

Renton Rotary selects Teachers of the Month for October

October 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.

October Teachers of the Month are:

Jennifer Calvario

Fifth Grade teacher at Sartori Elementary School

Jennifer began her college experience at Seattle Pacific University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, then she continued at Western Governors University to earn a master's in Curriculum and Instruction. Jennifer has worked with the Highline School District before coming to Renton to teach. Outside of work, Jennifer enjoys spending time outdoors camping, hiking, swimming and paddle boarding. This is Jennifer's third year teaching in the Renton School District.



Sophia Simpson-Verger

Counselor at Risdon Middle School

Sophia attended the University of Washington where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in English. She continued her education at City University to earn a Master's in Education Counseling. Sophia has recently been working to support students and families struggling with the economic effects of COVID-19. She and other Risdon staff have been routinely checking in with families to make weekly home visits to provide food, books, learning materials and more support to meet the needs of Risdon students and families. This is Sophia's tenth year working in the Renton School District.



Melissa Wohlhunter

Fourth Grade Teacher at Cascade Elementary School

Melissa attended Central Washington University where she earned a degree in Elementary Education with Minor in Reading. She continued her education at Lesley University to earn a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction in Literacy. She has also worked at Bryn Mawr Elementary where she taught a variety of grade levels as well as PE and she also taught at Honey Dew Elementary where she was an Instructional Facilitator for both math and literacy. She is currently in her second year teaching fourth grade at Cascade Elementary. Melissa enjoys watching her kids play sports, spending time with family and friends and getting outside to go for a walk or run. Melissa has been teaching in Renton for 21 years.

