



Birdville Independent School District  
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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

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**Date Submitted:** 5/29/2010

**Nominee:** *Babs Holly*

**Campus/Department:** *Administration*

**Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?**

*I cannot say enough kind words regarding Babs Holly. She is an amazing individual who is exemplary on a daily basis. Every single time I call or email her, Babs has the answer and explains difficult insurance terms in plain English. Babs is caring and compassionate on a daily basis. Her attention to detail and empathy go above and beyond. Birdville ISD is fortunate to have such an amazing employee.*



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**Date Submitted:** 8/17/2010

**Nominee:** *Luis Hubert*

**Campus/Department:** *Building and Grounds*

**Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?**

*Thank you, Luis, for clearing out the Media Tech room in preparation for the ITS moving in recently. We would never have been ready had it not been for you and your team. Another great accomplishment for B & G.*



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Nominee: *Mike Proctor*

Campus/Department: *Building and Grounds*

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*As an electrician in the Buildings and Grounds department Mike Proctor has been involved with our Construction Technology program for many years helping us with students contests and projects. Mike has also helped us with the construction of two homes that the students have built for deserving families in the community. Mike has such a positive attitude when working with the instructors and students. Thank you Mike for all you do for us and our program.*



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**Nominee:** *Mike Proctor*

**Campus/Department:** *Building and Grounds*

**Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?**

*Once again, an outstanding job performed by a B & G staff. Thank you, Mike, and the rest of the crew for quickly upgrading the new ITS room for us. We would be lost without the service of people like you in Birdville.*



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Nominee: Pat Gray

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*Pat, I appreciate the hard work you did recently getting the new Instructional Technology Specialists room ready for their return. Everyone is amazed at the way it looks, and it all began with the clean up crew. Thanks!*



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Nominee: Patricia Cadena

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*I am never surprised, but always pleased, with the superior service of the electricians in Birdville. Thanks to Patricia for her part in preparing the Instructional Technology Specialists room for us. Everything worked perfectly, and the team is excited in their new home.*



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Nominee: Rally Schmidt

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*While many would react negatively to the many "last minute" requests they receive, Rally and his team always have a great attitude. I appreciate your leadership in getting the new Instructional Technology Specialists room cleared for us. It is great to have folks to count on in crunch time. Super job!*



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Nominee: Vicki Schad

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*Vicki and the rest of the paint crew did an outstanding job of preparing the new ITS room for us. It was a challenging paint job, but she and the others managed to complete it on time and with great quality. Thanks!*



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Nominee: Wayne Laymance

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*Wayne and his crew took on a really big job for us by painting the new Instructional Technology Specialists room. We needed it ready quickly, and they did an awesome job. The ITS were so excited to see their newly renovated office area, and it could not have been accomplished without the work of Wayne and those who worked with him. Awesome!*



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**Date Submitted:** 5/26/2010

**Nominee:** Kirk Tennison, Wayne Laymance, Frankie Schoonover, Vicki Schad, and Vernon Ritchie

**Campus/Department:** Building and Grounds

**Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?**

*The BISD paint crew did a fantastic job of giving our offices a face lift! They did a great job of painting our offices and were so pleasant and helpful, going beyond the expected to do the unexpected. Thanks guys!*



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**Nominee:** *Jeanne Arnold*

**Campus/Department:** *Administration*

**Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?**

*During the registration process for the 2010-2011 school year, we had many difficulties in obtaining the information and reaching the people we needed. Jeanne was very friendly and prompt in providing us with nearly all of the help we needed. Although the requested information was not necessarily within her department's responsibilities, she took great responsibility in researching answers to all of our questions and delivering them within just a moment. Her help was greatly appreciated and she is a remarkable member of the BISD staff!*



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Date Submitted: 6/1/2010

Nominee: Johnny Reed

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*North Ridge Elementary would like to recognize Johnny Reed and his crew Juan and Jimmy for helping beautify our campus. They are a talented team! Thank you Johnny, Juan and Jimmy!*



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Nominee: Roger Mullins

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*Roger has helped me all summer long with the HVAC system on my campus. My head custodian was out on medical leave, and I was calling Roger almost every day to help me with a staff member on duty and needing air conditioning, registration, etc.. He was always kind and patient with me, and I so appreciate it because I know he had 1 million other things to do. Thanks, Roger.*



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Date Submitted: 7/20/2010

Nominee: Rene Rivera

Campus/Department: Central Stores

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*Health Services loves Rene! He has come through for us on several occasions. We needed a refrigerator moved from one school to another. It was vital to have it moved within a short time frame so we could be ready for back to schools immunizations. Rene also coordinated the delivery and pick up of several of our wheelchairs for repair. The repair shop was off site, and during summer vacation. He told me to go enjoy my vacation, he would take care of it for us. He is always willing to go the extra mile and is always smiling! What a blessing he is to us.*



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**Nominee:** *Judy Sargent*

**Campus/Department:** *Child Nutrition*

**Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?**

*Judy has worked tirelessly to lead the efforts in renovation of the Haltom HS cafeteria area. Because of her vision and commitment to our campus, our students will enjoy visiting an updated, warm and inviting area for lunch everyday. We really appreciate her efforts!*



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Date Submitted: 8/24/2010

Nominee: Trevor Crawford

Campus/Department: David E. Smith ES

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*BISD extends genuine thanks to Trevor Crawford for volunteering off-contract time to field questions from the 2010-2011 first-year teachers at their induction academy in August. Authentic and encouraging words from this selected second-year teacher helped inspire and engage over sixty-five brand new teachers to the profession. Trevor put the anxious new hires at ease by assuring them of the quality support available that will lead to their success.*



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Date Submitted: 6/16/2010

Nominee: Jerry Caruthers

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*Jerry work tireless/countless hours improving the facility at the HHS softball field and coaching as a volunteer. He never hesitates to do any job that is in the best interest of the softball players.*



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Nominee: Eileen Fuller

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*Eileen has been such a tremendous force for improving the quality of education at BHS. She has led her department with support of trainings available inside and outside the district including technology and Laying the Foundations. She has consistently supported me with information to do the best job I could do as a first year Math Consultant. I am sure the students at BHS will feel the impact of this dedication in years to come.*



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Nominee: *Angela Finch*

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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*BISD extends genuine thanks to Angela Finch for volunteering off-contract time to field questions from the 2010-2011 first-year teachers at their induction academy in August. Authentic and encouraging words from this selected second-year teacher helped inspire and engage over sixty-five brand new teachers to the profession. Angela put the anxious new hires at ease by assuring them of the quality support available that will lead to their success.*



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Date Submitted: 6/10/2010

Nominee: Toni Ortega

Campus/Department: Haltom Middle School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*When I e-mailed Toni regarding a purchase order, she not only called the company and obtained an invoice for her purchase order, but she requested anything for our district, and thus covered five other campuses with their needed invoices.*



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Nominee: Cindy Valenta

Campus/Department: Haltom/CTE

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*Cindy can always be counted on to be the champion of others and to work diligently to take care of her department. As our department chair we have been able to trust in her to work for the best in all ventures. She not only cares for her own department but has worked to take care of children and staff members for many, many years. Thanks to her efforts in the Buff store there are families with food, water, utilities, etc. She does so much behind the scenes to help make the Haltom Family successful and deserves to be thanked!*



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Nominee: Susan Jasso

Campus/Department: Hardeman Elementary

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Nominee: Ron Barrow

Campus/Department: Head Custodian/Coliseum

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*I have known Ron for many years. He is a hard-working and dedicated employee. BISD is lucky to have him on the team. Ron ALWAYS has a smile on his face and pleasant greetings for everyone he comes in contact with. Today, Ron made my day a little brighter by cleaning my office window located on the second floor. I asked him if he knew how to get off what a bird left behind and within 10 minutes there was a long-handled squeegee outside my window reaching from a ladder below shining things up for me! Thanks Ron! You are the BEST!*



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Nominee: Jeff Samuelson

Campus/Department: ITS

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*Jeff is the best computer instructional technology specialist. He helps me be a better teacher. Jeff is always so quick to find a solution to the technology issues that I might have whether it is to tell me how to create a certain kind of project, how to use a specific program or how to solve a software issue. He is truly the greatest.*



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Nominee: Catherine Cascella

Campus/Department: John D. Spicer Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*John D. Spicer has great teachers! My husband and I are truly grateful for the wonderful job Mrs. Cascella did during our son's 1st grade year. It was hardest on him because he is the youngest. Mrs. Cascella kept a close eye on him on my chemo days and made sure that he was okay. Whenever he looked down she stepped up and knew just what to say. She also made sure he saw the counselor when he had questions. She made it a lot easier for him to go to school everyday during such a difficult time. Mrs. Cascella is a great teacher!*



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Nominee: Counselor Suzanne Smith

Campus/Department: John D. Spicer Elementary

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*John D. Spicer Elementary has some awesome staff members that really go out of their way for students. During the last two years I was diagnosed with cancer twice. My husband and I did our best with explaining the changes with our sons. However, it was a relief to know that staff members such as Counselor Smith were there for both our sons. She was terrific with them. She kept a close eye on them, explained everything she could, and answered their questions. She even used games to help them understand things. She is TRULY TERRIFIC!*



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Nominee: Mrs. Cathy Linehan

Campus/Department: John D. Spicer Elementary

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*My husband and I are very grateful for the great job Mrs. Linehan did during our son's 3rd grade year. I was diagnosed with cancer and it was a difficult year. Mrs. Linehan is an awesome teacher and made sure that he was okay, especially on my chemo days. She made his days easier to deal with while at school. She also made sure he saw the counselor when he had questions. Mrs. Linehan is a fantastic teacher with a great smile!*



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Nominee: *Jeff Wood*

Campus/Department: *John D. Spicer Elementary*

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*John D. Spicer has a great Assistant Principal! My husband and I are really glad that Spicer has such dedicated faculty. Mrs. Long always goes above and beyond to help the students at Spicer. During the last two school years, she has made sure our sons were okay during a time where I had to deal with my cancer. It is reassuring to know that there is someone like her taking care of our sons. It was a lot easier for us to send them to school knowing they would be okay. Mrs. Long rocks! Thank you for always being there for us!*



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Nominee: Frankie Schoonover

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

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*Frankie and the rest of the paint crew did an amazing job in the new Instructional Technology Specialists room. He donned face mask and coveralls to work in a very hot space so that the ITS would have a new refurbished area. Thank you, Frankie, for your commitment to service.*



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Date Submitted: 8/10/2010

Nominee: Cherri Kehoe

Campus/Department: Mullendore Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*My son was a student of Ms. Kehoe during the 2009-2010 school year. My son received a letter from Ms. Kehoe over the Christmas break which made him feel so special. He read the letter and turned to me and said "mom Ms. Kehoe loves me, she really loves me". Ms. Kehoe was present at every PTA meeting to support the kids. My son received more letters from Ms. Kehoe over summer vacation reminding him how important it is to read. I believe she also included a book a pencil, and a nudge in the direction of college. Thank you Ms. Kehoe*



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Nominee: Erin Larsen

Campus/Department: N. Richland MS

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Nominee: *Kim Fudge*

Campus/Department: *Richland HS*

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*What has made my summer great already is the fact that I had the opportunity to attend the first four-day module of Laying the Foundation (Math). The teacher who led my group was one of our own. Kim Fudge is an AP Calculus teacher at Richland HS. She is energetic, dynamic and extremely organized. Kim really challenged the entire group that was a mix of middle and high school math teachers and kept us engaged all day, every day. The strategies I learned will be utilized from the first day of school to the final semester exam.*



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Nominee: Victoria Cary

Campus/Department: Smithfield Elementary

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**Nominee:** Jon Abrams & Patrick Johnson

**Campus/Department:** TIMS

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*Jon and Patrick provided excellent, responsive service to Haltom HS recently. We were hosting a community event on campus and loss internet access (a requirement for the event). Despite it being after hours, both gentlemen researched the problem and provided a solution so we could continue with our planned activities. They deserve recognition for their efforts!*



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Nominee: David Merryfield

Campus/Department: TMIS

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*David took time to come back and work on my computer on a day that he was supposed to have off as a personal day. He knew I was in dire straits and he came back to rescue me! It turned out to be very time consuming, eating up his whole day. But David was very responsive and never complained once! I appreciate him so much and his help on my system. Great job David! Thanks for being so giving of yourself and your time!*



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Date Submitted: 5/28/2010

Nominee: Kenny Marecca

Campus/Department: Transportation

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*My child, Colton Eager, is a student at Walker Creek Elementary but telescopes up to Math at Smithfield Middle School. Once he is done with Math first period, he then rides the bus back to Walker Creek. He has had the privilege of having Mr. Kenny as one of his bus drivers. Mr. Kenny has constantly supported him this entire year. Colton has always dreamed of riding the bus and I feel that Mr. Kenny has gone above and beyond to make this a wonderful experience.*



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Nominee: Priscila Lunsford

Campus/Department: W.T Francisco Elementary

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*BISD extends genuine thanks to Priscila Lunsford for volunteering off-contract time to field questions from the 2010-2011 first-year teachers at their induction academy in August. Authentic and encouraging words from this selected second-year teacher helped inspire and engage over sixty-five brand new teachers to the profession. Priscila put the anxious new hires at ease by assuring them of the quality support available that will lead to their success.*



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Date Submitted: 5/29/2010

Nominee: Mr. Daniel Radomski

Campus/Department: Walker Creek

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*Mr. Radomski is an amazing teacher. He is kind and gentle, yet firm. He gives his students the freedom to be themselves, but maintains order and discipline. Our son has blossomed under his teacher. His use of technology is outstanding. We have never seen our son more excited about school. Our son told us "that Mr. Radomski is the best teacher he has ever had."*



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Date Submitted: 8/17/2010

Nominee: *Geoffrey Howe*

Campus/Department: *Building and Grounds*

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*Hats off to Geoffrey and the rest of the general craft crew for the work they did getting the new ITS room ready. I know that you are always ready to take on the many tasks we request with a positive attitude. You are appreciated very much.*



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Nominee: Alen Palislamovic

Campus/Department: Watauga MS

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*BISD extends genuine thanks to Alen Palislamovic for volunteering off-contract time to field questions from the 2010-2011 first-year teachers at their induction academy in August. Authentic and encouraging words from this selected second-year teacher helped inspire and engage over sixty-five brand new teachers to the profession. Alen put the anxious new hires at ease by assuring them of the quality support available that will lead to their success.*



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**Nominee:** Gerald White

**Campus/Department:** Building and Grounds

**Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?**

*Thanks to Gerald for doing a quick job of upgrading the electrical access in the new Instructional Technology Specialists room. You did the work quickly and well so that the ITS were "wired" when they came back to work. Outstanding!*



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Nominee: Jose Fuentes

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

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*Jose, it takes many people to complete the preparation of a room for new folks to move in. Thank you for your part in preparing the new ITS room Everything looks great, and I appreciate your effort.*



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Nominee: Kevin Trainer

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*Kevin and the other electricians provided a great service to C & I when they prepared the new ITS room for us. The ITS felt very special when they were able to walk into a newly refurbished facility a few weeks ago. I appreciate your commitment to service.*



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Nominee: Kirk Tennison

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?

*Kirk Tennison is one of those people who always is willing to go the extra mile to serve the students and staff in BISD. During the past year he has facilitated the painting of several areas in the C & I Department, and he has done so with a positive attitude. Even though he and his crew were already very busy, he took on our added work as if it were the most important job to him. He is a treasure, and I am blessed to consider him a friend.*



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Nominee: Tom Lane

Campus/Department: Watauga MS

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