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Date Submitted: 1/17/2014

Nominee: Jeff Funderburgh

Campus/Department: Central Stores

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
I was outside the Binion Gym where Jeff Funderburgh from Central Stores was delivering equipment. I walked toward the gym door, about to enter, and though he was about 15 yards away from me he politely called out to me "Are you a Birdville employee?" I told him I was, and showed him my ID. He said "Thank you. I just wanted to make sure. I couldn't see your ID from here." This is an excellent example of what we can all do to keep our students and staff members safe.
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Date Submitted: 1/16/2014

Nominee: Lisa Mitchell

Campus/Department: Child Nutrition

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
There was an issue where money was not placed in my daughter's lunch account on Friday 1/10/14. I called her first thing Monday morning. She listened to all of my concerns and took care them right away. We greatly appreciate it.
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Date Submitted: 1/21/2014

Nominee: Jennifer Young

Campus/Department: Curriculum & Instruction

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Ms. Young provided SIOP training for North Oaks and Haltom Middle School. She did a wonderful job! Her passion for ESL students was very inspiring. Thank you Ms. Young!
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**Date Submitted:** 1/6/2014

**Nominee:** *Barbara Eubank*

**Campus/Department:** *Human Resources*

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
As a retiring employee I have found Barbara to be patient and kind when answering all of my questions. She was clear and offered assistance when needed, even willing to transfer my call to someone who could answer payroll questions she doesn't handle. She is awesome!
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Date Submitted: 1/17/2014

Nominee: Sara Tovar

Campus/Department: District Parent Liaison/Special Services

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Ms. Tovar consistently goes above and beyond in all she does as the Parent Liaison at ACFT. She leads an ESL class of at least 25 people three times per week on our campus. She is always willing to help us when we need assistance in the office working with parents. Ms. Tovar helps to make them feel comfortable in the building, talking to staff members, and helps them to understand that we value our ACFT parents. Thanks, Sara, for being such an amazing asset to our ACFT families and community!
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Date Submitted: 1/12/2014

Nominee: Darrell Maxey

Campus/Department: TIMS

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
We were unable to get our school intercom system to work which was a problem because if there was an emergency anyone outside of the building would not be able to hear important information. I thought it was an issue with the wiring or something worse but Darrell came out, quickly assessed the situation, and solved the problem by providing us with a new microphone as our old microphone (at least 11 years old) was dead. Thank you, Darrell, for your patience and not laughing at me when I try to tell you how I think you need to fix the problem ... you are always right and I need to just listen to you!
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Date Submitted: 1/28/2014

Nominee: Adalberto Sanchez

Campus/Department: TIMS

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
I would like to nominate Mr. Sanchez for a Touch of Class award. I believed he went above and beyond his duties to make sure everything was fixed on my computer. Two minutes after arriving he diagnosed the problem and noticed other items needed to be updated too. The one thing I appreciated the most was he took the time to make sure each and every component worked. Most often when one item is fixed then something else stops working but not in this case. I believe he went far and beyond duty when he made sure I was comfortable in operating the computer with the new changes. Mr. Sanchez is definitely a great asset to the BISD computer department.
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Date Submitted: 1/9/2014

Nominee: Jerry McNeill

Campus/Department: Transportation

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Jerry McNeill has driven our bus for girls' basketball the last 3 years. I was impressed my first year that he got to know me as a head coach and took a huge interest in knowing the girls' names and about our program. Jerry is a huge Lady Hawk supporter. He knows each kid in our program by name and as they get on the bus for a game he calls them by name. He sits in the stands cheering us on and even will wear his Lady Hawk Basketball T-shirt. Our team is a family and Jerry is one of the family too. I can't tell you how appreciative I am to have Jerry as not only our bus driver but a friend as well. He doesn't just drive the bus, he gets to know the kids and our coaching staff and is a huge supporter and that means so much to the Lady Hawk Basketball family. I don't know too many people like Jerry that make a difference to kids like he does. Most coaches don't know their bus drivers but you better believe over here in the Hawk Nation we all know and love Jerry McNeill.
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Date Submitted: 1/7/2014

Nominee: Tammi Patton

Campus/Department: Transportation

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
As field trip coordinator for the district, Tammi is a vital link to the success of the huge number of fine arts trips taken each year. The ice storm in December caused the cancellation of our 3rd graders' annual trek to see the Nutcracker. When given the opportunity to reschedule the event for the first day back after the holiday break, Tammi went to work to secure all the drivers. She personally coordinated the loading and unloading of 1,800 students on site at Will Rogers Auditorium and did a spectacular job of getting students to and from the event as quickly as humanly possible. As stressful as being under time pressure can be, Tammi never gets upset and is always the calmest and happiest person around! She is a joy to work with.
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Date Submitted: 1/11/2014

Nominee: Kathy Cheek

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Nurse Kathy is an amazing school nurse. She always goes above and beyond in making sure our students are well taken care of when they enter her office. Frequently, Nurse Kathy helps children going well beyond what a typical school nurse might. Recently, she worked closely with me, our school counselor, our LVN, our assistant principal and one of our teachers when dealing with a serious CPS issue that took several days of constant communication with CPS and the local authorities to finally get the child into a foster home that would be able to care for the child's very special needs. It is this kind of care and compassion that makes Nurse Kathy such an asset to our campus!
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Date Submitted: 1/12/2014

Nominee: Heather Claxton

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Ms. Claxton has been a huge presence on our campus this year as our Bilingual Coach. I appreciate how she observes classrooms and offers her assistance without even being asked. She has worked with several of our new teachers, she schedules visits to other schools for our teachers to observe other bilingual teachers around the district and she has been instrumental in helping teachers (bilingual or not) to improve upon the Literacy and Math Work Stations. Ms. Claxton is always willing to help in any way to improve classroom instruction and, while it may be difficult to hear, I do appreciate her honesty in sharing her insight and expertise in areas that I can improve upon as the campus administrator. Ms. Claxton is such a benefit to our entire staff at ACFT and we are blessed to have her as our Bilingual Coach!
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Date Submitted: 1/11/2014

Nominee: Joan Heffner

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Ms. Heffner is our school counselor and she consistently goes above and beyond in all she does. She works so hard to work with the many children who have special emotional needs, she meets with several different groups of students to address their concerns and help them to develop appropriate social skills, she makes sure she visits all classrooms for whole group lessons, and she is always finding ways to integrate the CORE values with students, staff members, and parents! Besides the fact that she is an amazing school counselor, she also has an incredible sense of humor which is so important when working in the field of education! We are blessed to have Ms. Heffner as our ACFT school counselor!
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Date Submitted: 1/11/2014

Nominee: Diana Hillhouse

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Ms. Hillhouse is one of our fabulous kindergarten teachers who not only blesses us with her curricular expertise, but who also just happens to have a green thumb! Ms. Hillhouse has spent countless hours in our garden both with students utilizing all of the plants and critters to help them better understand specific TEKS and outside of the school day working with the Tarrant County Work Detail on numerous Saturdays making sure our garden is always looking its best. Ms. Hillhouse makes sure our garden is always ready for teachers to bring their students into our outdoor learning facility and for families who bring their ACFT children to pick the fruit or vegetables, watch the fish, or just relax in our small, but welcoming, Tiger Paradise.
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Date Submitted: 1/11/2014

Nominee: Susie Kent

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Ms. Kent is an amazing teacher. She is very quiet and, if you weren't careful, you might miss out on what a great job she does of educating her special needs students each day. I appreciate her gentle spirit and the compassion she pours out on her students each day. Recently, this love for her students was demonstrated in a very difficult manner as she had to prepare a "care sheet" for one of her students that was being placed into a foster home. CPS was so impressed with the information shared and stated that she was, in large part, the reason they were able to find the perfect foster home for this child. We are blessed to have Ms. Kent as a part of our ACFT family of educators!
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Date Submitted: 1/11/2014

Nominee: Kim McIntire

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Kim McIntire, our school secretary is fondly referred to as "Kim-possible" because there isn't anything she can't do! I even tease that she is really the one who runs the school instead of me! Kim works tirelessly, even on weekends and early each morning, to make sure everything is in order so our staff members can focus on instructing our students at high levels! She is effective and efficient in everything that her secretarial job requires and then some! She is a team player who often pitches in wherever necessary whether it is under her job description or not! I can't imagine what we'd do without Ms. McIntire and I am thrilled to work with her each day!
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Nominee: Jenny Miller

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child: Nurse Jenny works with our special needs students and she does an excellent job! Recently, she went above and beyond while working in conjunction with school staff members, CPS and the local authorities to make sure one of our students was placed in a foster family that would be able to meet his very special needs. The safety of this child was of the utmost importance to Nurse Jenny! It is this kind of dedication that makes her so valuable at ACFT!
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Date Submitted: 1/11/2014

Nominee: Susan Nall

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
This is Ms. Nall's first year at ACFT and she has done a phenomenal job of stepping in and taking care of business. She is instrumental in working with our staff members, dealing with difficult discipline situations, and is always willing to talk to parents as she understands the importance of a positive home-school partnership. I also appreciate how efficient Ms. Nall is in everything she does--she does it quickly and with perfection. Her creativity and knowledge of instruction and curriculum make her invaluable as my administrative partner as we often work together to determine ways to best meet the needs of our staff and, ultimately, the academic needs of each of our students! I am thrilled to have Ms. Nall as a part of our ACFT family!
Date Submitted: 1/18/2014

Nominee: Susan Nall

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
I would like to give a Hear Ye! Hear Ye! To Ms. Nall .... She did a Random Act of Kindness to me today... It made my day... She deserves a Virtue Tag for kindness or just a big Thank You for making me smile! I will pay it forward! :-)
PTA was giving away door prizes for the January birthdays and she won a snowman wrapped around a blanket ... I said how cute it was and she handed it to me and said she wanted me to have it and appreciated all we do in Special Ed --- which was the best gift of all!
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Date Submitted:  1/11/2014

Nominee:  Debbie Noviello

Campus/Department:  Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Ms. Noviello is our attendance clerk and she is the first person that people new to our campus get to know! Ms. Noviello is perpetually happy and bubbly, always eager to help, and is often the person parents will call for advice--of all kinds! It makes me feel good that Ms. Noviello loves meeting new people and helping them feel comfortable coming to ACFT from elsewhere as she strives to make students and their parents know that ACFT is the perfect place for them!
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Date Submitted: 1/11/2014

Nominee: Cathy Pavlovich

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child: Ms. Pavlovich is one of our stellar kindergarten teachers who oozes empathy and compassion for all of our ACFT students. Recently when one of our families home exploded due to a gas leak, Ms. Pavlovich was the first person to gather items and money for the family, visit the children at their grandparents' home, and also visit the hospital where their cousin and former ACFT student was receiving care for the burns she sustained in the explosion. It is teachers like Ms. Pavlovich that make ACFT such special place to work and for our students to learn and grow each day!
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Nominee: Melissa Perez Rodriguez

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child: Ms. Perez is the only bilingual member of our office staff and she provides such a valuable service for our parents, students, and staff members. I know that part of the reason many of our Spanish-speaking parents feel so comfortable coming to ACFT is because of the assistance and understanding provided to them by Ms. Perez!
Date Submitted:  1/11/2014

Nominee:  Beth Shier

Campus/Department:  Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:  
Not only is Ms. Shier the best music teacher in the universe, our outstanding ACFT ChorUS director, and a published author and editor, she is also an amazing Girls on the Run Coordinator for our campus! Several years ago, Ms. Shier brought the Girls on the Run program to ACFT that builds leadership, positive self-image, and increased self-confidence in young girls through running. Our current GOTR team is the largest in Tarrant County and has caused other schools to want to have their own GOTR teams! Thank you, Ms. Shier, for going the extra mile to build up our young females and help them to reach their full potential in all areas of their lives!
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Nominee: Brittany Smith

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Ms. Smith is one of our awesome first grade teachers at ACFT and she consistently demonstrates care and compassion for all of our students. Recently when one of our families' home exploded due to a gas leak, Ms. Smith immediately set up an online donation website so our staff and many others could donate in order to help this precious family get back on their feet again! It is teachers like Ms. Smith that make ACFT such a special place for students, their families, and our staff!
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Date Submitted: 1/11/2014

Nominee: Alexia Williams

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Ms. Williams is a no-nonsense type of teacher who expects students to do what is right at all times. Recently, one of Ms. Williams' students wanted to lead a donation drive for the people in the Philippines whose homes were destroyed by a typhoon. Since we were already in the middle of two other donation drives, Ms. Williams worked with her student and the student's mother to wait until after Christmas Break to hold the drive for the typhoon victims. It would have been easy to just say "no" to the student but instead Ms. Williams worked with the school, student, and the family to make sure this student was able to follow her heart and lead the campus in a donation drive for the people of the Philippines.
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Date Submitted: 1/11/2014

Nominee: Lisa Williams and the ACFT Cafeteria Crew

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Lisa Williams and her entire cafeteria crew of ladies are truly amazing! They serve hundreds of students breakfast between 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. with smiles on their faces, then turn right around and serve almost all 700+ students lunch beginning at 10:30 a.m. through 12:45 p.m. and, you guessed it, with the same bright smiles and positive attitudes. I can only imagine how difficult their jobs are and I appreciate the hard work they put into making sure our students have nutritious meals each and every day! We are blessed to have such an awesome group of ladies serving our students, parents, and staff members at ACFT!
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Nominee: Rebecca Wong

Campus/Department: Academy at Carrie F. Thomas Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Ms. Wong works in our front office and she is a priceless jewel. She is always so calm and comforting so if somebody calls who might be upset or irritated, Ms. Wong patiently listens to them, demonstrates such empathy, and often is able to either help them with their concern or direct them to the person who can solve their problem. It is always nice to have such a level-headed, nurturing soul in the front office greeting guests, helping out students & staff, and answering our phones!
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Date Submitted: 1/16/2014

Nominee: Michele Jordan

Campus/Department: Foster Village Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
She is always helpful. She responds promptly to any emails that I send her. She is attentive to all of my requests & needs. She is concerned whenever I voice a concern to her. She is one of the best teachers my daughter has ever had.
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Nominee: David Teague

Campus/Department: Foster Village Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Always helpful and friendly in the morning as I'm dropping my daughter for the Aspire program. He sits patiently outside on the bench in the freezing cold while waiting for the children to arrive. He doesn't complain or ever seem to be in a bad mood. He always has a cheerful spirit. He is always on time which is greatly appreciated by myself as well as my husband who are on our way to work in the morning.
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Date Submitted: 1/13/2014

Nominee: Jeanne Barnhart

Campus/Department: Green Valley Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child: Jeanne Barnhart has been nothing but wonderful since I have come to Green Valley Elementary in 2008. She works in our school cafeteria and goes above and beyond what the job description says. Anytime a scholar or I cannot eat certain types of food due to religious reasons, she makes sure to use a different utensil and gloves with our food. Everytime I come to the cafeteria to get my lunch, she asks me what I ordered and will make sure to change her gloves when handling the food. I have never seen someone so dedicated and going out of their way every day to make sure everyone is treated fairly and feels accepted. I appreciate everything she has done for me and the scholars at Green Valley Elementary. Thank you!
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Date Submitted:  1/13/2014

Nominee:  Cecile Lowrey

Campus/Department:  Green Valley Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Cecile Lowrey is a kind and accepting person. She works in our school cafeteria and goes above and beyond what the job description says. Anytime a scholar or I cannot eat certain types of food due to religious reasons, she makes sure to use a different utensil and gloves with our food. I appreciate everything she has done for me and the scholars at Green Valley Elementary. Thank you!
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Nominee: Carol Rhodes

Campus/Department: Green Valley Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Carol Rhodes works in our school cafeteria and goes above and beyond what the job description says. Anytime a scholar or I cannot eat certain types of food due to religious reasons, she makes sure to use a different utensil and gloves with our food. I appreciate everything she has done for me and the scholars at Green Valley Elementary. Thank you!
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Date Submitted: 1/27/2014

Nominee: Lee Ward

Campus/Department: North Ridge Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
This is our son's first year in elementary school and we have had a few phone calls from our school nurse, Mr. Ward. Each time he calls he is very kind and knowledgable about our son and any ailment he may have. Furthermore, Mr. Ward will even suggest ways to help us, as parents, help our son to feel better. Mr. Ward's kindness and thoughtfulness mean a lot to us as newer members of the North Ridge Family!
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Date Submitted: 1/17/2014

Nominee: Stacye Onstott

Campus/Department: W. A. Porter Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Stacye has developed a mind-numbing schedule for herself in order to better meet the needs of advanced readers and mathematicians in our classrooms. For W.I.N. time, she keeps informed of how all classes are doing and moves students in and out of her program in order to make sure their needs are being met. This demands a lot of flexibility on her part, because she must be aware of grade-level events and school events, such as art/P.L.C. The kids LOVE Mrs. O's interaction with our grade levels. On top of this, she conducts a problem solving lesson in math each week with each class in each grade level. I'm exhausted just thinking about what Stacye does all in the name of meeting student needs. We are grateful for Stacye and her efforts to make our students the best learners they can possibly be.
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Nominee: Katy DuPre

Campus/Department: W. A. Porter Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Mrs. DuPre is now in her second year of taking over an awesome music program from retiring Nancy Michalik, and she has managed to take HER program up several notches already! Her creativity has given us grade level programs which the students absolutely love. My personal favorite, The Veterans Day Program, continues to show Katy's personal tweaking, and it was absolutely fantastic this year. The veterans and active duty military attending the program felt honored and special with the presentation! Also, Katy manages large groups of children with loving authority. The cherry on top is how she kept informed of our "missed" Nutcracker field trip, which is a highlight in our third graders' year. Katy kept us informed of rescheduling and reassured the students that they would see this marvelous ballet. Mrs. DuPre is an asset to our fine arts program at Porter, as well as our overall Porter family. We are so glad she is the music teacher at Porter.
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Date Submitted:  1/31/2014

Nominee: Cindy Bales

Campus/Department: Snow Heights Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Janice and her food service team served biscuits and gravy to over 230 hungry dads and students this morning. Her team made over 700 biscuits in preparation for our annual Super Dads/Super Bowl breakfast at Snow Heights Elementary. It was a great day for our school and would have been impossible if Janice, Cindy, and Sheila had not worked so hard to get it ready. Snow Heights is very appreciative of all they do every day for our students, staff, and school.
Date Submitted: 1/22/2014

Nominee: Debbie Contento

Campus/Department: Snow Heights Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Mrs. Contento, or Mrs. C as the students call her, does an outstanding job assisting with our Physical Education program. In addition to the everyday set up and take down of equipment, assisting with instruction, and taking care of minor injuries, Debbie also takes the time to get to know the students personally and is a great listener when they have stories to tell. Mrs. Contento is solely responsible for making sure that all our bus and daycare students get on the proper buses at the end of the day. She is always willing to do what is asked of her and does it with a positive attitude and a smile on her face! Snow Heights is extremely blessed to have her!
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Date Submitted:  1/31/2014

Nominee:  Janice Gross

Campus/Department:  Snow Heights Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Janice and her food service team served biscuits and gravy to over 230 hungry dads and students this morning. Her team made over 700 biscuits in preparation for our annual Super Dads/Super Bowl breakfast at Snow Heights Elementary. It was a great day for our school and would have been impossible if Janice, Cindy, and Sheila had not worked so hard to get it ready. Snow Heights is very appreciative of all they do every day for our students, staff, and school.
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Nominee: April Hetherington

Campus/Department: Snow Heights Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
April has been so willing to help with tutoring my students this year and already has made a difference in their lives. They talk about her all the time! Thank you April for helping them succeed!!
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Nominee:  Dawnya Morrison

Campus/Department:  Snow Heights Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Since it was announced that I was moving to 3rd grade, Dawnya has been such an
effort and amazing help. I came to 3rd grade without confidence in
teaching math and with her guidance and excellent advice, I can now say that
teaching math is my favorite! She has been great at stopping what she is doing to
help with any questions I may have! Thank you Dawnya for making my transition
from kindergarten to 3rd so great!
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Nominee: Sarah Olvey

Campus/Department: Snow Heights Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Sarah is our PTA president and led our PTA in providing a Super Dad/Super Bowl breakfast today. We had over 230 dads and students eating breakfast at Snow Heights this morning. It was a great event with most of our dads and granddads enjoying the biscuits and gravy provided by our cafeteria.
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Nominee: Sheila Chavira

Campus/Department: Snow Heights Elementary

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Nominee:  Shonna Whitmore

Campus/Department:  Snow Heights Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Since school started, Shonna has been more than willing to help me as I adjusted to teaching 3rd grade. I definitely have had my days of being overwhelmed and it never fails that she is there to encourage me and guide my steps. Thank you Shonna for making my transition from Kindergarten to 3rd so smoothly and teaching me SO much!
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Date Submitted: 1/22/2014

Nominee: Stephanie Baldwin

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
I am a new special education teacher at Spicer Elementary and am returning to public school after many years. I have had a lot of new information to learn and process this year. Stephanie let me know at the beginning of the year that she would be happy to help me with anything. Well, I have had to take her up on it numerous times! She has stayed after school to assist me with things, as well as answering many questions through emails. She has made my adjustment back into the school district a lot easier. I have given her chocolate to "thank" her, but that just doesn't seem like enough! So, I wanted to recognize her through A Touch of Class!
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Nominee: Kristen Kenefick

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Kristen is such a ray of sunshine in the office, always working with a joyful heart and helpful spirit. She is so very prompt about getting our copies and laminating back to the teaching staff so we can continue with our instruction uninterrupted. She often goes above and beyond with last minute requests or "emergency" copies. She makes a great first impression of our school as she greets those who enter in with her smile and kind words. She is joy to work with as support staff.
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Nominee: Rachel Peel

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Rachel has worked diligently to complete her degree in Education and juggle her EA position in the computer lab at NRMS. Through all of this she maintains a positive spirit and provides data to the teachers which are both huge encouragements. Not only does she save teachers time but she makes recommendations, points out areas of concern, and keeps the classroom teachers informed of student progress or lack there of. She is a great asset to our campus.
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Date Submitted: 1/27/2014

Nominee: Rosie Rojas

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
My son was showing chickens at the Stock Show this year and Ms. Rojas took the time to come see him at the show right as he was receiving his awards. I appreciate how Ms. Rojas showed my son that she sees him as more than just a student who attends her class each day. Thank you, Ms. Rojas, for taking interest in my son's hobby and showing him how you care for him as a person!
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Date Submitted: 1/24/2014

Nominee: Michael Wilson

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Mr. Wilson is an amazing teacher and an inspiration every day! Each day I and plenty of other students interact with him each day, and each one will agree with me in saying that he really is a good man. He is hard working, honest, and although his job is stressful and he has to deal with us knucklehead students, each day he leaves campus with a smile on his face.
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Date Submitted: 1/16/2014

Nominee: Ged Kates

Campus/Department: Richland High School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
I reached out to Coach Kates for advice on building character because of all the amazing things I have heard about his work with the students at RHS. He helped out so much more than I could have hoped for. Coach Kates came to visit our school with one of his players, a former student of ours, and spoke with the students about the heart of a student athlete. The lessons about character, respect, and hard work made a huge impact on our students and have continued to be a hot topic at our school. Coach Kates' impact has been profound both on the field and off. We appreciate his wisdom, time, and guidance he provided for some of our boys who desperately need that strong example of a Christian leader.