



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

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Date Submitted: 6/21/2011

Nominee: *Babs Holly*

Campus/Department: *Administration*

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

*I had some questions about my dental policy today and did not hesitate to get in touch with Babs. Over the years, she has quickly and efficiently answered all of my questions. I am not an insurance savvy person, but her explanations and help have always left me comfortable and well informed. I appreciate knowing I can get in touch with someone who patiently answers my questions and seems eager to help. My next stop is to get in touch with the proper BISD department in order to clone Babs!*



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Nominee: *Dr. Jay Thompson*

Campus/Department: *Administration*

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

*Dr. Thompson has been a friend and mentor to so many of us over the last forty years of his career in BISD. He started in 1st grade at West Birdville and has ended up serving in the highest administrative position possible as Interim Superintendent. The influence he has left on the students he has touched, the administrators he has guided and the board members he has redirected is immeasurable. He always has a smile and in his personal/ professional life the glass overflows with his kindness which spills over on everyone.*



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Nominee: *John Carter*

Campus/Department: *Administration*

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

*John was the hero of the day in August. It was the hottest day on record at 111! Students were going to start enrolling the next week, and some of our campuses needed their Free/Reduced Applications to put in enrollment packets. With a smile on his face, he went out on a second run to deliver ALL of the applications to ALL of the campuses. John always walks in with something good to say. He really saved the day!*



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Nominee: *Ron DeShong*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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

*Ron & James arrived to fix the office door that had a work order. On their way out, I mentioned that our girls were getting stuck in the main hall restroom because our teachers are not strong enough to force the door back open. They did not hesitate to go right down the hall and fix the door. It was a simple fix, but I was impressed that they were willing to take a look rather than put us on their list. I believe they saved time, travel and paperwork, not to mention some scared little girls. Thank you*



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Date Submitted: 8/30/2011

Nominee: *Bill Barrow*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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

*I am grateful for Bill Barrow. When the A/C went out in many classrooms at Porter (Monday of the second week of school), Bill and his crew stepped into action. While the problem was not an easy fix, Bill worked throughout the day to keep the A/C on in these rooms. He was still working at 6:30 in the evening when he called to let me know what he and his crew were doing to remedy the situation. Thanks, Bill.*



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**Date Submitted:** 8/24/2011

**Nominee:** Gary Andrewartha

**Campus/Department:** Buildings & Grounds

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

*This summer has been really hard on our HVAC system and those that work on these in such extreme conditions are always appreciated, but some individuals go above and beyond. Gary is one such individual. He always comes with a smile and a never give up attitude. He works from unit to unit relentlessly ignoring his own comfort and skipping time to rest himself. Recently he was on top of the building when it was 112 outside and I took him water, but Gary would not rest until the unit was up and running. His attitude of serving for kids is appreciated.*



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Nominee: *Gerald White*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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*On behalf of the entire administration building, we would like to thank Mr. White for the hard work that was completed on the downstairs kitchen. We appreciate the effort and time that was put into this project. Thank you for helping make a comfortable place for staff to go during breaks.*



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Nominee: *John Chapman*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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**Nominee:** *Kirk Tennison*

**Campus/Department:** *Buildings & Grounds*

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*On behalf of the entire administration building, we would like to thank Mr. Tennison for the hard work that was completed on the downstairs kitchen. We appreciate the effort and time that was put into this project. Thank you for helping make a comfortable place for staff to go during breaks.*



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Nominee: *Louis Hubbert*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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Nominee: *Neil Halsdorf*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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Nominee: *Phillip Snodgrass*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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Nominee: *Ron Metts*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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Nominee: Vicki Schad

Campus/Department: Buildings & Grounds

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Nominee: *Wayne Laymance*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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**Date Submitted:** 6/20/2011

**Nominee:** *Darrell Siems*

**Campus/Department:** *Buildings & Grounds*

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Nominee: *Eric Kidd*

Campus/Department: *Central Stores*

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

*As the testing coordinator at Haltom High School, I often receive deliveries of testing materials from the warehouse delivery workers. I was nine months pregnant during TAKS testing in April, and the men who delivered the testing materials were so helpful in making sure that I did not have to lift any boxes. When I returned to school this week, Eric Kidd was at HHS making a delivery. He took the time to stop and ask how I was, and how my baby was doing. I thought this was very thoughtful, and it made my day!*



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Nominee: *Kathy Handler*

Campus/Department: *Fine Arts*

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

*Kathy is the Administrative Assistant for the Fine Arts Department. She is the one we call on when we need something ordered, and she does it in a flash! This year, though, she has been instrumental in organizing and keeping everybody on track with the HUGE project of the All-Birdville Rose Parade Band - all the fund raising events, keeping track of things I can't even imagine. I also saw her a couple weeks ago at NRH2O when I took my choir to compete, she was there helping out as well. So from the Rose Band to NRH2O - Kathy is ALWAYS there!*



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Nominee: *Linda Molinar*

Campus/Department: *TIMS*

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

*As a transfer employee, I just really appreciate Linda's patience, kindness, and skill as she spent hours helping me get set up in my new office with a working computer. She was so caring and personal, and she made me feel very relaxed. She's a wonderful asset to our district!*



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Date Submitted: 7/21/2011

Nominee: *Cindy Collins*

Campus/Department: *Foster Village Elementary*

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

*Year before last she did not teach my daughter & she ran to my car to give me a folder to help her read during the summer. Zoe is dyslexic & Mrs. Collins went out of her way to help & encourage her. This past year year Zoe was blessed to have her as her homeroom teacher. Mrs. Collins has a special bond with each of her students. Everyone is unique & special & she loves them all. She is always going above & beyond to prepare our children to do well in their academics & their attitudes. Mrs. Collins gift of teaching!!!*



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Nominee: Whitley Leiss

Campus/Department: Foster Village Elementary

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

*This year is Miss Leiss' first year to teach yet if you have been in her classroom you would think that she has ten years under her belt. She has stretched the minds of her students beyond first grade work. She is full of love and encouragement for each of her students. My daughter, Madelyn and I are so sad that we have to leave her in a few days. She is always cheerful and has learned how to approach each student in her class. She is a fantastic teacher and deserves recognition and a raise!*



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Date Submitted: 5/18/2011

Nominee: *Brenda Bates*

Campus/Department: *Grace E. Hardeman Elementary*

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

*Mrs. Bates is a wonderful teacher, she is very kind and nurturing. I've sat in on her class several times & she treats all her students the same. Not one is favored in any way. They have all learned so many things from her this year. A lot of people think of kindergarten as a play time for kids but in her class it is a wonderful learning experience. These children leave her class knowing how to read, spell, add, subtract but more importantly how to be a good person . She has also inspired me ( a stay at home mom) to become an E.A. substitute for B.I.S.D.*



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Nominee: Victoria Grobe

Campus/Department: Green Valley Elementary

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

*Mrs. Grobe consistently exhibits outstanding work ethics and dedication to our students at Green Valley Elementary. She shares her time and artistic expertise to Gator Graphics after school to enhance the abilities of aspiring young artists. She has gone above and beyond the call of duty and her passion for art has inspired my child and many others to do more artistically than they have ever done before! Keep up the great work! Thank you Mrs. Grobe!*



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**Nominee:** *Carol Smith*

**Campus/Department:** *Holiday Heights Elementary*

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

*Mrs. Smith is a very dedicated teacher that strives to help each of her students reach their full potential. It is very obvious that she truly cares about each child. I am very thankful that my two children had the very best third grade experience possible and that is because they could not have had a better teacher.*



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**Nominee:** *Jessica Sandmann*

**Campus/Department:** *John D. Spicer Elementary*

**Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:**  
*Mrs. Sandmann is such a wonderful teacher. She enjoys teaching, loves her students, and has a lot of patience and understanding for her students. My grandson enjoyed going to school every day.*



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Nominee: *Nicole Silva*

Campus/Department: *Mullendore Elementary*

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

*On one of the last days of school, a child was eating snacks in Ms. Silva’s Pre-Kindergarten room. The child began to choke and in the midst of frantic parents, Ms. Silva calmly performed the Heimlich as if it were a well-rehearsed training exercise. She made a huge impression on the parents in the room and quite possibly saved this little girl’s life. I want to commend her on her calmness and professional manner in performing this task.*



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Nominee: *Jaimie Smith*

Campus/Department: *W.A. Porter Elementary*

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

*I have worked with BISD for almost 20 years. I am faced with missing our Convocation for the very first time due to medical issues my husband is facing. When I called Jaimie to explain the situation, she was so encouraging and understanding. She knows that I am not the kind of person that likes to miss anything and did her best to let me know everything would be okay. I work with BISD, at Porter because Jaimie does a tremendous job of creating an atmosphere of warmth and caring. She's THE reason our school is the best place to learn and to teach.*



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Nominee: *Tammy Pope*

Campus/Department: *W.T. Francisco Elementary*

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

*Tammy is a real team player. At the last minute, she stepped up and guided a group of teachers through some math training. What a great example and help. She is SO appreciated for her efforts and supporting spirit.*



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**Nominee:** *Julee Lacey*

**Campus/Department:** *Walker Creek Elementary*

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

*Mrs. Lacey has been the 1st grade teacher for both of my girls for the last two school years in a row. Her positive, upbeat attitude makes everyday a great day to be in 1st grade. Her attention to detail and kind and loving teaching techniques have been an enormous benefit to both of my girls. I am honestly amazed at the knowledge both of my children have acquired in 1st grade- not to mention the independence and self esteem they developed in the environment provided by Mrs. Lacey. She is a truly gifted teacher and her passion for teachin*



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Nominee: *Dawnya Morrisson*

Campus/Department: *Snow Heights Elementary*

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

*Dawnya is a real team player. At the last minute, she stepped up and guided a group of teachers through some math training. What a great example and help. She is SO appreciated for her efforts and supporting spirit.*



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Nominee: *Rudy Allen*

Campus/Department: *Haltom Middle School*

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

*Rudy was recently hired as the head custodian at Haltom MS. Since he has been here, Rudy has been working tirelessly to improve the look of the campus. When I came back from the summer, the floors looked so different (better), I thought he had painted them!*

*Additionally, he is wonderful about helping out people in the building with any problem that they have, and leads the entire janitorial staff very well. Rudy has certainly made Haltom MS a better place.*



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**Nominee:** *Mary Terry*

**Campus/Department:** *North Richland Middle School*

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

*Mrs. Terry was actually my reading teacher. She was always there when my schedule was busy for different classes. She was always willing to let me sit in another class period in let me catch up. She's more than just a teacher, she;s a role model. She's like a second mother.*



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Nominee: *Donna Herndon*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Middle School*

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

*Some teachers have a gift for seeing the best in others—Donna Herndon is one such teacher. She learns her students’ strengths and weaknesses and then dedicates tremendous energy to helping them. Her love for her students is evident in the many kind things she has done, from arranging a makeover for a student without a mother to collecting for a family in need at the holidays. In times of trouble, there is no one I’d rather have on my side. Thank you, for being relentless in your dedication to kids. You are an inspiration!*



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## “A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

**A Touch of Class** was created to encourage students, staff, parents and community members to recognize BISD employees for the positive things they do for children and the district.

*Nominees can be any BISD employee.*

Date Submitted: 5/26/2011

Nominee: Carolyn Goodrich

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

*Birdville HS has a most RARE and DYNAMIC counselor. Carolyn Goodrich has such a positive attitude and an exceptional attitude towards teens that I feel we can all learn a lesson from her. My son Jeremy meet with her and come home raving about how he was treated with respect (like an individual), and was given useful information and guidance to make an educated scheduling decision for next school year. Thank you Carolyn for making a positive impact in Jeremy's life and rest assure he will never forget your kindness and positive words.*



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Nominee: *Stacey Gannon*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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

*Ms. Gannon ensured that every special need student that attended Prom and Project Celebration had a wonderful time and participated to the full extent. Her love and passion for the students that attended was evident. Due to her unselfish acts and willingness to give of her time, they experienced the time of their life! As one student commented, "This was the BEST party ever!" Thanks Ms. Gannon for your serving spirit!*



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Nominee: *Donnie Hull*

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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

*Mr. Hull worked extremely hard this year to teach his AP Music Theory class for the first time. His scores were awesome, and the students were given a great experience in music along with college credit!*



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Nominee: *Coach Chuck Wells*

Campus/Department: *Richland High School*

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

*Coach Wells has been a huge part in both of my sons' lives. He sets high standards and expectations and holds the boys responsible for their actions. He knows his sport and does an outstanding job teaching the boys the way the game is supposed to be played. He also builds great relationships with his players and gains respect by giving respect. Birdville ISD is fortunate to have men like him to lead our young men.*



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**Nominee:** *All Shannon Faculty and Staff*

**Campus/Department:** *Shannon Learning Center*

**Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:**  
*Please see attached*