



BETHLEHEM

AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

CALYPSO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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A Warm Welcome Back and a New Chapter at Calypso Elementary!

Dear Calypso Elementary Families,

It is with incredible joy, pride, and excitement that I write to you today as the new Principal of Calypso Elementary School!

I am a proud wife and a mother of 23-year-old triplets who grew up attending school in the Bethlehem Area School District. I was formerly a Spanish teacher at Freedom High School, a leader in the development of the Elementary Spanish Program, a Spanish teacher at Spring Garden Elementary, and an Assistant Principal at Broughal Middle School. Each of these experiences has helped me learn and grow as a leader, and I am eager to share these lessons and collaborate with our families for a fantastic year.

Over the three months serving as your Interim Principal, I had the privilege of getting to know our incredible students, our dedicated staff, and the wonderful families that make this West Bethlehem community so special—and there is nowhere else I would rather lead.

My commitment to your children is a responsibility I do not take lightly, and I will lead with pride and integrity. My primary goal is to ensure that Calypso remains a safe, joyful, and high-achieving environment where every single student, faculty, and family member feels valued, challenged to grow, and supported. As your principal, I am committed to:

- **Open and Transparent Communication:** You will receive regular updates from me as well as your child's teachers about what is happening in our classrooms, upcoming events, and school-wide celebrations. Be on the lookout for a new communication platform (ParentSquare) from the district.
- **Strong Partnerships:** Education is a team effort. Your voice, your involvement, and your partnership are vital to your child's success.
- **A Focus on the Whole Child:** We will continue to push for academic excellence while deeply supporting our students' social, emotional, and creative growth.

I am excited to see everyone outside at arrival and dismissal, as well as numerous events. I would also like to invite you to our **Open House on September 3, 2026 from 5:30-7:30**. At the beginning of the evening, we will meet in the all-purpose room, where I plan to go over a lot of important information for the year. You will then be able to meet your child's teacher. Due to some families having multiple students at Calypso, we will be running 2 half-hour sessions. If you have more than two children attending Calypso, please feel free to drop in and out as you are able.

Thank you for the warm welcome and support you gave me during my interim time at Calypso, and thank you in advance for the amazing journey ahead

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cierech

Principal, Calypso Elementary School

