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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/17/2007

Nominee: Olga Hernandez-Coar

Campus/Department: BISD Scores

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

Olga has served as the afterschool grant coordinator at the Academy of West Birdville since its inception in BISD in 2003. This job requires approximately 16 hours of additional work each week, on top of her already time-consuming teaching duties. Her compassion, caring and concern for every student comes through in everything she does. She has done an outstanding job as coordinator, bringing in many outside resources to secure the program's effectiveness and continuation beyond the grant. The afterschool program serves about 250 students daily under her direction. She is responsible for bringing programs like the Kid's Cafe program to almost 100 students at West Birdville Elementary. This Tarrant Area Food Bank feeding program feeds the students an evening meal four nights a week at a near-by church. Her adult ESL classes are all taught by volunteers from a local church, due to her efforts. She has also brought in some very creative outside teaching resources, such as drumming, baton, art, gymnastics, and others. Last year's TAKS scores were much improved over the previous year. She feels the afterschool program played a major part in that improvement. But it is because of her leadership in structuring the program, the classes that were offered and the students that were served, as well as the dedication of the other teachers at this campus who enjoy working with Olga in the afterschool program, that the impact in learning was made. I highly recommend Olga Hernandez-Coar for this recognition because of her hard work, dedication and compassion to help every child succeed at AWB!

Submitted by: Kathy Handler



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Nominee: Lori Greco

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Lori is the go to person at Birdville High School with a smile on her face all the time she will drop whatever she is doing to assist you with your problem. She takes care of Mr. Ledbetter, parents, booster clubs, students and faculty. When we have had a last minute check request she will stay late or go above and beyond to get us what we need for our kids to go on tournaments. I can't say enough about how many things Lori has done, I don't believe "No" is in her vocabulary she always will try to find a workable solution for you. Thanks Lori you are the BEST!

Submitted by: BHS TENNIS BOOSTER CLUB / PRESIDENT DANA ZENOR



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Nominee: Pete Rightmyer

Campus/Department: Buildings & Grounds

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

W. A. Porter ordered a new trophy case to honor the achievements of our students. it was delivered at 3:30 one afternoon when I had no help. The delivery man would not take it any further than the door. I called B&G. Immediately, Bobby Roberts and Pete Rightmyer were on there way to help. Not only did they bring the trophy case inside, but they moved it to its new home in the main hallway. My students were thrilled to see it the next day, and I am so appreciative of these two men and their willingness to help.

Submitted by: Jaimie Smith



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Nominee: Vicki Lovett

Campus/Department: Foster Village Elementary

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

I have to start out by saying this teacher is TRULY amazing. When I moved here back in 2005 I was nervous for my children to go to a new school. The main reason is they have a hard time handling changes. The other reason is a lot of people have a hard time understanding my children. Austin has ADHD, as most people do state their children have this disability because they just can't pay attention or sit still mine truly can't focus without the help of someone most times. When I went to meet the teacher night Mrs. Lovett got my attention from the start. She was there to listen no matter how many parents walked through the doors of her room. She wanted to make sure that she knew every parent and that every parent had a chance to express their concerns and what not. From that point on I told my family I was impressed with her mannerism and her poise. The day my child walked into her class for the first day of school till that dreadful last day of school she was always communicating with me, always expressed positive attitude and most of all always put those kids first. I hated for that last day of school when I had to cry because I couldn't convince her to move up in grade. But through that next year she would always make sure that my son was doing good in his classes and when he needed a pep talk she was right there to give it to him even though she wasn't his teacher. When I would go to events in school or out of school and see her she would always stop me and ask how my children were all doing. She makes that effort every day to put a smile on her face and wake up to make a difference in these kids lives. She has amazing ways of doing it and amazing patience to do it. I don't know how I could have done it without her. NOW this year Austin has her as his 5th grade teacher and to hear her brag about how amazing her class is cause she knew them all and how well they were all going to work together this year brought me great joy. She loves her students like they were her own. I see a glow in her face when she walks in to the school every morning and I have to say, I thank her every time I see her. There are not many teachers now days that put in the dedication that this woman does. She is like my sons second mom. He feels safe telling her whether or not he is getting picked on or whether or not he feels his grade should have been better without getting his ego shoved under a carpet. The rules and policies she implements in her class are just truly amazing. I can go on and on but as you can see there is already enough. Even if you don't consider Mrs. Lovett with the touch of class award I have to say I would personally make one and give to her myself. She is a very classy lady.

Submitted by: Paula Hill



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Nominee: Kim Gill

Campus/Department: Foster Village Elementary

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

Kim has taken on the job of being our school's PTA President this year. When we could not get a parent to volunteer; she knew that our PTA would suffer if someone did not step up and take on the task. It is a huge task and she is doing a wonderful job. Each decision that she makes is always based on what is best for the kids at Foster Village Elem. She has committed to a huge amount of additional time to not only have our PTA running smoothly but also to being sure that the activities and plans for our campus fun and available to all.

Submitted by: Bill Combs



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Nominee: Cathy Watson

Campus/Department: Green Valley Elementary

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

Wow, my daughter had her for a 5th grade teacher and is now in 7th grade and she is still an influence on her. Last year we were told by her 6th grade math teacher that she was probably going to fail her Math TAKS test. Long story short, I brought this up to Mrs. Watson and she offered to tutor my daughter everyday after school until the TAKS were taken. In doing that, she passed. Mrs. Watson has always asked, emailed, communicated about her well being and has taken the effort to help her anyway she can both while she was her teacher and for years

Submitted by: Tammy Slovensky



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Nominee: Linda Ristow

Campus/Department: Green Valley Elementary

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

Linda Ristow is the best example of a loving, compassionate teacher I've ever known. While my son was in her class, she went above and beyond the call of duty to help ensure his success in second grade as well as his future education outside of her classroom. Mrs. Ristow continuously dedicates her time and energy to her students, working long hours and weekends in order to provide her students with the absolute best opportunities. She supports and directs them with love, logic, and wisdom. She also works very hard to make parents feel comfortable being a part of her classroom and their child's education. How blessed Spicer is to have Mrs. Ristow on campus.

Submitted by: Tricia Cooper



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Nominee: Mary Anderson

Campus/Department: Green Valley Elementary

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

Mrs. Anderson was both of my daughters 3rd grade teacher. They are now in 4th and 7th grades. She has always and still does go up and above her teacher duties to help them. She keeps in contact with both of them and if they are struggling in any subject she invites them in after school and tutors them. I really admire her for what she has done for my children, she has given them confidence and taught them they can be anything they want to be. Thank you Mrs. Anderson

Submitted by: Tammy Slovensky



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/14/2007

Nominee: Colleen Zitzman

Campus/Department: Hardeman Elementary

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

Colleen is full of enthusiasm and so excited to be teaching. She thinks and plans like a pro. She keeps the needs of her students uppermost in her mind and is always looking for new ways to present the material so that all can be successful! She moved all the way from Michigan to join with us in Texas to teach children. We are so excited to have her on our team! She is an excellent teacher and has already touched many lives with her enthusiasm!

Submitted by: Elaine Pennington



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Nominee: Mark Dvorak

Campus/Department: Holiday Heights Elementary

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

My children have been going to Holiday Heights for most of their school lives. Ever since the first day they attended, "Mr. D" has brought fun and excitement to the kids...not just mine, but to ALL students. I have personally attended many school functions and the children are SO excited to see "Mr. D". He teaches the children multitudes of information, yet makes it fun and entertaining for the kids. They can't wait to see what "goofy" thing he does next. The most impressive part of "Mr. D's" tactics are that kids retain all of that information simply BECAUSE he does it on THEIR level. It's important to remember that kids are kids...and they should REMAIN kids as long as possible. Once the innocence is gone, that's it! Mr. D celebrates that innocence very single day. He greets parents with a wide smile. When the kids run into him outside of school, they are completely excited to see him...and I truly believe he is just as excited (if not MORE) to see THEM as well. For the 3 years we have been at Holiday Heights, it would not be the same if he were not there. ALL OF US LOVE MR. D!!!!!!!!!!!!

Submitted by: Julie Carpenter



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Date: 9/18/2007

Nominee: Helen Clark

Campus/Department: Mullendore Elementary

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

My son Nicholas was born November 11, 2005 and he has Down syndrome. It was hard for my family at first. Helen made arrangements for her friend's son Colby, who also has Ds, to come to the school and talk to the students about Down syndrome. My son was only a couple of weeks old at the time and it meant so much to me and my 2 other sons who attended Mullendore. After Colby spoke to the entire student body, he made stops in all of the 2nd and 4th grade classrooms which were the grades my sons were in. I will never forget it.

Submitted by: Frankie Hidrogo



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Nominee: Amanda Hopson

Campus/Department: Mullendore Elementary

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

Mrs. Hopson was my son's 3rd grade teacher. She has inspired him to be a better student, enjoy school and have a well rounded out look on life in general. Besides teaching, she also dedicates a great deal of time to the PTA. Her upbeat look on the world has inspired everyone she touches.

Submitted by: Karen Yevak



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

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Nominee: Shalene Freeman

Campus/Department: Mullendore Elementary

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

She is a very good worker. She interacts with the kids everyday.

Submitted by: Mike Horton



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/26/2007

Nominee: Mary Miller

Campus/Department: North Oaks Middle School

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

Mary Miller is our GT Specialist at North Oaks. She is great at helping our students accomplish complicated tasks. She is a wonderful support to me. Our GT kids just finished creating their first youtube video. I know we'll continue to do great things that our students will remember forever.

Submitted by: Carolyn Hedgecock



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/21/2007

Nominee: Ken Carr

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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

The students family could not purchase clothes and the clothes the student had were way too tight. Before the student could get clothes from the clothes connection he went and bought him 2 pair of pants and shorts.

Submitted by: Charna Salazar



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/21/2007

Nominee: Cheryl Burch

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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Nominee: John Seale

Campus/Department: North Ridge Elementary

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

Mr. Seale is an incredible teacher who is passionate about his work. Our daughter, Hannah had him 3 years ago and she still talks about him and how much she learned in his classroom. What a gift he is to NRE and BISD.

Submitted by: Rindi Trainer



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

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Nominee: Mary Jane Phillips

Campus/Department: North Ridge Middle School

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

Ms. Phillips is one of the politest, most fair and encouraging educators I have met. She challenges my daughter Amber to work hard, sing strong and have confidence in her abilities. She "connects" with the students in a way that brings out their courage and commitment to music as well as to their school. She could take the kids all the way to Broadway if she set her mind to it. Our system certainly needs more teachers like Ms. Phillips.

Submitted by: Christine Heady



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

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Nominee: Cheryl Hiles

Campus/Department: Porter Elementary

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

My daughter is in her class and has blossomed over the last couple of years with Mrs. Hile's guidance. Mrs. Hile's genuinely cares about Hannah and is always encouraging. She goes above and beyond always!

Submitted by: Leanne Perry



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

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Nominee: Samantha Mayfield

Campus/Department: Porter Elementary

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

This is our son's first year in public school after being in private school for two years. My son normally would not talk about how his day at school was when he was attending private school. Since he started at Porter Elementary, he comes home excited and tells us about his wonderful day at school and what he has learned. He enjoys going to school now compared to the last two years. Miss Mayfield has made an impact in his life and makes learning in her classroom very enjoyable for Dakota. We are blessed to have Miss Mayfield in Dakota's life.

Submitted by: Dirk and Laura Hill



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Nominee: Patricia Neighbors

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

Miss Patricia Neighbors has impacted the lives of many, many students as evidenced by their devotion to her, and the program she heads. Last year's 40th Year of Rebellaires Reunion was so well attended, and so many previous students responded via e-mail and phone as a testament to her. My daughter, and her friends in choir are inspired to advance their vocal skills, but more importantly, inspired to be better people. First hand I have seen her "ministry", if you will, to her students with whom she shares her knowledge, her passion and her love of life.

Submitted by: Becky Greer



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Nominee: Randy Cobb

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

Mr. Cobb is one of those principals who never settles for anything but your absolute best. He has on several occasions made me do things as my principal that I did not like , but it always brings out the best in me. I appreciate his genuine love for Richland High School.

Submitted by: Kathy Hudson



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

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Nominee: Adele Kennedy

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

Ms. Kennedy has been a wonderful support for my son. He made some really bad choice as a Junior. Ms. Kennedy visited with him and gave him guidance. He is know the mascot at Richland High and is a much more confident person. I am amazed by how much see cares about all the student in our district. I don't know if Hayden would have made it through without her and the whole AP Office at Richland.

Submitted by: Teressa Holford



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/24/2007

Nominee: Kathy Hudson

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

Limerick of Lud: My kid's coached by a lady named Hud. If you know her, then you are her bud.  
Teaches kids how to run; Turns hard work into fun— Makes your day great when it was a dud.  
She knows how to make children feel proud; Gains attention without being loud. Students fall to  
their knees, This kind lady to please--- Could it be this gal floats on a cloud? Yes! I tell you an  
angel is Hud. Girl, she just makes my heart go thud, thud Wakes up early to pray, Then slays  
dragons all day--- And that there's why it's Hud that we lud.

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Nominee: Erin Volker

Campus/Department: Richland Middle School

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

Erin goes out of her way to be helpful and listen to her colleagues and well as her students.

Submitted by:



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Nominee: Stan Key

Campus/Department: Richland Middle School

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

Stan Key is a very supportive administrator who was always willing to help me with anything I needed while I was at RMS. I have never seen that kind of support from an administrator, and I have been in a lot of buildings as and teacher and most of all as a substitute. He is also always respectful when working with the students. Thank you Stan!

Submitted by:



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Nominee: Dee Bowen

Campus/Department: Richland Middle School

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

Dee Bowen wasn't even in my department, and she would come up to me, put her arm around me, and ask me how I was doing since I was new on campus. She would also always ask me if there was ANYTHING I needed, then tell me that if there was anything she could do to come and find her if she could be of help. She's an amazing woman and teacher!

Submitted by:



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Nominee: Amber Topley

Campus/Department: Richland Middle School

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

Mrs. Topley is always helping students going way above and beyond call of duty.

Submitted by: Mark Owen



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

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Nominee: Lori Dazey

Campus/Department: Shannon Learning Center

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

Lori is constantly going out of her way to make everyone that works for her feel important and especially on tough days reminds us that what we do is often thankless and even feels like others are being hostile against us because of what we do. Her being in tune and willing to take the time to give a personal word of encouragement often makes a huge difference in the way we feel at the end of the day.

She is tops!

Submitted by: Brent Cumbie



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/28/2007

Nominee: Barbara Taylor

Campus/Department: Shannon Learning Center

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

She exerts a positive outlook that the kids carry with them when they leave her classroom. When I go in her class AFTER SCHOOL, there are at least three or more students still in there just talking with her. She makes each student feel special and important, which is a huge asset in our school population.

Submitted by:



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

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Nominee: Angela Brown

Campus/Department: Smithfield Elementary

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

I love that she has 28 years of teaching behind her but continues to look for new ideas, ways to improve her teaching, and new technology to use in the classroom. I can imagine after all of that experience it could be very easy to continue doing what you used to, but she has never been afraid to change or try something new. It is so encouraging to see someone who continually wants to improve herself when everybody already thinks she is so great! I am so proud to call her my mentor, my inspiration, and best of all, my friend.

Submitted by:



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Nominee: Jeff Russell

Campus/Department: Smithfield Middle School

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

Jeff is always thanking the staff at Smithfield Elementary (and the other elementaries that feed SMS) for the kids that we send him. He is truly good for the kids of BISD and truly wants what is best for them. Jeff always has a positive outlook on what is going on and should be commended for enriching the lives of our kids.

Submitted by: Greg Bicknell



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

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Nominee: Laura Heath

Campus/Department: Smithfield Middle School

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

Laura has been extremely flexible in dealing with some scheduling issues of our G/T students. She has provided numerous options and opportunities for these students to work within the confines of their hectic schedules, while still meeting the needs associated with the G/T curriculum. Not only has Laura positively affected my own job with her attitude and flexibility, she has positively affected the lives of over 30 students so far this year!

Submitted by: Barrie Meagher, Advanced Academics Specialist



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Nominee: Mike Landers

Campus/Department: Smithfield Middle School

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

Mike Landers is a superior teacher, student advocate and community citizen. His commitment to his students has him at work in the wee hours of the morning, and late every afternoon...all the while with a big cheerful smile on his face. His focus is on the students and helping them learn, Math of all things! :) He is a great teacher, and I am so proud to have had both of MY students in his class. I wish there were more teachers with that kind of dedication and passion for our kids.

Submitted by: Erika Brumley



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

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Nominee: Betty Tatum

Campus/Department: Snow Heights Elementary

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

Betty Tatum has always gone the extra mile and with Stephen it made all the difference. Stephen had the wonderful opportunity to have Mrs. Tatum in both 3rd and 5th grade. In Kindergarten through third grade he was always behind academically and felt socially isolated due to his hearing loss. Third grade was a tough transition yet he learned to love to read. In fifth grade he gained a love for Social Studies and most importantly learned to love himself. He still says Betty Tatum is his favorite teacher and when I ask why, he says, " because she loves me and believes in me." He went from barely passing TAKS to excelling in AP Reading, AP Social Studies and AP Science. Thank you so much Betty for going the extra mile. We love you and believe in you, too.

Submitted by: JennaGomez



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/18/2007

Nominee: Lynda Andrews

Campus/Department: Snow Heights Elementary

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

Mrs. Andrews taught my son Trevor in Kindergarten. During the year she takes photographs of the students and puts them on quilt squares, also during the year the kids make quilt squares as projects from events. Usually on spring break she sews the quilts for all her students. They are truly remarkable. It is a keepsake that all of us that were in her classes will have forever. I know that we will always treasure ours. It is a true act of kindness. I hope she realizes how much we appreciate them.

Submitted by: Kim Quillen



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/17/2007

Nominee: Jessica Sandmann

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

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

Jessica goes above and beyond everyday for the students in her classroom. She is a positive influence to each and every one of them. She uses great hands-on lessons to teach Science to 4th graders.

Submitted by: Gail Long



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/18/2007

Nominee: Cathy Linehan & Melissa Reed

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

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

I appreciate the way that these two teachers include the Inclusion students in their classes. The students are treated with respect and encouragement. The classes follow their example and are ready to help out without being asked. Thank you.

Submitted by: Paula Whitaker



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/19/2007

Nominee: Jeff Samuelson

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

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

Jeff is our 'ITS' at Spicer in addition to 3 other campuses. He goes above and beyond to make sure that he helps every person on campus and does it in a friendly and professional manner. He keeps kids first in planning lessons and offering advice to teachers to include technology and make things fun for our students. He is patient and understanding with all of our faculty and is considerate enough to check up and make sure problems are taken care of.

Submitted by: Barbara Chapman



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/17/2007

Nominee: Katie Rodriguez

Campus/Department: Stowe Elementary

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

Mrs. Rodriguez has been very patient teaching me the ropes of Resource and Content Mastery. She has gone above and beyond in an effort to make me feel comfortable in my new position as Educational Assistant.

Submitted by: Tamara Owens



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/24/2007

Nominee: Anita Smith

Campus/Department: Stowe Elementary

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

Mrs. Smith is a asset to BISD with a warm and pleasant attitude daily. While some folks would not consider this job very important or having an impact on a child, I feel strongly different.

Mrs. Smith goes out of her way to greet each child everyday that walks to school or bikes to school with a smile and she takes her position very seriously, watching them down the street as far as she can see as they arrive to school. This is a great benefit to keeping our kids safe. I feel these positions are somewhat overlooked, so please consider her! Thank you

Submitted by: Anita Carothers



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/17/2007

Nominee: Beth Shier

Campus/Department: The Academy at C.F. Thomas

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

Mrs. Shier loves her work and it shows. My son, Matthew, now attends Birdville High but during his time at ACFT "Miss Macchiarolo" was a common topic around our home. He was always talking about something she said or did or the latest concert and drama they were working on. She helped Matthew to develop a love for music and drama that has stayed with him to this day. She always has a word of encouragement to share with her students which helps them realize their potential. She is definitely a valuable asset to ACFT and BISD.

Submitted by: Bruce Clark



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/17/2007

Nominee: Susan Cramer

Campus/Department: The Academy at C.F. Thomas

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

Susan Cramer has always made a conscience effort to help any child in any way possible and make them feel comfortable when they come into her office. She's a caring person and an asset to any school she's in. She's a true blessing to CFT.

Submitted by: Christy Roden



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/17/2007

Nominee: Julia Waldie

Campus/Department: The Academy at C.F. Thomas

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

Last school year Mrs. Waldie made an extra effort to help my son Jacob gain acceptance into the Excel program. Her teaching helped him obtain the skills and confidence he needed to meet the qualifying standards for the program. I am confident that Jacob will benefit for years to come from the time he spent in Mrs. Waldie's classroom.

Submitted by: Cliff Keathley



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/20/2007

Nominee: Alexia Williams

Campus/Department: The Academy at C.F. Thomas

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

Alexia as a teacher has greatly touched my life through her mentoring and leadership ability. As an educational assistant working with her students, she has afforded me the opportunity to observe and grow as an educator by offering continued insight and friendship. When I became interested in continuing my professional development and educational goals, Alexia continuously supported me. Next year when I become a teacher while in another district, I know that Alexia and I will keep in contact for leadership and personal reasons.

Submitted by: Adrienne Strong



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/27/2007

Nominee: Karen Messick

Campus/Department: The Academy at C.F. Thomas

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

I began working at Glenview Elementary for the school year 93/94 as an educational assistant in Content Mastery. I met Karen at that time, but was not working under her supervision until the 96/97 school year. Karen began asking me about my past college work and future plans telling me I should be teaching until finally I reapplied to UTA. I completed my degree and am now in my 9th year as a special education teacher at North Richland Middle. Her encouragement and support were the catalyst I needed to be in a career which fulfills me.

Submitted by: Paula Stephenson



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/29/2007

Nominee: Angel Magruder

Campus/Department: The Academy at C.F. Thomas

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

From the moment we met Ms. Magruder at orientation, we knew she would be special. As she walked away, he said "She's cool," which we know is an ultimate compliment coming from a 4th grader. Jacob's opinion never changed (also a monumental compliment). Ms. Magruder took personal care and interest in each of her students. I could see it in the way she talked to her students, in the stories Jacob would share when he got home each day, and in the very special slideshow she created as an end of the year gift. Her efforts did not go unnoticed!

Submitted by: Lisa Tilley



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/17/2007

Nominee: Kathy Green

Campus/Department: The Academy at West Birdville

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

I am a new employee to BISD and sometimes need to ask information to clarify the day-to-day and overall "picture". Kathy is always cheerful and enthusiastic in filling in the missing details of the "BIG PICTURE". Her positive outlook and support are contagious with children, staff, and faculty. I feel successful every day and I see the smiles of others when Kathy touches their lives. BRAVO for Kathy and her positive outlook on life!

Submitted by: Charlotte Solorio



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/18/2007

Nominee: Dwight Goodwin

Campus/Department: TIMS

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

Dwight is always an email away when we need help with technology. He has great ideas and is extremely creative in expanding our knowledge of using technology in the classroom. He is always around to help, to get us started on a project, to teach us how to better teach our students. Thanks to him, I am recording my students singing every week and posting to our website. My students can share their singing with everyone. Dwight makes doing new things like this easy for teachers and therefore easy and fun for kids.

Submitted by:



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/19/2007

Nominee: Richard Hahn

Campus/Department: Transportation

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

Richard has been our daughter Bailey's bus driver since she started attending Birdville High. She is now a senior and has ridden his bus all four years. Richard is an excellent bus driver and a positive adult presence for each one of the kids he brings to and from school! There are never any problems on his bus because of this kind and nurturing personality and, when needed, positive discipline. The kids really miss him when he is absent-nothing seems to go right when Richard is not there! We as parents appreciate him so much! Good job, Richard!

Submitted by: Brian & Ingrid Ward



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/19/2007

Nominee: Katrina Harsh

Campus/Department: W.T. Francisco Elementary

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

I am very happy to have Mrs. Harsh as my son's teacher this year. She is very well organized and seems to have a handle on him from the start. I was very impressed with her work ethic and her expectations from the kids.

My son Raylen also attends Oxford Tutoring and the education director from Oxford had a meeting with Mrs. Harsh and was too very impressed with her classroom and her expectations.

Submitted by: Rayann Smith



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/17/2007

Nominee: Jennifer Salyards

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

This person is always positive. She strives to inspire. She makes everyone feel valuable, whether a principal, EA, teacher, or custodian. She almost always has a smile on her face or a wink when you pass her in the hall. It is truly a joy to work for Mrs. Salyards

Submitted by:



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Date: 9/18/2007

Nominee: Jennifer Salyards

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Jennifer is an inspiration to me as a colleague. She shares great ideas and insight and has helped me grow professionally. I am a better person and assistant principal since meeting her!

Submitted by: Gail Long



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/17/2007

Nominee: Christy Skrasek

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

SHE IS A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON OUR SON SHE ENCOURAGES HIM TO LEARN AND DISCOVER NEW THINGS EVERYDAY WHEN HE COMES IN FROM SCHOOL HE IS SO EAGER TO LEARN AND GO BEYOND ANY FIVE YEAR OLD I HAVE EVER SEEN AND FOR THAT MY HUSBAND AND I ARE VERY GRATEFUL.

Submitted by: Brandi Ponder



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/27/2007

Nominee: Ana Moeller

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

She is an outstanding employee here at Watauga. Ana will go above and beyond her duties. The children love her and so do the employees. Please take her into consideration.

Submitted by: Nicole Hackney



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/30/2007

Nominee: Vanessa Seale

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

Mrs. Seale instills in her students the values of excellence and a desire to be the best they can be. My daughter received so much more than "academia" from Coach Seale; she received a true passion for her sports and could sense that this teacher was there because she loves the students and not just to do a job. Even with recent roadblocks we have encountered, my daughter knows that she will be better in the end because of a good teacher like Mrs. Seale.

Submitted by: Tammy Sexson



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/17/2007

Nominee: Heather Blum

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

Heather Blum is an amazing Reading/Language Arts teacher. She taught my son Mikey Herndon for two years, 6th and 7th grade AP classes. Mikey loved Miss Blum because of her relaxed atmosphere and the interesting activities she had the class involved in. Mikey learned a lot about writing from Miss Blum and she always showed an interest in whatever he wrote. They read great books in class and kept the academic level high enough to challenge the students constantly. I am very grateful that Miss Blum was a part of my son's educational years.

Submitted by: Donna Herndon



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/17/2007

Nominee: Margaret Willoughby

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

My son Mikey Herndon had Mrs. Willoughby last year for math. Please understand that Mikey normally hates math, he dreads math class, he is a reader not a mathematician. In 7th grade last year he was lucky enough to get Margaret Willoughby as his math teacher and she completely changed his attitude about going to math class. He loved going to class just to be with his favorite teacher, he stayed after class to help her organize, and he made straight A's in math for the year. Mikey will never love math as much as he does reading and writing, but thanks to Mrs. Willoughby, he has a new appreciation for it and does not dread it like he used to. This year when he started 8th grade math and I told her on Meet the Teacher Night that he was a little nervous about his new math class, she told him his new teacher was terrific, but if he had any trouble he could come to her for help. That is what makes her a terrific teacher, she keeps caring for her students, even when they are no longer her students.

Submitted by: Donna Herndon



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/24/2007

Nominee: Angela Feltman

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

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

Miss Feltman is a very special teacher. She not only cares about children's learning but loves them too. She is one of the best teachers I've ever encountered. My daughter learned a lot from her and will remember her always. She has touched our hearts forever and is a VERY special teacher. We love you Miss Feltman!!!!

Submitted by: Hollye Bright



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/20/2007

Nominee: Julie Wooley

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

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

Ms. Wooley performed CPR on my father on the side of the road on September 1. He had a heart attack and she was the only one that stopped to render aid. She called 911 and did CPR until the ambulance arrived. She then went to the hospital and sat with my mother until I arrived. The doctor said had she not performed CPR my father would have died. She saved his life. I know her school recognized her on the announcements, but I'm still very thankful and saw this posting on your website.

Submitted by: Greg



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## **“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form**

Date: 9/25/2007

Nominee: Jennifer Ward

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

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

Mrs. Ward is my daughters 3rd grade teacher this year at Walker Creek. From the very first day (meet the teacher night) Mrs. Ward just has this greatness about her that you just want to be rubbed off on your child. Mrs. Ward teaches the kids to believe in themselves and that no one is perfect. Payton comes home often with great things to say about Mrs. Ward. She is just great. She has a calm way of teaching and she never yells at the students. I think I speak for many when I say that Mrs. Ward is a positive thing for the school and for our children.

Submitted by: Amanda Hanes