

Renton Rotary selects Teachers of the Month

February 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.

February Teachers of the Month are:

Dana Johnson

Third Grade Teacher at Renton Park Elementary School

Dana attended Eastern Washington University, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Reading. She attended City University, to earn a Master's Degree in Curriculum Development. Dana began teaching when she was 18 years old, in a summer program and taught special needs students in high school. Though she also spent time working in retail as she worked through her college years. In her spare time, Dana loves to spend time with her family, including her two grandchildren and four great nieces and nephews. This is Dana's 32nd year teaching in the Renton School District.



Jordan Larsen

Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Dimmitt Middle School

Jordan attended Seattle Pacific University where she earned a degree in Human Development and Family Studies. She continued at Seattle Pacific to earn a Master's in Teaching. Before becoming a classroom teacher, she worked at a childcare program, an elementary school and worked for a nonprofit organization. She began her teaching career as a tutor at a Seattle-area elementary school then became a classroom teacher. Outside of school, Jordan enjoys to cook and work out, and during the warmer months she like to hike and take road trips. This is Jordan's third year teaching in Renton Schools.



Annie Thordarson

Fourth Grade Teacher at Kennydale Elementary School

Annie attended the University of Washington where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. She continued to earn a Master's in Teaching. Annie began her teaching career, including her student teaching time, at Kennydale Elementary. In her spare time, she enjoys singing jazz music and would occasionally perform at coffee shops and wineries (pre Covid-19 lockdown). Annie also loves to bake, read, spend time outdoors and with her family. This is Annie's ninth year teaching in the Renton School District.

