

**8/14/23**

**Dear Crestview Families,**

**Welcome to the 2023-2024 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 24 years in education include teaching all grades, Kindergarten through sixth grade in Southern California. 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.

Over the summer, we installed a new playground Space climber. This will go well with our Space program that we started a few years ago, which include assemblies and field trips educating our students about Space. We hope your child has a fun learning experience at Crestview Elementary this year!

**Fondly,**

**Christine Nagel**  
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