

## Renton Rotary selects Teachers of the Month

January 2021 – 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 where 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.

January Teachers of the Month are:

### Katie Faraco-Hadlock

First Grade Teacher at Honey Dew Elementary School

Katie attended Boston University, in Massachusetts, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education. She is currently attending Boston University, to earn a Master of Education in Curriculum and Teaching. Katie began her teaching career at Honey Dew Elementary and feels fortunate to have found a school and district that is a great fit and she enjoys watching the academic and social/emotional growth of her students. In her spare time, Katie enjoys hiking, backpacking, cooking and musical theater. This is Katie's sixth year teaching in the Renton School District.



### Melissa McDowell

Fifth Grade Teacher at Talbot Hill Elementary School

Melissa attended Western Washington University where she earned a degree in Spanish and her Elementary Teaching Certification. She attended Lesley University to earn a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction: Integrated Teaching Through the Arts. She began her teaching career as a bilingual summer school teacher in a multi-age classroom in Wenatchee then she moved to the Renton School District. Outside of school, Melissa enjoys photography, card making, being outdoors and watching her kids participate in sports. This is Melissa's 19th year teaching in Renton Schools.



### Keith Peck

Computer Science Teacher at Hazen High School

Keith attended the University of Washington where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied and Computational Mathematical Sciences: Discrete Mathematics and Algorithms and a Bachelor of Arts in Art History. He continued to earn a Master's in Education, Secondary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment from Jones International University in Centennial, CO. Before becoming a teacher, Keith worked as a Youth Program Coordinator in Maple Valley where they focused on after school prevention-based programming and worked with the Maple Valley Parks Department. His previous teaching experience includes teaching math, business and computer science at Kentwood High School. In his spare time, he enjoys art, hiking, camping, reading and learning. This is Keith's third year teaching in the Renton School District.

