

## Renton Rotary selects Teachers of the Month for October

November 2020 – As part of their commitment to education, and to celebrate teachers in the Renton School District, each month members of Rotary Club of Renton selects a few teachers as Teacher of the Month.

As part of the recognition, teachers attend Rotary's Teacher of the Month recognition luncheon held at the Maplewood Golf Course. Each teacher is introduced, makes a brief comment about the school and classroom, and receives funds to be used for classroom supplies or instructional materials.

Paused/COVID-19

November Teachers of the Month are:

### Thomasina Benjamin

Reading/Literacy Interventions Teacher at Lakeridge Elementary School

Thomasina attended the University of Florida in Gainesville to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. Thomasina has taught as a pre-school, kindergarten, first and second grade general education teacher. Before teaching, she was a public assistant specialist for a few years where she worked to determine if families qualified for medical or payment assistance. Outside of work, she enjoys reading and listening to music. This is Thomasina's 18th year teaching in the Renton School District.



### Shea Judd-Hume

Teacher at Griffin Home (a Renton Academy program)

Shea attended Seattle University where he earned a Bachelors Degree in History. He continued to earn a Master's in Teaching from the University of Puget Sound and completed his Special Education work with Seattle University. Before becoming a teacher, Shea worked for a public affairs company and focused on helping companies secure support for power generation technologies with environmental applications. In his spare time, he enjoys skiing during the winter months and training/competing in the Seattle to Portland (STP) bike ride. This is Shea's tenth year working in the Renton School District.



### Julie Mead

Second Grade Teacher at Hazelwood Elementary School

Julie attended Seattle Pacific University where she earned a degree in Social Science Education. Several years later she continued her education at Seattle Pacific University to earn a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction. She began her teaching career with Zion Prep Academy in Seattle before deciding to join the Renton Schools team. Outside of school, Julie enjoys connecting with family, friends and her two young kids. She also enjoys trying new restaurants and basking in quiet time. Julie has been teaching in Renton Schools for over 10 years.

