

## JENNIFER (ENGLERIGHT) MELLIZO

GRADUATED FROM EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1996

After graduating from Edgar High School in 1996, Jennifer (Engleright) Mellizo received a B.A. in Music Education in 2000, and an M.A. in Music Education in 2006 from the University of Wyoming. She went on to complete her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction in 2016 (also from UWYO) and has been teaching K-8th grade music at the University of Wyoming Laboratory School in Laramie, WY for the past 22 years.

Jennifer was the 2016 College of Education Outstanding Graduate Student and delivered the commencement address. She was named a Wyoming Arch Coal Teacher of the Year in 2014, the Southeast Wyoming Music Educator of the Year in 2015, and the Albany County School District Teacher of the Year in 2016.

In 2021, Dr. Mellizo was a U.S. Fulbright Scholar to Spain, where she studied issues related to cultural diversity in music education and worked with Spanish pre-service teachers at Universitat Jaume I in Castellon. She publishes research, theoretical, and practical articles in highly ranked journals, such as Music Educators Journal, Music Education Research, TOPICS for Music Education Praxis The International Journal of Music Education, and Arts Education Policy Review, and is a frequent presenter at regional, national, and international conferences. Recently, she was appointed to the editorial board of The Journal of General Music Education, a publication of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME).

In addition to her research and teaching duties, Jennifer is the music curriculum specialist for her school district and a curriculum developer for Smithsonian Folkways Recordings in Washington, DC.

Jennifer and her husband Carlos enjoy playing and watching tennis and have two children: Paulo (15) and Sofia (13).