight path, so the experience of being able to see your mascot fly above you throughout your elementary career is one that is second to none. In addition, the Air National Guard is a local community partner with Clovis Unified and

some of their shared values around community, learning to lead, and facing adversity are characteristics which will be instilled into Young Crimson Jets.

Our “YES” Vision

Janet L. Young Crimson Jets will always strive to be the best they can be in mind, body, and spirit. They will follow the beliefs and values of the Clovis Unified School District, written through the guidance of Doc’s *Charge*, striving to be another ***First-Class*** Elementary School in Clovis Unified School District.

Mind

The Young Crimson Jets will ***soar into the future*** and will be forward-leaning in the areas of critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity, using their minds to become the leaders of tomorrow. We will follow the long-standing CUSD philosophy, ***A Fair Break for Every Kid***.

Body

The Young Crimson Jets will ***soar forward*** in competition where they will learn to compete against themselves, in specialty areas, and in groups. They will do so, and they will learn to ***win with class and lose with dignity***.

Spirit

The Young Crimson Jets will ***do what is right, even when they are flying solo***. Through developing ***teamwork and trust***, our students will believe in themselves and others to develop the best version of themselves.

*Using the foundations above, **Young Elementary School (YES) will make the following commitments...***

- ❖ ***YES***, the students will come first
- ❖ ***YES***, character building and inclusion will be a priority
- ❖ ***YES***, technology and 21st century thinking will be the core of learning
- ❖ ***YES***, all stakeholders will be dedicated to supporting each other
- ❖ ***YES***, our students will learn to lead and solve real-world problems as part of a team
- ❖ ***YES***, we will be driven forward by common values
- ❖ ***YES***, we will maximize achievement for ALL students
- ❖ ***YES***, our staff will operate with increasing efficiency and effectiveness
- ❖ ***YES***, we will hire, develop, sustain, and value a high-quality workforce who will surround our Young Jets

Even though the Janet L. Young Crimson Jets are ready to take flight and soar into the future, they will always be “Forever Young!”