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Dear Crestview Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year at Crestview Elementary. I feel so honored and blessed to be given the opportunity to continue as the Crestview Elementary Principal for such a wonderful group of teachers, staff, students, and parents on the Vandenberg Space Force Base. I have much respect and high regard for the military, as I am a daughter of a retired military father. My dad was Captain in the Navy Reserves serving 31 years, and a Colonel in the Army National Guard, serving 7 years. We lived on the Navy Base in Honolulu, Hawaii, for three years when I was a young child. I really enjoy the strong sense of community and family that the military base provides.

My 23 years in education include teaching all grades, Kindergarten through sixth. I have also been the Induction Coordinator for the Simi Valley Unified School District and Mentor/Field Base Supervisor for new teachers. I have led many Professional Development workshops for teachers and taught credential candidates at UCSB, writing strategies. At the start of my career in Lompoc, I was here at Crestview as the Academic Dean and the year after that, I was the Assistant Principal at Vandenberg Middle School. I believe all students can learn, and learning comes through our mistakes as well as our successes. We are all on this journey together and I am grateful to be on this road with you here at Crestview. I am looking forward to another great year together, getting to know every child and adult that comes on campus.

This year brings on several exciting new changes. We have added a Space Force Program, and are excited to partner with you in adding field trips, assemblies, and activities involved with Space. We also welcome several new teachers on our campus: Kaitlin Campbell (First Grade), Natalie Nystrom (First Grade), Dannette Shipley (Second Grade), Samantha Fowler (Third Grade), Brooke McQuade (Sixth Grade). We also have added a new School Counselor: Angie Arias. Please help me in welcoming them to the Crestview Team.

Fondly,

Christine Nagel, Principal, Crestview Elementary
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