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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

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Date Submitted: 9/10/2011

Nominee: *Pat Bynum*

Campus/Department: *Administration*

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

This nomination is long overdue. When I was assigned the job of substitute coordinator at Haltom High School a few years ago, I knew nothing about the position except that it could get pretty hectic. Pat Bynum was my salvation, especially the first year. She never once made me feel as though any of my questions were less than intelligent; she never made me feel as though helping me was an imposition; she never lost her wonderful sense of humor--not even on her most chaotic days. She was ALWAYS there for me whenever I needed her.



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Nominee: *Eric Kidd*

Campus/Department: *Building & Grounds (Warehouse)*

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

Eric was once a custodian at my campus and was always wonderful! He always had a great attitude on campus and helped teachers, students and parents everyday! Now, in B&G at the warehouse, his work ethic continues! He is still always helping and has a smile on his face!



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Nominee: *Shane*

Campus/Department: *Building & Grounds (Warehouse)*

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

Shane has always been such a great guy! He goes above and beyond in all that he does. I have moved to several campuses and Shane has always been so helpful!



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Nominee: *David Moss*

Campus/Department: *Building & Grounds (Warehouse)*

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

David is always willing to help wherever and whenever needed! He is so happy to help! Thank you David!



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Nominee: ***Rene Rivera***

Campus/Department: *Building & Grounds (Warehouse)*

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

Rene is always so helpful! He goes well beyond his job duties to help our schools run smoothly. No matter when it is, Rene is always happy to help! He has often taken time during his lunch/breaks to help me when I show up at the warehouse for something! Thank you Rene!!



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Date Submitted: 9/27/2011

Nominee: *Cindy Dubuis*

Campus/Department: *Special Services*

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

Cindy has been an advocate for the best placement for my grandson. Through her counsel and many tears, I have watched him blossom into a young man who blends with other children. I watched at his home school as he was made to feel unwanted and as they refused to follow the IEP then in place because they wanted him off their campus. He was a difficult child to like, let alone love. Cindy helped me with the hard decision to put him in the transitional class. It was the best decision I've ever made for him. I shall always be so thankful for Cindy's guidan



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Date Submitted: 9/22/2011

Nominee: *Terry Ambrose*

Campus/Department: *TIMS*

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

Terry was very responsive to my campus's needs when I asked for some computers to be moved and renamed. He quickly organized a crew to send to my campus to do the work. He communicated with me throughout the whole process, and I so appreciate it! Thanks, Terry.



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Date Submitted: 9/2/2011

Nominee: **Chris Robison**

Campus/Department: **TIMS**

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

Chris has always been helpful and accommodating even though I am sure he is pulled in all directions with many campuses to serve. He has a calm, empathetic and professional demeanor that instantly puts one at ease.

Thank you Birdville for hiring him!



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Nominee: *Julie Mize*

Campus/Department: *Birdville Elementary*

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

In the time that I have worked with Julie, I have learned that she is always willing to help wherever needed. She has done so much more than is required of her job to help everyone at the school. She is a learner who is always looking for ways to help the teachers/staff and students succeed! She is AWESOME! Thank you Julie!



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Nominee: *Sandy Bradshaw*

Campus/Department: *Birdville Elementary*

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

Sandy is always going above and beyond to help our campus run smoothly. She is always happy to help! I have asked a lot of her this year and she is so eager and pleasant to be around (even when she's exhausted!) :) Thank you Sandy! I really appreciate you!!



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Nominee: ***Kendra Jackson***

Campus/Department: *Foster Village Elementary*

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

Kendra took a very angry child and helped him to find love. She has nurtured him, loved him, and helped him to discover many strengths. When his mother died, she and Mr. Dave attended the memorial. It meant so much to Gary to have people there just for him. He treasures all the postcards and DVDs she gave to him. Although Kendra no longer really has Gary, she is his contact and support. Without Kendra, I don't think we would have the Gary we have today.



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Nominee: *Anne Croxdale*

Campus/Department: *Foster Village Elementary*

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

Ms. Croxdale took an unwanted child and made him feel not only wanted, but loved. I don't believe there is anything that Gary has not tried at her campus, and yet through it all, even when he was in trouble, Ms. Croxdale showed him unconditional love. She didn't like the behavior and he would have consequences for his choices, but he always felt she cared for him. That was not the experience he'd had at his home campus. I will always be grateful for what Foster Village and Ms. Croxdale in particular did for Gary.



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Date Submitted: 9/20/2011

Nominee: *Jamie Kuehn*

Campus/Department: *Green Valley Elementary*

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

Mrs. Kuehn makes a difference everyday to my family. She is an amazing teacher, person and mentor. She sees the amazing potential in all her students, everyday! My son loves to be in her class. He comes home everyday with a smile and a story. She has been a very consistent teacher too. I know exactly what to expect from her always! It warms my heart that my kids have a teacher like Mrs. Kuehn--she is an absolutely, amazingly, wonderful teacher and makes an impact EVERYDAY! Simply awesome.



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Date Submitted: 9/12/2011

Nominee: *Donna Welcing*

Campus/Department: *Major Cheney Elementary*

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

Donna always goes above and beyond in helping run 2 elementary libraries! She always has a positive attitude and a smile on her face! She is such a joy to have on campus! We love you Donna!!



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Date Submitted: 9/3/2011

Nominee: **Greg Bicknell**

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Elementary*

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

Over the last four years my daughter has had the honor of being led by the outstanding student centered principal at Smithfield Elementary. Most recently he made sure she was able to telescope from fifth grade to sixth grade in both math and science. There were many obstacles standing in the way but he moved mountains to make sure she had the appropriate educational environment. He consistently cultivates positive self esteem even with the GT and hard of hearing such as my daughter. Thank you from all of us. We appreciate you so much!!!!



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Date Submitted: 9/9/2011

Nominee: *Sheree Kidd*

Campus/Department: *Spicer Elementary*

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

Sheree was very helpful Friday afternoon. The toilet overflowed in the nurse's bathroom & was flooding my office. I called her on the walkie talkie & she arrived quick & with a smile! She got my office back in working order within minutes. She is always there to lend a hand! Thank you!!



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Date Submitted: 5/26/2011

Nominee: *Lynn Kiser*

Campus/Department: *Walker Creek Elementary*

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

Lynn has been a wonderful teacher this year and continues to go the extra mile for her students.

We are so lucky to have her at Walker Creek and this award would help show her how appreciative we are.

Thank you,



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Date Submitted: 5/26/2011

Nominee: *Lynn Kiser*

Campus/Department: *Walker Creek Elementary*

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

Mrs Kiser has worked so hard with her 2nd graders this year. She helped the scholars publish their stories and helped Ben write an amazing story and draw along with Mrs Lacey from last year taught art techniques that helped make his book a pleasure to read. She has high expectations, is patient and makes learning interesting and fun. Ben has not only learned academics but life long lessons this year. Mrs Kiser made 2nd grade an amazing experience for us this year.



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Date Submitted: 9/8/2011

Nominee: *Donnie Misiano*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

Mr. Donnie plays a crucial and important role on our campus. He is loved by all and he's always easy to find--- just listen for the sounds of his songbird whistles filling the halls of the school, or for the sounds of laughter as he playfully jokes around with kids, teachers and staff members. The children absolutely love Mr. Donnie, as well as the staff. He creates genuine relationships with all inhabitants of the school and he makes Watauga Elementary a fun place to work and learn. I can't imagine working here without him!



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Nominee: *Lya Ragsdale*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

Lya is an asset to our classroom. She shows the students in our class love, compassion, and kindness each and every day. She treats the students with respect and teaches them how to care for each other and how to show each other compassion and kindness. You notice Ms. Ragsdale's smile when you enter our room and our building. She is a hard worker and firm believer in teamwork. I am honored to work with her each day.



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Date Submitted: 9/6/2011

Nominee: *DeAnna Thomas*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

Mrs. Thomas is a wonderfully dedicated teacher. She has worked relentlessly on building her reading program. She has provided the children with a well equipped environment in order for them to become life-long readers. She also shares her ideas, research and love of teaching with her teaching team. I know that I am becoming a better reading teacher just through her influence and examples. Thank you Mrs. Thomas for sharing your passion!



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Nominee: *Joe Wilson*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

Joe is AMAZING! He is an extremely hard worker with a great, positive attitude. No job is too big or too small for Joe! He is always ready and willing to help out the teachers with any task. Our first week back he helped handfuls of teachers prepare their rooms for the start of school. He also worked extra hard and long hours to get our school ready for Meet the Teacher night. Now that school has started, he keeps our rooms looking top-notch! Everyone is thrilled to have Joe at our school... what a guy!



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Date Submitted: 9/1/2011

Nominee: *Mary Hensarling*

Campus/Department: *North Oaks Middle School*

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

Mary always puts the student's needs first. She was wonderful in helping arrange a schedule for a student that needed special accommodations and is going above and beyond to make the schedule work for the student as well as the campus staff. I have always appreciated her professionalism and concern for students entrusted in her care. She is an outstanding educator.



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Nominee: *William Monty*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

Mr. Monty has gone above and beyond for my daughter and other telescoping fifth graders this year. He agreed to accept the larger class size so that these students would have an appropriate education and inspire learning. Djibouti is her new favorite word and math is exciting because he motivates learning. He even has walked them to our cars to ensure their safety. I appreciate how he loves his students and demonstrates what is best about BISD. Thank you from all of us. We appreciate you so much!!!!



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Nominee: *Kyle Perkurney*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

As a new principal at Smithfield Middle School we have appreciated how Kyle Perkurney has made sure my daughter and other students throughout the district were able to telescope from fifth grade to sixth grade. He even worked with Mr. Bicknell to make sure my daughter could have both math and science which has made all the difference in her excitement about this year. I appreciate how he has the students educational needs at the forefront and take steps to do what's best for all scholars. Thank you from all of us. We appreciate you so much!!!!



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Nominee: *Kim Shipley*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

Ms. Shipley taught my daughter two years ago, and inspired her to be an artist. My daughter's artwork is a part of our living room decor, it is so beautiful! This year, Ms. Shipley is tutoring my 6th grade son who loves art, as well. She is doing it out of the graciousness of her heart, just to share her love of art with a boy who loves art, too. Thank you Ms. Shipley, we love you!



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Date Submitted: 9/16/2011

Nominee: *Kay Pratt*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Middle School*

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

Kay joined my classroom this year after realizing I simply did not have enough hands to get everything done this year. Without her I would not have a conference period this year. I am extremely grateful for that alone. On top of that, she has come into a classroom that is different from what she is used to, and has taken on the new challenges with grace and enthusiasm. She has gone above and beyond to make art projects and concepts within each child's reach. She is always willing to try anything that I throw her into. She is truly a gift.



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Date Submitted: 9/18/2011

Nominee: *Margaret Willoughby*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Middle School*

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

Mrs. Willoughby was my 7th grade reading teacher. She was the type of person with a never ending line of patience, even with the most difficult students. She was and is the very teacher i look to for guidance and advice about any problem I am having. She is the one and only teacher i have ever had that you could clearly tell loved her job and truly cared about each and everyone of her students. She is the best teacher ever! I thank every time I see her. Thank-you!!!



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Date Submitted: 9/14/2011

Nominee: *Jason Wells*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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

Mr. Wells is a great leader at Birdville High School. Everyone who comes in contact with him is greeted with a welcoming smile and caring attitude. He has made working at this school a pleasure. I enjoy every day at work because I know I have someone in the administration who truly cares about my well-being. When I was in the hospital for a month, he came to visit and made me feel my presence at Birdville High was important to him and to the whole faculty and staff. I believe that takes a special individual who deserves to be acknowledged.



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Date Submitted: 9/22/2011

Nominee: *Susan Mann*

Campus/Department: *Richland High School*

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

When I entered high school my life was pretty good but going into my sophomore year my life had gone complete down hill my grades were Fs my home life was horrible nothing was going right I was about to drop out of school and problem ruin my life then I meet Mrs. Mann my grades got back up to normal me and my family start going to counseling and I have learned so much from here life and school. I now I'm a senior and I have her again she is doing a fabulous job at getting us ready for college. She may be the only teacher who truly cares.



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Nominee: *Mark McCanlies*

Campus/Department: *Richland High School*

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

I am the President of two booster clubs at Richland so I work with Mr. McCanlies on a regular basis. No matter what we are working on, he is attentive, understanding and most of all caring. He cares deeply about the lives of all of the students at Richland. He works extra hours and is always available by email. He is a great asset to Richland and working with him is a breeze!