

To Mountain View families and students,

I just wanted to say THANK YOU for welcoming me into the Mountain View community. It has been such a pleasure being able to work with you all. I have been impressed by the musicianship in all grades. From Kindergarteners being able to play the marimba to 5th graders writing their own lyrics, the hard work students bring to music class is noticed and celebrated. I am thankful and excited to continue to see how you grow as musicians.

I know this time has been difficult, but to see you do your best has been inspiring. Being a musician is all about practice, discipline, and being creative with what you have.

YOU finished the school year and I am so proud of YOU! I encourage you all to take some space to relax and have fun. All of the music teachers in the school district took this advice and allowed ourselves to be silly. You can watch us dancing and being goofy in the video [Happy last day of school!](#) on North Thurston Public Schools YouTube channel (you can see me dancing with my dog towards the end of the video). I encourage you to join us as we celebrate YOU!

To 5th graders, I am lucky I got to meet you all during my first year at Mountain View. As you move on to middle school, I wish you the best, and know I am always going to be proud of you.

Best wishes and happy summer!

- Jonny Bartlett (to adults) or
- Mr. Bartlett (to kids) :)

