Date Submitted: 10/22/2013

Nominee: Diane Cowell

Campus/Department: Special Education

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Diane is dedicated to helping her students learn. She is here early and stays late to make sure that everything that she can possibly do to help her students is done. She attends workshops, helps other teachers, and is consistently positive. She works closely with all participants to make sure that ARD meetings go smoothly and that each child is well represented. Thank you, Diane, for making this a better place for students, staff, and teachers.
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Date Submitted: 10/23/2013

Nominee: Jerry Apple

Campus/Department: Transportation

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Mr. Apple was the bus driver for our Kindergarten field trip. I really appreciated how friendly and kind he was with both teachers and students. When a couple of our students left their pumpkins on the bus that they had from the field trip, Mr. Apple brought them up to our school on his own time. He knew how much it meant to the children. Mr. Apple went above and beyond for the kindergarteners at FVE and we thank him!
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Date Submitted: 10/17/2013

Nominee: Shelley Ezzell

Campus/Department: Academy at C.F. Thomas

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Shelley is always upbeat and goes the extra mile to help anyone who needs it. She is someone I can always depend upon. When anyone needs a cheerleader, Shelley is it! Shelley has a wonderful work ethic that she exhibits every day. She is an amazing woman with energy, positivity, and loyalty. Shelley Ezzell is a valuable asset to our campus.
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Date Submitted: 10/4/2013

Nominee: Janalee Smith

Campus/Department: Birdville Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Mrs. Smith goes far and beyond to help her students and parents, on and off campus. My daughter was very blessed to have her last year and I'm sure her kids this year are blessed as well.
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Date Submitted: 10/4/2013

Nominee: Nicole Hackney

Campus/Department: Snow Heights Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Nicole is an extraordinary EA. Her classroom teacher is out on long-term absence (fall semester) and Nicole has stepped up to the plate in attempting to see that all duties of the classroom teacher are executed to the best of her ability! She is always spot on with the needs of her students. She exudes professionalism in everything she does for the children in her care!
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Date Submitted: 10/1/2013

Nominee: Laura Lyons

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
I like to recognize Mrs. Lyons. Mrs. Lyons came to our school filling the position of the CM/Resource teacher. Little did she know what she was about to embark on. I have worked with Laura for the past 6 weeks and I have to say she has never given up when others might have. This position is not easy and is a lot of work, especially behind the scenes. She came in not knowing anybody and I'm sure that in itself was nerve-racking. But Laura has done an amazing job with our students and I can't wait to see what else she WILL accomplish!
Date Submitted: 10/1/2013

Nominee: Belinda Nisbett

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
I work with Belinda Nisbett assisting her with our resource students in math. I'm pretty good about not letting things get to me, but last week was a little tougher than normal. Belinda took the time out of her busy day, and on top of being pregnant, to send me a card of thanks and appreciation for helping out in her class. This is a tough class and she has so much patience and love for our students. She is a wonderful math teacher and our students are lucky to have her as their math teacher. I am honored and blessed to work along side Belinda, thank you for all you do!
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Nominee: Roselyn Perry

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
I would like to recognize Nurse Perry for always looking out for me. About 3 years ago my blood level was dangerously low, I had to have iron injections for two weeks to get my blood level where it needed to be. When I told Nurse Perry about this, she suggested I take the B12 shots to help maintain my iron level. Every time we have B12 shots she always thinks of me and makes sure I get my shot before they leave. She doesn't have to do that, but it's because of her caring heart that she looks out for my health and all of our students at Spicer. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!
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Date Submitted: 10/1/2013

Nominee: Kathy Speers

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Recently, I had a tough week with our students and Kathy Speers took the time to send me a card thanking me for everything I do in her class. There have been many days where I have felt I have not done anything to help our students. This card is just a reminder that I am not alone in helping our resource students succeed. Kathy has never made me feel like I am just an EA, she has given me freedom to do what is needed to make sure our students excel. Kathy is such a wonderful, loving teacher and it's teachers like her that have encouraged me to go back to school to get my teaching degree. I am honored to have worked with her the last 3 years. Thank you, Kathy, for all your patience with our students!
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Date Submitted: 10/28/2013

Nominee: Isela DeGarcia

Campus/Department: O.H. Stowe Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Isela is an asset to all our faculty, staff, students and Stowe families that she serves. She is so kind, positive, and caring every single day. She recently responded to an emergency on campus and administered CPR in a very trained and calm manner. She is someone that we are all very proud to work with. Isela, thank you for being such an amazing person!
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Date Submitted: 10/16/2013

Nominee: Wayne Bynum

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
He came outside and helped my mom and I with a flat. He was very kind and helpful.
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Date Submitted: 10/5/2013

Nominee: Anna Marie Khalil

Campus/Department: Shannon Learning Center

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
I have never met such a loving, caring and supportive person in my life. I am currently teaching her son (Micah Khalil) and have had the wonderful pleasure of teaching her daughter (Moriah Khalil) my first year of teaching. She was so supportive of me my first year of teaching. She always checked on me and gave me words of encouragement every chance she got. Her sweet words and actions throughout my years of teaching so far have made me love my job even more. I think everyone needs to be like Anna. Anna and her family are such a blessing to my life and I want to thank her for everything she has done for me.