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Touch of Class

Nomination Form

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Date: 10/21/2016

Nominee: *Jeff Samuelson*

Campus/Department: **Digital Learning Specialist**

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

I have been to many of the professional development sessions that Jeff teaches, and he always takes the time to help me individually so that I can really use the technology in my classroom. He is readily available to come to my classroom for additional support and has a wealth of knowledge and ideas that will benefit my students. I appreciate all of the things that Jeff has done for me and my students to help access technology in my classroom.

Nominated by: Stephanie Baldwin



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Nominee: *James Viator*

Campus/Department: **Technology**

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

James does an outstanding job helping out our school almost daily!! He is patient and kind to everyone! He does an amazing job fixing all of our computer problems. James is a hard worker and we appreciate his willingness to go above and beyond for our school. So glad that we have him on our team!! GO JAMES!!!

Nominated by: The office staff at Hardeman Elementary



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Nominee: *H. G. Jackson*

Campus/Department: **Transportation**

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

Since school began this fall, I have been impressed with how courteous and kind the busdrivers are to the people driving their students to ACFT in the morning. I do not know the drivers' names, but whomever picks up at the corner of Newman Dr. & Emerald Hills Way, as well as the Meadows at North Richland Hills apartments are AWESOME.

Nominated by: Sarah Champion



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Nominee: *Veronica Mash*

Campus/Department: **Transportation**

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Nominated by: Sarah Champion



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Nominee: ***Kate Hale***

Campus/Department: **David E. Smith Elementary**

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

Mrs. Hale has been such a great teacher thus far for her kindergarteners. It has only been a little over a month since school has started but my daughter has learned so much already. Mrs. Hale does fun music-based learning which catches the minds of these young students. She always has a warm welcoming smile on her face! The students enjoy going to school everyday and look forward to the next.

Nominated by: Jessica Ramirez



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Nominee: **Ricardo Alvarez**

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

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

At the beginning of the school year, Mr. Alvarez walks the hallways offering his services in helping teachers hook up their computers in their classrooms. Mr. Alvarez has offered his assistance to us for the past three years. Mrs. Bustillos, Ms. Robin X. and I would like to extend our appreciation by nominating and recognizing the extra hard work he puts in to make our job less stressful. He's a great person to have on our campus! Thanks for your kindness.

Nominated by: Mrs. Bustillos, Ms. Robin X. and Mrs. Williams



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Nominee: *Jennifer Torres*

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

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

Jennifer is an EA that helps our AABLE students, but the help she gives all our students and teachers goes way beyond any job description. Despite her fighting some serious illnesses, she radiates positivity and love to us every day. She is always helping someone, whether it's putting up a bulletin board for a teacher, or helping a student who is having a hard day. I had a student who couldn't afford a birthday party, so she bought cupcakes for my class to help him celebrate. Another student mentioned it was his birthday one day, so she ran out and got him a special lunch and drink. She takes the students that are angry and not doing their work and makes them laugh and gets them to complete their work. She is a joy to have around and I'm grateful to have her help in my challenging class this year.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Nominee: *Mike Bumpas*

Campus/Department: **Birdville Elementary**

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

Good teacher.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Nominee: *Mitchell Kempe*

Campus/Department: **Special Education/Smithfield Elementary**

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

The love and effort he puts into his students every day, inside and outside of the classroom, is one of the most inspiring things I have ever seen. He truly cares about the well-being of every student and his passion is helping others. He doesn't treat his special needs students as special needs, but instead makes sure they know they have a true friend in him.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Nominee: *Diana Lewis*

Campus/Department: **Grace E. Hardeman Elementary**

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

This is my first year as a school parent and my son is in Mrs. Lewis' Kindergarten class. He LOVES school!!! She got him excited about going to "big boy" school at Meet the Teacher night and he always comes home ready to go back and "have more fun"!!! She has been wonderful, has NEVER made me feel like I am bothering her or that she is too busy. She loves what she does and it shows!!! My son LOVES her and I love the fact she keeps him excited about school. We are BLESSED to have her as his teacher for his first year of school!!!

Nominated by: Katy Cating



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Nominee: *Sarah Olvey*

Campus/Department: **Snow Heights Elementry**

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

We have had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Olvey for 9 years she has been such a blessing to our two daughters. She always goes out of and beyond her way for all our children at Snow Heights and always greets you with a smile, kind and friendly. We feel so at peace leaving our children at school knowing she is there. Helps the children as if they were her own. It is staff like her that make a difference in this world to our children and families.

Nominated by: Elizabeth Moore



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Nominee: *Suzanne Smith*

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

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

Mrs. Smith has always displayed a cheerful attitude. She has lifted the spirits of many of us on the campus AND has gone beyond the call of duty for me. I was sick last week and have not been myself. She made sure to check on me throughout the day and also brought me a care package. Her kindness and love are shown daily. I appreciate her very much!

Nominated by: Sabrina Whitaker



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Nominee: *Jill Balzer*

Campus/Department: **Haltom Middle School**

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

My family is forever in your debt for the extraordinary support, encouragement, and advice you extended us in our greatest time of need. No one expects that bringing a life into the world will transform into a severe medical condition. Every step of the way, you were a listening, hearing and solid foundation. Principals like you are the reason teachers go the extra degree and invest their hearts and souls into campus. Thank you for appreciating and supporting us beyond the classroom! Forever grateful,

Nominated by: April Berumen



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Nominee: *Deanna Davis*

Campus/Department: **Haltom Middle School/Fine Arts**

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

I have such a great respect for Deanna and her dedication to her craft and her students. She works tirelessly leading our students into a world of imagination and creativity, many of them reluctant and most of them never believing theater could open their eyes to new possibilities. She never gives up—she never stops striving for excellence—and most of all she never lets a student go unnoticed. She willingly and readily takes on any student, and gives them 110% even if it is her third year to have them. Once again, she has “crossed the line” by taking our kids to state competition.

Nominated by: Carol Glinsky



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Nominee: *Cheryl Casey*

Campus/Department: **Smithfield Middle School**

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

My child started as a 6th-grade student this year as a telescoper in Mrs. Casey's algebra class. She was hesitant at first due to the advanced nature of the class, but Mrs. Casey has been nothing but supportive, patient, and helpful. She has encouraged her in many ways and helped her to feel good about her work and herself. I have seen her confidence in math grow as the year goes by. Middle school is a tough time and I am grateful for Mrs. Casey and the support she has given to my child.

Nominated by: Dawn Padilla



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Nominee: *Warren Harris*

Campus/Department: **Richland High School/ROTC**

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

Captain Harris and his ROTC students have graciously come to Major Cheney Elementary to help teach our Leadership students about flag etiquette. For the past two years Captain Harris has taught our students how to raise and lower the flag, facts about the flag, and to properly fold the American and Texas flags. We appreciate him and his students working so well with our 5th-grade leadership kids to learn these important skills.

Nominated by: Jason Winans



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Nominee: **Cody Renfro**

Campus/Department: **Shannon High School/Head Custodian**

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

Cody is so willing to go out of his way to do whatever it takes to ensure that students, teachers, support staff, facilities, anything that needs to be addressed gets addressed to the very best of his ability. He is absolutely selfless, perhaps the most energetic person on campus, and has one of the best attitudes I've ever witnessed anywhere from anyone! He is just amazing!

Nominated by: Brent Cumbie