

Renton Rotary selects Teachers of the Month for March

March 2019 – 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 \$250 to be used for classroom supplies or instructional materials.

March Teachers of the Month are:

Grace Armstrong

Special Education teacher at Renton Academy

Grace began her college experience at Gonzaga University, where she earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Special Education. She is currently working on a Master’s Degree in Instructional Leadership from the University Washington. Before teaching in Renton, Grace worked as a Youth Coordinator in Philadelphia, organizing career readiness workshops and leadership experiences for first generation college students. This is Grace’s third year teaching in the Renton School District.



Holly Costley

Integrated Kindergarten Teacher at Campbell Hill Elementary School

Holly attended Western Washington University where she earned a Bachelor’s Degree with a dual endorsement in Elementary Education (Kindergarten through grade 6) and Special Education (Preschool through grade 12). Before becoming a classroom teacher, Holly taught as a Resource Room teacher for three years at Campbell Hill, helping students with a range of needs. This year is Holly’s fifth year teaching in the Renton School District.



Popy Perkins

Math and French Teacher at Hazen High School

Popy earned a Bachelor’s degree in Chemistry from Western Washington University. She also earned a Master’s, from Western Washington University, in Education. Popy also held a career in the airline industry, working with Eastern Airlines and American Airlines for nearly 30 years while she also worked as a substitute teacher. Popy has been teaching in Renton for 14 years.

