

Dear Westport Families,

Welcome to the 2015-16 school year!

I am excited and eager to meet all of the Westport Elementary School families. Westport Elementary enjoys a strong reputation with dedicated teachers and staff members who are committed to fostering excellence both in and out of the classroom.

This year, Ceres Unified School District is embracing the district-wide technology transition called "1: World." All students, kindergarten through 12th grade, will be utilizing either a personal tablet or Chromebook in the classroom to heighten their educational experiences. The focus remains on high-quality instructional practices that will now be enhanced by the conveniences of modern technology. Our goal is to provide all students with engaging lessons and rigorous curriculum in order to prepare them to become successful 21st Century Learners.

Research has repeatedly proven that the educational success of children is a joint effort. Your involvement in your child's education will help to create a firm foundation for continued life successes and will help to foster his/her lifelong commitment of learning. I encourage you to communicate with the school often. Working together, we can achieve the mutual goal of helping your child be successful and reach his/her full potential.

I have worked in the Ceres Unified School District since 2001. I spent thirteen years as an intermediate classroom teacher. During that time, I also taught the After-School Program, Summer School Program, in addition to coaching new teachers by supporting them with the county Induction Program. Last year, I was the Assistant Principal at Walter White Elementary School. I feel extremely fortunate to have been given this opportunity to work with you and the highly respected staff at Westport School. Please stop me in the halls when you are on campus and introduce yourself; I look forward to meeting you.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Cervantes

Principal, Westport Elementary School