



Birdville Independent School District
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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

A Touch of Class was created to encourage students, staff, parents and community members to recognize BISD employees for the positive things they do for children and the district.

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Date: 6/25/2008

Nominee: Babs Holly

Campus/Department: Insurance Department

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

Babs - Cheerfully known as “Babes” to many of us...

(Man...I wish someone would call me ‘Babes’ once in a while!) J

She has been called many different names from time-to-time:

- THE ‘Insurance Lady’;
- The ‘girl’ who knows everything; or
- Just a very dear and caring friend.

Babs is always ready to answer all of our one-million questions about all our insurance policies. And I guarantee you, not even one of them is even remotely similar! Why is it we can never remember any of those answers ourselves???

BECAUSE WE HAVE BABS!

Babs is always encouraging, pleasant and friendly to everyone! She answers the same questions over and over and over again; yet, she never complains. Each time she gets another phone call, or an employee just pops into her office for assistance, she is always there with that wonderful, welcoming smile...ready and willing to help.

Babs is polite and encouraging and she **JUST KNOWS EVERYTHING!!!!**

The employees of Birdville are very lucky indeed ... ‘Cuz WE GOT “BABES”!

Submitted by: Anonymous



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Nominee: Cindy Street

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

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

I want to thank Cindy for all of her assistance this year. I worked with Cindy for many years and know she is very dedicated and knowledgeable of her job. This school year, I was privileged to become a fellow secretary at another campus. She was the first person I turned to for advice. I faced many challenges as I learned the duties of my new position. Cindy always had the answer to my questions. She served as my unofficial mentor with patience, kindness and continued friendship. She is the best of the best and I am truly thankful for her.

Submitted by: Christy



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Nominee: Katie Bowman

Campus/Department: Director of Business

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

Katie has gone over and beyond to help me with budget questions. She always responds quickly to e-mails and even if she doesn't have an answer, she will let me know she is working on it. I appreciate Katie so much! She is a great asset to BISD. We are fortunate to have her.

Submitted by: Andrea



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Nominee: George Lin

Campus/Department: TIMS Department

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

I'd like to recognize George Lin for his hard work and dedication to BISD. To me, George is a miracle worker! As grant coordinator I spend many hours reporting to TEA. It is extremely time consuming. George put together several web-based programs that saves me and others working on the grant many hours of data crunching. The time-savings estimate could be as many as 300 hours per year! His efforts have lead to much greater efficiency, which translates to more quality time with the students. Thank you George! You are a genius!

Submitted by: Kathy Handler, 21st CCLC Grant Coordinator



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Nominee: Karen Teeters

Campus/Department: TIMS Department

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I am sure the TIMS department is constantly bombarded with requests from teachers, yet these three are always positive and diligent in serving our needs. Brad and Linda have been courteous, helpful, and professional whenever I have dealt with them. However, I have had the most contact with Karen. Her kind and personable demeanor, along with her knowledge and work ethic, have made her a great help to and a pleasant part of Haltom High School.

Submitted by: Jennifer



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Nominee: Brad Butler

Campus/Department: TIMS Department

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Nominee: Linda Molinar

Campus/Department: TIMS Department

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Date: 5/9/2008

Nominee: Scott Forester

Campus/Department: TIMS Department

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

I would like to thank Scott for everything he does for me each time I call or e-mail. Many, many years ago, he started "rescuing" me from my technological trials. He spends tireless amounts of time taking care of problems, sending me things I need, or just being a support. I am truly grateful for his kindness and compassion. He is an asset to the BISD community and I truly value him! Thanks Scott!

Submitted by: Shannon



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Date: 5/9/2008

Nominee: JaNae Bryant

Campus/Department: Birdville Elementary

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

I have to start off by saying that this teacher is a truly amazing person. I've come to know her as a compassionate and loving teacher and have learned so much from her. JaNae did not know me personally but as a fellow colleague gave me hours of her personal time in helping me to write TAKS Alt objectives. I want her to know that I will never forget what she did for me and that I will be there for her if she ever needs me.

It is with the highest of respect and my honor that I nominate JaNae Bryant for the Touch of Class Award

Submitted by: Cheryl



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Nominee: Christina McCully

Campus/Department: Foster Village Elementary

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

Mrs. McCully is a great teacher. She is dedicated to the students in her class and gives 100% during the class day, making each day interesting and challenging for her students. What impresses me most is that she also stays late to invest in them after school. She always helps make Spring Fling at F.V. a super fun activity that the students look forward to each year. They work hard all year to earn the privilege of participating in it with her. My daughter has loved fourth grade because of this great teacher. Birdville is lucky to have a teacher like her!

Submitted by: Mary



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Nominee: Tiffany Comstock

Campus/Department: Francisco Elementary

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

You did such a great job organizing and running our Field Day. It was a success and you handled yourself with grace. Thanks for a job well done. The students at our school had a great time. Ashley Ammons

Submitted by: Ashley



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Date: 5/5/2008

Nominee: Lou Ann Williams

Campus/Department: Hardeman Elementary

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

I was at the school for a meeting just after school let out. I asked at the office if someone could watch my son, a kindergartener at the school, while I met with his teacher and other staff. Mrs. Williams, who is not even my son's teacher, offered to take him to her classroom. When I went to pick him up from her room, she was actually down on the floor playing the Cootie game with him! She could have easily given him something to do so she could get some work done but she didn't. Thank you Mrs. Williams for making the extra effort for my son!

Submitted by: Valerie



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Nominee: Carol Souther

Campus/Department: Hardeman Elementary

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

Hardeman is very lucky to have such a wonderful 1st grade teacher. I am so blessed that both of my daughters have been taught by Mrs. Souther. She encourages her students to do their very best. Thank you so much Mrs. Souther for teaching my girls so much and loving them in the process. You will be forever in their hearts.

Submitted by: Wendy



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Date: 5/20/2008

Nominee: Melissa Le

Campus/Department: Holiday Heights Elementary

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

Mrs. Le has been both of my grandchildren's kindergarten teacher. Haley and Hunter have both benefited so much being in her class. She is an awesome teacher! She genuinely loves children and is the most kind and caring teacher I have ever seen. Mrs. Le makes learning fun and she has the amazing ability to keep her students focused, which is not always easy with a group of five and six year olds. I have tremendous respect for her as a teacher and as a person. She is very special.

Submitted by: Penny (Nana)



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Date: 5/23/2008

Nominee: Deana Hoffman

Campus/Department: Mullendore Elementary

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

On March 13, Brittany and I were involved in an accident on Rufe Snow about 3:45 p.m. Miss Hoffman just happened to be driving by and saw the accident happen. She stopped, made sure we were okay and called the police, because the driver of the other vehicle was very angry. Miss Hoffman stayed on the phone with the police until someone arrived. I very much appreciate this school nurse.

Submitted by: Lou Ann



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Date: 5/5/2008

Nominee: Deborah Coulson

Campus/Department: North Ridge Elementary

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

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Submitted by: Donna



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Date: 5/17/2008

Nominee: Donna Barker

Campus/Department: Smith Elementary

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

Mrs. Barker has been a wonderful second grade teacher for my grandson. She has shown compassion and understanding in helping him become a successful student and a more positive individual. Her love for him has been unconditional and he feels this love each day he is in her class at school. We appreciate her so much!

Kim & Donna Martin, Craig & Dawn Waisanen, Doug & Kay Waisanen

Submitted by: Kay



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Nominee: Cindy Koerber

Campus/Department: Stowe Elementary

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

Encouragement!! Ms. Koerber has been a Wonderful Mentor to my son since K. He tells her daily how he did (what color he is on-conduct). He would rather "eat dirt" than hurt her feelings or make her sad. She has helped him with self imagine, good conduct and she for sure "goes the extra mile." She is Always wearing a warm, sincere smile and has greeted me very kindly! I would just like to Thank her for going ABOVE and BEYOND to make a positive IMPRESSION On Children!! Thank you Ms. Cindy for all you do everyday for my son and other's on a daily basis. WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST~~ BECAUSE YOUR GOOD IS BETTER AND YOUR BETTER IS BEST!!! lol Jaden

Submitted by: Anita



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Date: 5/10/2008

Nominee: Nancy Kozak

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

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

Mrs. Kozak is not only an outstanding teacher, but also an angel. When I was diagnosed with breast cancer, she offered to help in anyway she could. She made sure my daughter was doing okay in school, her constant calls and words of encouragement helped me during the difficult times. During my time off from work, I was able to see the love and dedication Mrs. Kozak has for her kids. Please honor, in any way you can, such passion for teaching and caring towards others.

Submitted by: Lizette



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Date: 5/28/2008

Nominee: Sally Herrell

Campus/Department: North Oaks Middle School

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

Coach Herrell has been such a great inspiration to my daughter Kayli Stark, she has encouraged her, believed in her and has been there for her no matter what the situation. We are going to miss her tremendously when my daughter leaves NOMS. Coach Herrell believed Kayli would pass the math TAKS test and helped her with strategies to pass it and called me and was so proud to tell me that my daughter passed the test, I think all three of us were crying. She is a great asset to the BISD and all students.

Submitted by: Patti Gee



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Nominee: Anita Green

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle

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

Anita is an EA in our Special Ed. Department. We have had two students that did not have any money to purchase a yearbook and Anita paid for them with her personal money. How thoughtful!!

Submitted by: Andrea and Rosey



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Nominee: Scott Gregory

Campus/Department: Smith Elementary

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

Mr. Gregory has been a wonderful principal for our grandson. He has shown compassion and understanding in helping him become a successful student and a more positive individual. He has not only been a positive influence and role model for Ian, but also for the other students at David E. Smith. Birdville Schools are very fortunate to have him as a principal.

Submitted by: Kay



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Nominee: Bill Biggers

Campus/Department: Smithfield Middle, Crossing Guard

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

Bill is there, wind, rain or shine, watching over our students ensuring their safety; this is not a "job", it is an act of loving service. Bill noticed one of his students was no longer riding his bicycle and discovered the student's bike had been stolen. Bill located a donated bicycle to replace the stolen one. Later, the family called and thanked him, explaining they were dealing with cancer in the family and other serious struggles. Bill only asks that "we just care enough to avail ourselves to the things happening around us every day... and to 'pay it forward'".

Submitted by: Anonymous



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Nominee: Kerri Rowe

Campus/Department: Smithfield Middle School

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

Mrs. Rowe is the best reading teacher I have ever had. She explains everything so well and she tells you like it should be told. She makes reading so much fun. I actually enjoy reading now.

Submitted by: McKenna



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Nominee: Shannon Houston

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

Shannon Houston has done such an awesome job as Principal this year at WMS! She has somehow learned the names of each and every student-and greets them by name each time she sees them! She has helped me through a lot this year, and has been encouraging and thoughtful from day one. As a parent of a WMS student, I take considerable comfort knowing that a person such as Shannon is overseeing his education and care. Shannon Houston ROCKS!!!

Submitted by: Kristen



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Nominee: Phyllis Scott

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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Nominee: Whitney Nogle

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Ms. Nogle has been a positive influence on my son, Kyle. She praises him all the time. She makes class time interesting and fun. Kyle loves going to her class. Luckily he has Ms. Nogle for 2 classes, she starts and ends his day. He loves school and it is especially nice when the student looks forward to going to class. Ms. Nogle is wonderful to all students (special and otherwise).

Submitted by: Debbie



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Nominee: Amy Deweese

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

I met Amy for the first time the day her brother-in-law died. I was welcomed into their family (I was his friend) like I was one of their own. Before I knew Amy was a RHS teacher, I was so impressed with her compassion. Then I found out she was a teacher in BISD, and it made me so proud to be a part of this district. She began talking to me about some of her students, and I could see a genuine love in her eyes. You don't see that a lot. Teaching isn't just a job for Amy- it's her heart. Thanks Amy!

Submitted by: Kristen



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Date: 5/15/2008

Nominee: James Whitfield

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

Coach Whitfield is awesome. My daughter was so lucky to have him this year. He is not only a teacher but someone that really looks for the strengths in his students. Students have respect for him not because he demands it but because he respects them. Thank you coach for all you do!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Submitted by: Ms. Oseguera



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Date: 4/14/2008

Nominee: The 26-member Demolition Crew of the B&G Dept

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds Department

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

I want to send a HUGE THANK YOU and MUCH APPRECIATION to RALLY for your hard work during the clean up efforts of the portable that was destroyed by strong winds at Richland Middle School on April 10th. You were part of a truly amazing group of gentlemen from the BISD Buildings and Grounds Department who came before the sunrise!! I have never observed a harder working group in action!! I never heard a negative comment, and in fact, you all always had smiles on your faces. I truly witnessed a SERVANT'S HEART in action!!

Submitted by: Cheri Sizemore, Principal, Richland Middle



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Nominee: Caren Sorrells

Campus/Department: Curriculum & Instruction Department

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

At our 3rd grade ALT ShareFest, one of the ALT groups shared a set of books that they used to introduce math concepts. I e-mailed Caren about the possibility of the math department purchasing a set of the "Pigs Will Be Pigs" series for my grade level. She e-mailed back that not only is she purchasing these books for us, but she is also informing the district librarians about this set of books. Obviously, I grateful to be able to have the books for our students, but I am also very impressed by Caren's willingness to let librarians know about it.

Submitted by: Cynthia



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Nominee: Monty Matar

Campus/Department: Transportation Department

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

Monty is our Birdville ISD bus driver who definitely deserves to be recognized as one with "a touch of class". Monty is always friendly, always meets my son and me with a smile, and genuinely seems to enjoy his job. He goes out of his way to be helpful and informative. A smile can brighten one's day and Monty is generous with them. Thank you Monty!!

Submitted by: Anonymous



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Date: 4/9/2008

Nominee: Debbie Darter

Campus/Department: Academy at West Birdville

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

Debbie Darter is a resource teacher who volunteered to help one of my transitional students with his reading, writing, and math despite the fact that he is much older than the students she serves. She has shown nothing but patience and perseverance in remediating his academics. She has also been a wonderful resource to me, and I respect her professionalism and her dedication to our students!

Submitted by: Alyssa



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Date: 4/17/2008

Nominee: Maureen Wright

Campus/Department: Binion Elementary

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

Maureen, "Nurse Mo", is one awesome nurse. She is constantly helping individual students and families get help they need. Whether it's finding a donor to help pay the rent, or get food, to contacting Dr.'s to help students when the families can not afford it. She is the local healthcare provider to many students and their families!! She has made a huge impact this year. (This is her first year with BISD)

Submitted by: Sherry



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Date: 4/30/2008

Nominee: Laura Tippett

Campus/Department: Birdville Elementary

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

Mrs. Tippett has been a super blessing to my children. She has taught both my kids so much and I know that my daughter is ready for kindergarten next year. Thank you so much Mrs. Tippett for all your hard work and dedication. My children will always remember you! Thanks!!!

Submitted by: Michelle



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Date: 4/21/2008

Nominee: Shannon Bohlken

Campus/Department: Mullendore Elementary

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

Jake was involved in a serious accident which left him using a walker at school for a short time. Ms. Bohlken insured that he did not feel left out during recess or PE since he is restricted from activities for a few weeks. In our opinion, Ms. Bohlken has exceeded in her role as a teacher in insuring that our son was not hindered in his school work or related events that take place in the classroom. She worked with him to complete missed class papers and helped him during the kindergarten rodeo. She also visited him while he was in PICU.

Submitted by: JoLynn & Blake



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Date: 4/3/2008

Nominee: Kim Barnhill

Campus/Department: North Ridge Elementary

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

On March 25, I was recruiting at the UT@Arlington Teacher Career Fair when I met Lindsay LeMay. Lindsay graduated from Richland in 2002 and is looking forward to teaching in grades 4-8. I asked her to tell me about her favorite teacher. Without hesitation she said, "My first grade teacher, Mrs. Barnhill, inspired me to be a teacher. I love Mrs. Barnhill."
Thank you Kim for making a difference in the lives of many students!

Submitted by: Suzy



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Date: 4/3/2008

Nominee: Laura Graham

Campus/Department: North Ridge Elementary

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

Mrs. Laura Graham has shown her love for all of her students, including our son, Dalton Bryant, with her continuous encouraging comments that motivate them to do their best. Dalton enjoys her affection, even though he shies away from anything that brings attention to himself. She always has the best interest of the kids in the forefront of her intentions and strives to build their self confidence. On numerous occasions, she has taught to the best of her ability when her health should have kept her home. Laura Graham goes "the extra mile".

Submitted by: Krista



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Date: 4/7/2008

Nominee: Renee Olson

Campus/Department: Porter Elementary

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

Entering fourth grade at W.A. Porter, I was somewhat nervous to say the least. Would the teacher like me? Would I like the teacher? Would I be successful in the class? Was fourth grade really all that different from third? As it happened, the answer to all of these questions and more was a resounding 'yes'. Mrs. Olson, my teacher that year, made us all feel loved, accepted, and unique. She had a special charisma which was infectious to her students, and, for me at least, generated a love of learning that inspires me still. Thank you Mrs. Olson!

Submitted by: Trevor



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Date: 4/18/2008

Nominee: Julie Brooks

Campus/Department: Porter Elementary

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

Our 3rd graders have been assigned a book report for which they need to read either a biography or autobiography about a famous person. One of my students wants to report on Johnny Cash, but our library does not have any books about him. Julie tracked down two books, arranged to have them sent to our school, and hand delivered them to my classroom. My student and his parents are thrilled. I am impressed with her desire to take care of a student's wish. She's one of those inspirational coworkers who always goes above and beyond.

Submitted by: Cynthia



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Date: 4/18/2008

Nominee: Moses Cortez

Campus/Department: Porter Elementary

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

I want to take this opportunity to honor Moses Cortez. We couldn't be luckier to have Moses for our custodian. He isn't JUST our custodian. He is at the beckon call of 60+ women always smiling or with a joke. He not only keeps our school in tip top shape but he loves the students. He knows all of them and is a mentor to many that need that extra boost. He has taken special interest in our special needs students and when time allows he will sit down and talk or work with them. Thank you Moses for being the good man you are. We love you.

Submitted by: Cheryl



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Date: 4/30/2008

Nominee: Mary Ohnstad

Campus/Department: Porter Elementary

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

It is so very hard to write this and do justice in honoring someone that has meant so much to you for so many years. This person has always been there when anyone needed her through out our school. She goes above and beyond her duties in everyway possible. Her heart is as big as anyone's I know. She continues to give without ever thinking of anything in return for herself. She has been a Porter Parent, Porter PTA member, and part of our Porter faculty family for sixteen years. Personally for me she has been by my side for over thirteen years and always there for me no matter what the situation. She and I think so much alike when it comes to serving our students. We never have to ask one another to do something because we already know what is needed. The thought of our class continuing with out her is more than I can even imagine. Change may be forcing both of our lives to be something different but, it will never change my, gratitude, and love for her. Mary Ohnstad “Mo” you have been a dear friend and colleague for many years and I love you dearly. You are one in a million and have touched my heart more times than I can remember.

Submitted by: Cheryl



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Date: 4/8/2008

Nominee: K C Wild

Campus/Department: Richland Elementary

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

This is K C's first year as webmaster for our school. She works diligently and quickly in updating all the schools information for our parents to see. She comes to events to take pictures so she can have them on a slide show for our web site. In most cases, her shows are up and running within 24 hours of the event. Our web site looks awesome! I am so proud and pleased to have K C here on our campus!

Submitted by: Libby



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Date: 4/11/2008

Nominee: Melissa Glenn

Campus/Department: Smith Elementary

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

Melissa "Missy" Glenn single-handedly collected and organized data, then created the Pre-K PowerPoint presentation to showcase the instructional strategies in the area of number recognition for the ALT Sharefest. Missy did this independently and yet she continued to be an outstanding contributor to the Pre-K teachers by providing each one of us an individual CD prior to the Sharefest presentation. Thanks Missy!

Submitted by: Vickie



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Date: 4/17/2008

Nominee: Melissa Glenn

Campus/Department: Smith Elementary

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

Melissa Glenn has contributed above and beyond to her ALT. She produced the Power Point Presentation for the Pre-K team. She is always willing to help and share ideas to help our students achieve better.

Submitted by: Monica



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Date: 4/17/2008

Nominee: Patty Whittington

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

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

Patty has been working with a student in my class for about a week. The impact she is having on him is amazing. She is absolutely wonderful when working with him, and he looks so forward to seeing her each day. Today, he worked with another teacher, and he was sad because he was going to miss her. He watches the clock so he will know when she is going to come to our class. When he was having difficulties, she spent time with him each day, offering a happy place for him to go. I admire the patience and caring she shows my student.

Submitted by: Angela



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Date: 4/24/2008

Nominee: MaryAnn Shaft

Campus/Department: Haltom Middle School

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

Mrs. Shaft has touch families and friends not only in her class room but around the world. Mrs. Shaft is one extraordinary lady, friend, mom, co-worker, spouse. Mary Ann served our country and retired A Senior Chief in the USN and till this day, she helps her fellow sailors whenever possible. Maryann did not hesitate to redo her room to try to make all her kids comfortable, and giving them the best surroundings to learn as much as possible. She will tell you the sky is the limit, and there is no such thing as "can't". I am out of spacethank you!!

Submitted by: Chris



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Date: 4/16/2008

Nominee: Coach Joe Ward

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

He is a great all around person, he loves his job, he love the kids, he has been there for the boys to talk to when needed, and has always been there for me and my son. I have really enjoyed having him as my son's coach and Spanish teacher, I do feel that he should be awarded with teacher of the year. Coach Ward thanks for ALL that you do, keep up the good work !!!!

Submitted by: Nancy



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Date: 4/18/2008

Nominee: Cathy Blum

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

Ms. Blum works in the front office and is task with a great deal, she has been wonderful this year with helping me and my son, who has missed a lot of school due to several different illnesses. She has always been there to help me and assist me with getting all his make up work and has even taken time from her busy day to call or e-mail to check up on my son. I think that she has gone above and beyond. Great job, keep up the good work !!!!! We need more people like you in the world.

Submitted by: Nancy



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Date: 4/16/2008

Nominee: Andrea Anderson

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Ms. Anderson has positively touched my life by being the epitome of all teachers and friends! I would recommend taking her marketing class to anyone!!!

Submitted by: Heather



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Date: 4/9/2008

Nominee: Leigh Cook

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

Leigh meets or exceeds expectations as the Advanced Academics Specialist. In this capacity she also serves as the liaison for the HHS Destination Imagination team. In spite of her very busy schedule, she always has time to be proactive in support of the team, offer answers to questions of protocol, to provide assistance in any way necessary and to even watch the performances of the team on her day off. However it is her gentle nature and personal yet professional interaction with each individual team member that is astonishing and memorable.

Submitted by: Jonathan, Lindsay, Matthew, Sam, Sarah, & Lenor



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Date: 4/25/2008

Nominee: Mike Jasso

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

Today was the last day to prepare for the 7th Grade Math TAKS. I came to school at 6am to make a special practice sheet with the kinds of problems my TAKS after school students told me were the hardest for them to work. While I was making the copies our one WMS copy machine broke. I decided to ask for help at Haltom High School. I taught there last year and hoped that one of the administrators would help me "put the icing on the cake" and finish. Mr. Jasso personally had the copies I needed made helping 140 students and one teacher. Thanks!

Submitted by: Melinda



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Date: 4/28/2008

Nominee: Scot Hafley

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

Coach Scot Hafley, athletic coordinator and football coach at Haltom High School, has made a significant impact on the lives of our 1st grade classes at David E. Smith Elementary. He volunteered to read books to our students faithfully every week since October. Our students look forward to his funny voices and enthusiastic interpretations. The students remember all the details of the stories he has read because he is so good at making the stories come to life. We appreciate his time and the positive impact he has had on our student's lives.

Submitted by: Allie & Ruth



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Date: 4/30/2008

Nominee: Kevin McNulty

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

Kevin McNulty and Evan Blackard rock! They both invested countless hours outside of the regular curriculum to create and produce the annual RHS Percussion Show. They taught our kids a valuable lesson-- with hard work and dedication, the students can do anything! Under McNulty and Blackard's leadership, the students created and produced a professional quality show. The teachers believed in them, invested the time, and the result was amazing. These guys went beyond their job expectations and because they did, the students did, too!

Submitted by: Sue & Scott



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Nominee: Evan Blackard

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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Date: 4/30/2008

Nominee: Donna Jowell

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

Donna Jowell has worked tirelessly for the special education department here at RHS. Over the past several weeks and months, she has worked to coordinate the testing process for our students, which is no easy task. She is a mentor, guide, and friend to me and many others here. Additionally, she knows hundreds of our students by name, and regularly seeks to make a positive impact in their lives. Thank you for all you do for us, Donna. We love you.

Submitted by: Kelsey



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Date: 4/8/2008

Nominee: Patricia Neighbors

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

Miss Neighbors has a positive outlook on everything we do as students. She has made high school more enjoyable just by being able to call her my teacher. She respects her students and cares for us like her own children. She is a beautiful director who knows how to make music beautiful and enjoyable. Choir would not be the same without her as my Varsity teacher. Thank you Miss Neighbors. :)

Submitted by: Nicole



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Date: 4/25/2008

Nominee: Pam Simmons

Campus/Department: Shannon Learning Center

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

Mrs. Simmons is a constant advocate for students. Her attitude is incredibly positive, her energy level is extremely high, and her dedication to her students is endless. There are many days when other matters make it difficult or impossible for me to personally provide ROPES activities to the entire student population in the DAEP as we would like, Mrs. Simmons is always ready willing and able to step up to the plate and take on this task with enthusiasm and professionalism. It is terrific that she does this without being prompted to do so.

Submitted by: Brent



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Date: 3/31/2008

Nominee: Cheryl McKnight

Campus/Department: TIMS Department

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

Mrs. McKnight was instrumental in planning and executing Watauga Elementary's first on line experience in testing TELPAS reading. Her time, guidance, encouragement, and patience were greatly appreciated by staff and students.

Submitted by: Joyce



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Date: 3/25/2008

Nominee: Jon Norris

Campus/Department: TIMS Department

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

Today, Jon came to my school, North Ridge Middle, (not in his cluster), to help me administer the TELPAS Online Reading test to students. He loaded the program on our lab computers yesterday, he monitored everything today. WOW!!! I could not have done it without him. Thank you, Jon!

Submitted by: Robin



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Date: 3/24/2008

Nominee: Annell Butler

Campus/Department: Academy at C. F. Thomas

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

I have known "Miss Annell" for many years, since she was the director of our afterschool daycare. She was always so willing to share the space when I had to use the cafeteria for practices. She genuinely loves the kids she cares for. She is now the ESL EA at our campus. She is a bright and shining light at our school, always has a smile to share or a cheerful good morning. The students love her and she loves them. She works so hard, and is willing to help ANYONE who needs it. But the best thing about her is her attitude- always positive! :)

Submitted by: Beth



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Date: 3/13/2008

Nominee: Charlotte Solorio

Campus/Department: Academy at West Birdville

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

Ms. Solorio has a passion for books and so do I. She touches me by telling me about all the books she reads. She helps me find interesting books. I share with her the same way she shares with me. It is nice to have a librarian who shares time with me. It makes me feel important. Thanks Ms. Solorio. Good luck with your reading life!

Submitted by: Mariana



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Date: 3/24/2008

Nominee: SHEMELE HODGES

Campus/Department: Academy at West Birdville

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

Numerous times this year, first grade substitutes were not located to fill a vacant classroom. SHEMELE graciously opened her classroom and took double classes for the day. She always had a positive attitude and worked hard to make each student feel at home. SHEMELE has been a great team player this year even during difficult times. Thanks SHEMELE for showing love for all the first graders as well as love for AWB.

Submitted by: Kathy



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Date: 3/24/2008

Nominee: Janet Brown

Campus/Department: Academy at West Birdville

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

Janet opened her heart and her classroom to help AWB deal with a difficult situation this year. When first grade substitutes did not show up, Janet graciously took on double classes. She made every child feel special. Numerous times this year, Janet was called upon to provide a home for classes without substitutes. Janet always had a positive attitude when asked to take on this task. She always said, "This is what is best for the children." Thanks Janet for making all first graders feel at home in your classroom.

Submitted by: Linda



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Nominee: Michael Wamsley

Campus/Department: Academy at West Birdville

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

Michael has a great love of teaching. He takes each challenge head on and plans accordingly to tackle all obstacles. Michael teaches what the data instructs him to. He keeps reading and math data for our school current and knows the strengths and weaknesses of individuals. Through his leadership, it has been possible for us to improve plans to help each student reach maximum potential.

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Nominee: Melanie Steinhebel

Campus/Department: Birdville Elementary

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Nominee: Tammie Jackson

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Date: 3/7/2008

Nominee: Ashleigh Moreno

Campus/Department: Foster Village Elementary

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

Mrs. Moreno has made an exceptional difference in my 5 year old son's life. There is a world of difference in his speech since she started working with him last school year. She has made an impact on his life that will be with him and benefit him the rest of his life. She is an angel to us and we will never forget the gift she has given us.

Submitted by: Lisa



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Date: 3/27/2008

Nominee: Suzanne Younke

Campus/Department: Holiday Heights Elementary

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

She has been really special to my nephew Matthew and his sister Kayleigh, who also said she was a great teacher. I am her room mom and she is really great with the kids. Thank you Sisan for all your hard work.

Submitted by: Kay



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Date: 3/27/2008

Nominee: Sandy Mork

Campus/Department: Holiday Heights Elementary

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

My niece, Kayleigh has Mrs. Mark and she really likes her. She told Kayleigh that if she ever needed help she would be there. I am grateful for a teacher that will give her all to help the kids. I thank her for all her work. Thank you

Submitted by: Kay



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Date: 3/13/2008

Nominee: Dianna Darden

Campus/Department: Mullendore Elementary

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

Dianna Darden was the kindergarten teacher for two of my children, one of which is in the Marines in Iraq. I have always thought of her as the best teacher ever. She is always so positive with her students, doesn't raise her voice and makes sure that they all get a hug everyday. Dianna is such an awesome teacher and person. To this day she always asks about my children and how they are doing. You can tell she really does care about every student.

Submitted by: Helen



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Date: 3/24/2008

Nominee: Tracy Jennings

Campus/Department: Porter Elementary

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

Today I saw professionalism in action. We had a medical emergency at our school and our school nurse, Tracy Jennings, stepped up and handled it with care, concern, and empathy. She kept her cool throughout the entire ordeal and therefore we, the office staff at Porter, were able to do our emergency duties without panic. Because of Tracy, we saw that our emergency response plan does work. We were privileged to see a real hero in action!

Thank you, Tracy! You are certainly our shining star! The Office Staff at W. A. Porter

Submitted by: Susie



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Nominee: Christy Berrier

Campus/Department: Smith Elementary

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Date: 3/1/2008

Nominee: Ginny Freeman

Campus/Department: Smith Elementary

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

She is an excellent first grade teacher. She is really interested in helping the students both academically and emotionally. She is a teacher because she genuinely cares about children.

Submitted by: Jennifer



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Date: 2/29/2008

Nominee: Shelly Villa

Campus/Department: Smith Elementary

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

I am so lucky that both of my children have been taught by Mrs. Villa. She is an excellent Kindergarten teacher. She has fun with the class while she teaches and she helps to transition the students into an elementary school environment. She really goes above and beyond what is expected of her.

Submitted by: Jennifer



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Nominee: Sallye Shaw

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Date: 3/24/2008

Nominee: Kerrie Tillotson

Campus/Department: Smithfield Elementary

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

Mrs. Tillotson has been a wonderful influence on my grandson Dylan Munday. He was having difficulties with his reading comprehension because of a lack of self-confidence. After being tutored by Mrs. Tillotson, Dylan's reading grade rose by 12 points and he is now reading 4th grade level books and making 100's on AR tests. Way to go Mrs. Tillotson and I can't thank you enough for your dedication to your students.

Submitted by: Anita



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Date: 3/5/2008

Nominee: Debbie Winkenweder, Amy Newland, and Angela Brown

Campus/Department: Smithfield Elementary

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

Thank you to this great team for getting my grandson Jordan ready for the TAKS. He is positive he is ready for the test. That comes from great teaching!! Great Job!!

Submitted by: Kara



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Date: 3/3/2008

Nominee: Tommye Jo Pafford

Campus/Department: Stowe Elementary

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

I would like to thank TommyeJo Pafford for being a great role model in my life. You have always been someone that I knew I could come to with whatever personal or professional advice I needed. Thank you for making all the mountains I've approached, easier to climb!

Submitted by: Cindy



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Date: 3/3/2008

Nominee: Lindsay Vaughan

Campus/Department: Stowe Elementary

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

Ms. Vaughan has been helping my son through some tough times dealing with his dad. She has also been very caring in helping me feel more at ease because she is wonderful at communicating with me about how he is doing.

Submitted by: Diane



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Date: 3/7/2008

Nominee: Julee Lacey

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

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

Mrs. Lacey has been such a wonderful addition to our school. We love Walker Creek and feel very fortunate to have such a caring, and wonderful teacher such as Mrs. Lacey. Our daughter is constantly saying how much she loves school and how glad she is that she is in Mrs. Lacey's class. Mrs. Lacey challenges each student to strive for their best, is there with encouraging words when they struggle, and is always there with a proud rewarding hug when they succeed. I believe that Mrs. Lacey has instilled the love for learning in my daughter Lauren, and for that we are genuinely thankful from the bottom of our hearts.

Submitted by: DeeDee



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Nominee: Nancy Burleson

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Mrs. Burleson and her husband Bob, have given many after school hours to contribute their time and talents to make Watauga Elementary's Outdoor Learning Environment a wonderful place to be enjoyed by the school community. Both have provided guidance, inspiration, and supervision to build and to maintain this labor of love. Thanks to your sincere and ongoing dedication, you have provided the opportunity for staff, students, and their families to enjoy this wonderful place.

Submitted by: Joyce



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Nominee: Teresa Holford

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Thank you, Mrs. Holford, for sharing your computer expertise with staff and students. Your guidance, support, encouragement, and patience were greatly appreciated during Watauga Elementary's first online testing experience for TELPAS reading.

Submitted by: Joyce



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Date: 3/2/2008

Nominee: Jess Erwin

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Jess is a wonderful teacher and a great co-worker. She gives 150% each and every day. This year she has spearheaded the campus Spelling Bee as well as Art club. She comes in early and stays late often to do things above and beyond her regular classroom duties. She even covers for other teachers in their extra curricular programs when they need to be out. She gives so much of herself and expects nothing in return. She comes in each day with a smile on her face, ready for another fun day in her classroom manages to find the fun in school everyday.

Submitted by: Mary



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Date: 3/13/2008

Nominee: Mark Biggs

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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

Mr. Biggs and Mr. Gillespie invented an after school math program that allows students to go on a "treasure hunt" by solving problems. As each problem is solved, another clue is obtained. Previously hard to motivate students are eager to learn and excited about the daily adventures! The planning and coordination are exceptional with a great impact on students. Brand Arnold assist in running the program. All teachers have gone above and beyond just "routine" tutorials to create an excellent and structured learning environment.

Submitted by: Kenneth



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Date: 3/12/2008

Nominee: Lee Wagstaff

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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

Mr. Wagstaff follows a code of excellence and high standards in his classroom. He is genuinely interested in the students, and recognizes and encourages the character virtues that BISD desires to promote. Mr. Wagstaff is kind, consistent, and caring. He expects excellence from the students, but no less for himself.

Submitted by: Marge Anne



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Date: 3/24/2008

Nominee: Brandy McClure

Campus/Department: Smithfield Middle School

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

This is Brandy's first year at Smithfield. She was hired after the school year started and jumped in head first! She is so dedicated to helping her student learn. She goes above and beyond trying to find ways to make learning more interesting for her students. Brandy is easy to work with and has great ideas for interesting projects. Her students are very lucky to have her as a teacher! It would be wonderful to be able to work with her next year because of her joy for teaching and her willingness to share ideas! She is a great friend!!

Submitted by: Davee



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Date: 3/4/2008

Nominee: Todd Tolbert

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

Coach Tolbert is another outstanding Warrior! He is very knowledgeable about basketball and an asset to his profession. He believes in building all around student athletes. Parents see and respect his dedication to his kids!

Submitted by: A proud WMS parent



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Date: 3/4/2008

Nominee: Vanleuxa Ratsaphangthong

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

Better known as Coach R! Thank you Coach R for a great Basketball season! What a great role model for our boys at WMS. Coach R. has a gift for coaching middle school boys. He is a perfect example of class, respect, and fairness. It is always about the boys, win or lose. He works hard for his teams and it shows. He also takes time to get to know his players parents. He has earned respect for the whole program. His parents didn't want the season to end!!!

Submitted by: A proud WMS parent



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Date: 3/24/2008

Nominee: Kyle Pekurney

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Kyle Pekurney has touched the lives of so many students throughout BISD. He has a genuine caring attitude about every student in which he comes in contact. He has mentored many students along the way at SMS, NRMS and now at BHS. He is a talented and gifted History teacher who plans engaging lessons that students who have long graduated remember today. I am thankful that two of my children had Coach Pekurney as a teacher, coach, and mentor. He is everything our district stands for. Birdville needs to hang on to this dedicated educator.

Submitted by: Steven and Lisa



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Date: 3/14/2008

Nominee: Ronda Connelly

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

Ronda Connelly is a great friend and teacher. She has been a mentor, and a source of encouragement for both of us, as well as countless other teachers. She is always willing to help others with resources and materials or ideas on how to make a lesson better. Ronda spends a lot of time and money on her students trying to create the best lessons and classroom environment possible. We feel that she needs to be recognized for her outstanding attitude towards Haltom High School and the effort she applies to make our school a better place.

Submitted by: Elizabeth and Jennifer



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Date: 3/15/2008

Nominee: Matt Snow

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

Coach Snow, the Boys Junior Varsity Soccer coach, has done an excellent job of showing the young men on this team what caring truly means. In a recent soccer game one of his players was seriously hurt. Coach Snow went with this player to the hospital and stayed until he knew that this young man was going to be able to go home. Coach Snow then went to this player's house to make sure that he was recovering comfortably. My son, as well as the others on the team, are getting an opportunity to see that Coach Snow cares about all of them. Thank you!

Submitted by: Cheryl



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Nominee: Sammie Shepperd

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

I am a teacher with FWISD and live in the Birdville District. My neighbor, Sara Stanford, is a freshman at Richland High and takes a sign language class with Ms. Shepperd. I have a young niece in Ohio who is deaf, and am being tutored by Sara in Sign so that I will be able to communicate with her this summer when I visit. It is quite evident that Ms. Shepperd is doing a terrific job in teaching this critical subject, as I am very impressed by the large vocabulary Sara has attained in such a short time. Please give her my thanks.

Submitted by: Brad



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Date: 2/4/2008

Nominee: *David Holland*

Campus/Department: *Accountability & Research*

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

Thank David Holland very much for helping me understand the INOVA data. Mr. Holland helped me know exactly which objectives may be causing the significant drop in performance for my students. He also explained to me how to use scale score, percent, and number correct properly on TAKS correctly. He also told me how the TAKS test is organized (easy ,hard, easy) may be the key piece of information that improves my students' performance this year. You, personally, have made the biggest impact on me and my students this year.

Submitted by: *Melinda*



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Date: 2/15/2008

Nominee: *David Merryfield*

Campus/Department: *TIMS Department*

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

David is absolutely great. He comes out to repair our computers, and any other technical problem we have, very quickly. A lot of the times you don't even know he's been there until you realize your repair is fixed. When we've had rush problems he has been there ASAP to make sure everything is up and working. He's a hard worker and BISD is lucky to have him on the staff.

Submitted by: *Julie*



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Date: 2/11/2008

Nominee: *Teresa Lawson*

Campus/Department: *TIMS Department*

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

Teresa is awesome. Anytime I need her help all I have to do is e-mail her and she immediately jumps on the situation. Not only does she excel at helping to teach all of the new technology to the students, but she is there for the teachers, as well. She is truly under-rated and a wonderful person to work with. I am extremely happy that she is our IT over here at Walker Creek. She makes my job that much easier.

Submitted by: *Julie*



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Date: 2/15/2008

Nominee: Elizabeth Rogers

Campus/Department: Haltom Middle School

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

Liz has worked tirelessly for the last 2 years to coordinate the afterschool program at Haltom MS. The job requires many hours beyond her 6th grade social studies teaching job. Liz has done a wonderful job promoting the program, organizing all the classes and teachers, and being an ambassador for the program. She has many creative ideas that work well in the afterschool setting. Thank you, Liz, for your support and dedication to BISD SCORES! Your program is successful because of you and the wonderful teachers at Haltom MS.

Submitted by: Kathy



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Date: 2/5/2008

Nominee: Glenn Serviente

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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

Glenn has taken up the slack since our other AP has been out sick for two weeks. Also, our counselor has been out and Glenn has been doing schedules for our new students. Glenn steps in and helps wherever he is needed. Way to go Glenn! What a team player!

Submitted by: Andrea



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Date: 2/28/2008

Nominee: *William Monty*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle*

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

I would like to nominate Mr. Monty for the outstanding role model and positive influence he is to my daughter Hannah. The last few weeks have been very difficult for her due to our fie and living in a hotel. Mr. Monty has gone above and beyond to be an encourager and friend to Hannah. He even brought her a jacket from home when it was cold so she would be warm. He is a very caring person and a God send to our family. Hannah has a daily conversation with Mr. Monty and it makes her day and mine as well.

Submitted by: *Wendye*



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Date: 2/6/2008

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 has taught 2 of my children at Watauga Middle School. Over the last 3 years, I have seen my oldest kids develop into amazing, caring, and positive young adults. They are continually telling me about Ms. Blum's amazing character. When I have had difficulties with either child, Heather is always the first to offer help and encouragement in any way she can. She recently noticed a slight change in my daughter, and was quick to e-mail me to see if she was ok. How many teachers can say that they care enough to do something like that?

Submitted by: *Kristen*



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Date: 2/27/2008

Nominee: *Katy Lee Kemp*

Campus/Department: *Richland High School*

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

Katy has been an incredible addition to Richland High School as the Smaller Learning Communities Grant site coordinator. She works tirelessly for students and sincerely cares about their lives. Her involvement with Rebel Roundup, Link Crew, student mentoring, and numerous other activities has left its indelible mark. She is not only an incredible employee, but also an incredible person. I have been lucky to have been able to work with and know Katy.

Submitted by: *Angie*



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Date: 2/29/2008

Nominee: *Rita Davis*

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

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

Mrs. Davis is one of the most helpful people I know. I have worked with her for five years here at ACFT and she is always ready to help anyone in the school or community. She is dependable and cheerful each day. She makes my job such a pleasure because I know I can always depend on her to do the right thing. The students and staff here at ACFT all feel the same way about Mrs. Davis.

Submitted by: *Karen*



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Date: 2/29/2008

Nominee: *Michael Wamsley*

Campus/Department: *Academy at West Birdville*

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

Michael takes time out of his busy schedule to help students that need help. A few weeks ago I had a student that did not understand a math concept and Michael found a 10 minute period between his regularly scheduled classes to come into my classroom and help this student one on one. He has a busy schedule and sometimes skips lunch to help as many students as he possibly can. He is willing to help any student, even students that he does not and will not get credit for helping.

Submitted by: *Modesta*



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Date: 2/19/2008

Nominee: *All Faculty and Staff*

Campus/Department: *Binion Elementary*

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

My grandson is so thrilled to be going to Binion E. S. He would probably go 7 days a week were it allowed. He talks all the time about what he learns, what he does (not always good), and the very special staff with whom he comes in contact. They have always been encouraging, supportive, and loving even while he wasn't. He is so proud of "his" school and I am so proud of their effort and the change they have made in his life. Thank you all.

Submitted by: *Adele*



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Date: 2/18/2008

Nominee: *Tammie Jackson*

Campus/Department: *Birdville Elementary*

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

Tammie has been a true blessing to me and my children for three years now. She has always helped us with any questions, and helps in any way possible. My son ,a few months ago, had strep throat. Well I had to pick up my daughter from the pre-k class, and I didn't want my son getting around anyone ,because he was so sick. So I called Tammie and she stopped what she was doing just so she could bring my daughter all the way to the car. She even made sure she got in safe, and she checked on my son. But the best thing about Tammie is her bright smile.

Submitted by: *Michelle*



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Date: 2/29/2008

Nominee: *Kimberly Gill*

Campus/Department: *Foster Village Elementary*

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

Last year Ms. Gill stepped up to assume the role of PTA President in addition to being a first grade teacher at Foster Village Elementary. Because of her energy, excitement and love for our children, our PTA has experienced a rebirth. She not only infects the kids with a love of learning, but inspires parents and other teachers to give of themselves in time and spirit to improve our school and the lives of all the children at Foster Village.

Submitted by: *Vanessa*



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Date: 2/4/2008

Nominee: Carol Raymond

Campus/Department: Francisco Elementary

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

My son, a 5th grader at W.T. Francisco has always been a sort of quiet and non-assertive child. In third grade he was diagnosed with Spondylaropathy, a disease of the spine and dyslexia. He had to repeat the 3rd grade due to TAKS results. His spirit had been beat down, until he met Ms. Raymond this year. Ms. Raymond has helped him become the scholar he is and brought out the love of education in him. I would like to also say that Ms. Raymond has given my son a new sense of worth and has showed him how to take pride and respect for his education. He gets excited to do projects and it is all in part to pleasing her. She is an exceptional teacher, I wish we could clone her.

I feel whatever she is doing for motivation is working and she should share with all of her colleagues. Again she is great and I can't wait for her to touch my other children's hearts as she has done for my son. Thank you so much for letting me speak about her. If there is another Teacher Nomination or Award please let me know - I would like to shout from the rooftops the impact she has made on my son this year.

Submitted by: Tammi



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Date: 2/15/2008

Nominee: *Macie Bemrick*

Campus/Department: *Mullendore Elementary*

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

Macie is always ready to help. She is creative, hard working and just lots of fun. I asked Macie for help coordinating our United Way Campaign and she did not hesitate to accept. She immediately starting working on ideas that the students would get excited about. Thanks to her ideas and hard work, we had a successful campaign. She tackles every endeavor with enthusiasm and vigor. I am so fortunate to work with such a wonderful person.

Submitted by: *Cheryl*



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Date: 2/26/2008

Nominee: *Michelle Sims*

Campus/Department: *Richland Elementary*

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

Michelle is the first adult that many parents see every morning. She always has such a bright smile as she gets students out of their car. What a wonderful way to start a persons day! Thank you for starting my day off in such a positive way.

Submitted by: *Rheanna*



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Date: 2/29/2008

Nominee: *Ginger Rocha*

Campus/Department: *Smith Elementary*

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

My granddaughter has had a "burst of Sunshine" in her life every day this year because of the smiles, hugs, laughter and love she has received from this dedicated teacher. As a result it has been what we call the "best year ever" for our 4th grader. Mrs. Rocha teaches in a fun way so the children know that it is not boring to be in school while you are learning. She has risen to the "challenge" of keeping them on goals and task and stretching for their highest mark in achievement. What a total blessing! A teacher that totally cares! Thanks Mrs. Rocha!

Submitted by: *Cheryle*



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Date: 2/29/2008

Nominee: Paula Keller

Campus/Department: Smith Elementary

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

I could not begin to list all that Mrs. Keller has meant to our family and how she has impacted the lives of my 2 grandchildren attending DES Elementary. It will be 3 years this Easter since my grandchildren lost their daddy and my son to a drug overdose. They had already been attending the school for several years so they knew their Counselor. How do I tell you in a few lines what she did to keep my kids and our family moving through this sadness? The first day they went back to school she had them come to her office and they came home with big Teddy Bears they carried all around the house from her. Their Uncle had saved some of their daddy's shirts so they dressed the bears in that and slept with them every night. Mrs. Keller met with them often and held a "Sunshine Club" with other children also that taught them self esteem and gave them an avenue to vent their fears and disappointment at what happened to their daddy. She is always very professional yet loving beyond compare with the kids that walk through her door. We have never seen her not smiling. She is not only beautiful and loving towards our children but she is also beautiful on the inside where it really counts which is in her heart. She goes beyond the meaning of Counselor because she is not afraid to show the world she knows how to love our babies and cares what has and will happen to them in their innocent lives through elementary school. She promptly returns phone calls and listens to the parent's/grandparent's fears and tears also. Mrs. Keller is so needed to open her Angel Wings and surround our children with her love and protection. Thanks Paula for being you and not being ashamed or afraid to shine!

Submitted by: Cheryl



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Nominee: *Roxanne Magee*

Campus/Department: *Smith Elementary*

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

My granddaughter never comes home this year without telling me stories and laughing so hard about her day. She lost her daddy 3 years ago. This year she has completely come out of her shell and said it is the best year she has ever had in school due to the love and fun she has had from Ms. Magee and her way of showing the kids learning can be fun! Ms. Magee has headed up several fund raisers so the 4th graders can go to Austin on a field trip. She promptly answers all questions and emails and is always smiling. She is just a blessing to us all.

Submitted by: *Cheryle*



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Date: 2/19/2008

Nominee: Gail Long

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

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

Our Assistant Principal group tries to meet regularly to encourage, support and mentor one another. Gail shares her expertise and wit with our group. Most notably, however, is the fact that she provides lovely goody bags for each of us. Most of the time they are holiday themed and always they contain chocolate! This kind gesture is just one of the ways Gail makes those around her feel special. I am thankful to call her a peer and a friend.

Submitted by: Jennifer



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Date: 2/29/2008

Nominee: *Cindy Koerber*

Campus/Department: *Stowe Elementary*

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

Cindy is smiling everyday and goes out of her way to help everyone. She also makes sure that all the students she works with know that they are special. She listens to them and they know that she will always be there for them. I am always being stopped by students who tell me that they worked with Ms. Koerber and they enjoy writing now.

Submitted by: *Carol*



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Date: 2/13/2008

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 has become such a positive impact in my child's life. My child has always loved computers but now, instead of coming home and playing computer games, my daughter is doing power points on several different topics. It is wonderful seeing how much the kids learn at Walker Creek and Ms. Wooley is a great example. My daughter loves computer lab and I'm excited to see what she will be doing next. Thank you Ms. Wooley!

Submitted by: Anonymous



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Date: 2/26/2008

Nominee: Ana Moeller

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Ms. Ana is our Parent Liaison for our large Hispanic population. She always goes above and beyond what is required of her. She is always positive and supportive. The children love her, as do the parents. She is always happy to lend a hand in our class, even when it does not involve a translation issue. We LOVE her!

Submitted by: Jeanne



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Date: 2/21/2008

Nominee: *Patricia Henderson*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

Ms. Henderson makes such a wonderful impact on our students here at Watauga Elementary each and every day. She comes to work excited to be here and that excitement and enthusiasm about music flows over into her students. She works hard to create fun and interesting lessons that not only teach music, but also core subject material. Almost daily, she shares materials or ideas with the classroom teachers that makes each child's educational experience at this school even better.

Submitted by: *Anonymous*



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Date: 1/31/2008

Nominee: Travis Maclin & Stevan Hickman

Campus/Department: Buildings & Grounds Department

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

Travis and Stevan put out a fire on Grapevine Blvd. median down by Richland Plaza. They poured water on the fire and stomped it out ruining their shoes. Stevan said the fire was about 20 feet wide and spreading fast. Because of their quick action they saved a home on the other side of the street.

Submitted by: Josh Sonderer



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Date: 1/18/2008

Nominee: Bobby L. Roberts

Campus/Department: Buildings & Grounds Department

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

Mr. Roberts has taken care of the schools for BISD for a long time. He has touched my children's lives not only as their grandfather, but by making sure that their school(Birdville elem.)and others are clean, safe, and in tip top shape. He truly is a positive person, not only in our lives, but in the lives of many others. We are blessed to have him in our lives...

Submitted by: Michelle Arnold



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Date: 1/19/2008

Nominee: Katie Bowman

Campus/Department: Business, Accounting and Payroll Department

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

Katie Bowman is an absolute dream of a Finance Director. She is easing my budgeting woes one line at a time. I could not have gotten luckier as a first year principal. Katie is so helpful! She explains every intricate detail in a manner that is completely non-intimidating. Her patience bucket never runs dry with me and for that I am so completely grateful!!!

Submitted by: Shannon Houston



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Date: 1/3/2008

Nominee: Donna Dominguez

Campus/Department: Central Stores

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

Donna, is one of the most organized people that I have ever worked with. She goes out of her way to do what ever she has to help people. She does her job and does not complain know matter how long it takes. She is easy to get along with and is hard working, she is a pleasure to be around.

Submitted by: Kenneth Ott



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Date: 1/19/2008

Nominee: Richard Valenta

Campus/Department: Personnel Department

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

Thanks to Mr. Valenta for the help he gives to me and my campus! I appreciate the way he is always willing to offer sound advice and talk in times of need. What a fortunate district we are to have such a wise man at the helm!!!

Submitted by: Shannon Houston



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Date: 1/19/2008

Nominee: David Bach

Campus/Department: Personnel Department

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

Mr. Bach is such an asset to BISD! He is always there to assist when you need help in any matter. From searching for the best candidate for open spots to assisting in areas of concern, Mr. Bach gives 150 % of his time and energy. He makes the time to talk and even drops in to do a "wellness" check. What a wonderful man!!! He is greatly appreciated by me and the entire administrative staff at WMS. Thanks for all you do!

Submitted by: Shannon Houston



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Date: 1/19/2008

Nominee: Pam Worley

Campus/Department: Personnel Department

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

Pam Worley is such a wonderful woman! She takes the time to answer all my questions and to direct me to the right person for my other needs. She always assists me in my personnel search and goes the extra mile to ensure I get the right files and resumes in a timely manner. Thanks, Pam!!!

Submitted by: Shannon Houston



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Nominee: Billie Boles

Campus/Department: Personnel Department

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

It is always a treat to hear Billie's happy voice! She is always pleasant and thoughtful. Thank you, Billie, for helping me in my latest personnel search! You are a dream!!!

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Nominee: Paige Curry

Campus/Department: Personnel Department

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

Great job in always helping me with "Eduphoria" and appraisal questions and for doing such a profound job with the student teachers. You are awesome, Paige! You really make the personnel team complete! Thanks so much!!!

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Date: 1/19/2008

Nominee: Suzy Compton

Campus/Department: Personnel Department

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

Thank you, Mrs. Compton, for all you do to ensure one of your ex-kiddoes is a successful principal in the district. You are greatly appreciated and I love to hear your happy voice on the phone when I need you. Some things just never change! You are truly special!!!!

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Date: 1/16/2008

Nominee: Violetta Lopez

Campus/Department: Academy at C. F. Thomas

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

Ms. Lopez taught my oldest son last year and she has my youngest son this year. I am constantly amazed at how hard she works with her students. She is teaching a dual-language class, and basically is teaching Spanish speakers and English speakers both a second language as well as the other basics that second graders need. She works very hard with her students and wants them to be successful. My sons have learned so much from her, and she is always trying new ways to reach her students. Thank you, Ms. Lopez for everything you do!

Submitted by: Beth Shier



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Date: 1/16/2008

Nominee: Beth Hyland

Campus/Department: Academy at C. F. Thomas

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

Every day on the way home my son Jonathan starts off with "can I tell you something we did in class today?" The next sentence always starts with "Miss Hyland told us.. or showed us..." etc. His teacher, Ms. Hyland, has inspired him to love learning even more. She has very high expectations and is constantly challenging the kids to do more than I could imagine they could do! She also spends hours of time helping kids who need extra help. She is always smiling and calm, and I know she works hard with the students that she has. Thank you Ms. Hyland!

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Date: 1/28/2008

Nominee: Carla Liddington

Campus/Department: Academy at West Birdville

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

I would like to nominate Carla Liddington, secretary at The Academy at West Birdville. She has been a lifesaver to me at this campus. Being only on this campus one day a week makes it difficult to "feel at home." Carla has made me feel totally at home here on this campus. She is quick to help with acclimating to this campus and making sure that all of my needs are met. She is always gracious no matter what the question, even when I call her from my other campus with a question and especially the never-ending question of "I need a room to test for g/t, do you know where I might find one?" Carla in my opinion "A Touch of Class" herself! I appreciate her tremendously!

Submitted by: Stefanie Gerron-Woodard



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Date: 1/28/2008

Nominee: Debbie Darter

Campus/Department: Academy at West Birdville

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

I would like to nominate Debbie Darter for this award as she is "A Touch of Class" in and of herself. She has been the most accommodating individual. She is willing to share her room and even move to another place when my proctor is on this campus for testing. This is an extremely generous offer from Mrs. Darter and for that I will truly be forever grateful. I appreciate her willingness to be flexible with her space and share for the purposes of testing our students here at West Birdville. Again, I believe that she is truly "A Touch of Class!"

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Date: 1/28/2008

Nominee: Charlie Brown

Campus/Department: Academy at West Birdville

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

I would like to nominate Charlie Brown for this award as he is an outstanding member of the Mustang faculty. Mr. Brown has welcomed me to this campus with a smile everyday. West Birdville is at max capacity with the use of all of their classrooms and this makes testing for my department, the Advanced Academics Department, rather tricky. Mr. Brown has greeted my proctor with the same smile as well. My proctor has been on my campuses in this district and she is overcome with the niceness that is given to her by Mr. Brown. On the days that my proctor is here to test, Mr. Brown finishes cleaning the cafeteria early, so that she may test in the cafeteria, as that is the only place left to test after a certain time in the afternoon. Mr. Brown always makes sure that she is comfortable in her surroundings and has everything that she needs to test our students. This truly says to me that he is in the "Touch of Class" category. He is to be commended for his efforts not only in this situation, but in his building as well. What a true asset Charlie Brown is to Birdville ISD

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Date: 1/17/2008

Nominee: Carrie Chandler

Campus/Department: Foster Village

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

I use to work with Carrie Chandler at Corning Cable Systems and each holiday a group of us still get together and have lunch, exchange gifts, and share lives. This year was no different and among the many hugs and the roar of giggles and chit chat we all noticed the radiant glow around 'Ms. Chandler'!! Of course we all had to give our two bits about the 'ole work place' and I heard Ms. Chandler talking about her move to the classroom and what a blessing it had been for her and her family. Her face lit up and she told us about teaching and what fulfillment she got from her students and working at the school. Her enthusiasm and passion filled the room and I thought then, I sure wish she could have taught one of my boys.

I know that every day her students leave with her zest for life and love for others. WOW.....you all must be doing something right to have her there!! She must have a great principal and staff because all of that plays a role in teacher's lives and how they teach.

I know for me, it is a day to day struggle working in the 'corporate world', it seems like they only look for what everyone is doing wrong...or NOT doing, instead of looking for the good and all that is right. In working and training my horses I give rewards for the 'try'. I've learned if I praise and reward the 'try'.....I get my results much faster and complete. I could tell Carrie notices the 'try'.....not if it is an A or a 100...but if they tried....and gave the effort. Just hearing her talk about teaching.....blessed me.

When I left our Christmas lunch I was so excited for Carrie, but most of all her students. One of my favorite sayings is "The best thing to do behind someone's back.....is pat it!" I hope I can trust you all to pat Ms. Chandler on the back (and I would like her wallet too!) for a job well done. I hope her parents know how blessed they are to have her everyday with their kiddos!!!

Submitted by: Ann Sonders



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Date: 1/23/2008

Nominee: Marla Pendery

Campus/Department: Green Valley Elementary

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

Marla is one the most pleasant people I've ever met. She truly has a genuine love for teaching and loves her children. She promotes what a teacher should be! She's caring, loving and passionate about teaching. I wish I'd had a teacher like Marla when I was in elementary school!

Submitted by: Mary Rodriguez



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Date: 1/18/2008

Nominee: Toni Powers

Campus/Department: Holiday Heights Elementary

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

Toni is always so helpful and kind, quick to offer assistance and always with a smile. My oldest child is now in 3rd grade, my youngest in kindergarten. During all these years Toni has always been polite and helpful, a joy to be around. Appreciate all her hard work, staying on top of things, and that she always does it with a smile.

Submitted by: Anna Carlin



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Date: 1/7/2008

Nominee: Sharon Kennedy

Campus/Department: Mullendore Elementary

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

Years ago my son when my son was in 2nd grade Mrs. Kennedy recognized that he could not read at grade level nor comprehend what he was reading and she suggested reading recovery. What a blessing! My son who is now a Junior at RHS has been told by his teachers since Middle school that he his one of the Best readers in the entire school! In fact, he loves to read. What a wonderful gift she provided us by her recognition!

Submitted by: Marsha Griffin



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Date: 1/9/2008

Nominee: Angela LeRoy

Campus/Department: Porter Elementary

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

Angela LeRoy has been an outstanding teacher for Lexi. This year is the first time that the Deaf Education program is housed at Porter Elementary. Angela welcomed Lexi with open arms and has been willing to work with Lexi. Mrs. LeRoy goes above and beyond the call of duty because she took the time to attend sign language classes on Monday nights so that she could communicate with Lexi. Angela encourages the use of sign language in her classroom so that the students can communicate with Lexi. We appreciate all she has done for Lexi.

Submitted by: Dirk and Laura Hill



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Date: 1/11/2008

Nominee: Mary Ann Welborn

Campus/Department: Smithfield Elementary

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

Mary Ann goes above and beyond for our students and staff. She is always willing to do what it takes to make our students successful. She is a great resource for our school. We are so lucky to learn from her.

Submitted by: Kerrie Tillotson



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Date: 1/31/2008

Nominee: Vicki Miller

Campus/Department: South Birdville Elementary

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

Not only does this teacher take care of her spouse and her new baby she goes above and beyond to help every child she can, from the children in her class to the ones already up and gone. No one child goes without if a child has no clothes, food, etc. she makes sure that child/family gets what they need rather it be during the summer time or throughout the school yr. This teacher should be recognized for not only her outstanding teaching skills but for her ability to care for others when no one else can.

Submitted by: MARYANN



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Date: 1/7/2008

Nominee: Rene Grimes

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

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

Between working half days as an EA in PPCD and taking classes of her own, Rene graciously volunteers many of her 'free' afternoons at Spicer. Her can-do attitude and natural gifts are a tremendous asset to our campus. Pre-K students are performing better as a result. I am grateful for her time and support in my classroom.

Submitted by: Lyn(da) Wolfe



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Date: 1/25/2008

Nominee: Gail Long

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

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

I cannot stress how much this BISSD employee works! How has she touched my life? Easy, she makes me say "WOW"! It amazes me how good she is taking care of our students at Spicer while trying to take care of everything else, too! My sons look up to her and I know they are doing well because of her efforts to help our faculty and staff with anything they need. She has some amazing energy. On behalf of my family and me, we wish her the BEST on her upcoming blessed event! She is Mr. Dukes "Partner in a Great Education" at Spicer.

Submitted by: Dinorah Gonzalez



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Date: 1/25/2008

Nominee: Mike Dukes

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

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

I have two sons that attend Spicer Elementary. I feel very comfortable knowing that Mr. Dukes is there to help them through these critical learning years, make it memorable for them (and fun!) and especially keeping them safe. My husband and I recently enjoyed family night at McDonald's and were surprised not to see him there. Of course, we were wrong! He showed up during "peak time" with a great big smile! We both noted that once again his tireless efforts and great big smile were there to support our sons and all of Spicer!

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Date: 1/29/2008

Nominee: Julie Wooley

Campus/Department: Walker Creek

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

Miss Wooley makes computer lab fun. She lets us do fun projects and she makes it fun for us. We get to use the cameras and do commercials not the same boring stuff all the time. She helps us and lets us finish our class work to. She has taught us so much and she makes us laugh cause she has a good sense of humor too. I love going to computer lab because Miss Wooley is a great teacher.

Submitted by: Anonymous



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Date: 1/3/2008

Nominee: Ana Moeller

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Ms. Ana, as the students call her, is always smiling and greeting ALL families into our school every morning. She treats each student with caring and love as if they are all her own. She not only helps our Hispanic families understand our teachers but also our non-Hispanic families by always wanting to give a helping hand to anyone who needs it. She is always willing to help in any way she can and does it with a smile and loving attitude. She is an awesome person to work with each and every day.

Submitted by: Christy Roden



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Date: 1/14/2008

Nominee: Sarah Whitaker

Campus/Department: Haltom Middle School

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

Ms. Whitaker has been a blessing to my daughter. When Ms. Whitaker had her class room decorated it was a sanctuary for the students. Since she has been told to remove the décor The children still love Ms. Whitaker, it's just a little barren. Ms. Whitaker is one of the teachers you will NEVER forget even after High School and College. Ms. Whitaker makes a positive impact at HMS!

Submitted by: Shelly Bryan



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Date: 1/8/2008

Nominee: Amy Drake & Tonya Partin

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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

Both of these ladies keep our school running! Amy works with the largest student population of any middle school as our attendance clerk. She deals with faculty, students and parents in a job that would drive most people crazy. Tonya is a great support to our large faculty. She does all she can to have every teacher's materials Xeroxed and ready to go for them. I don't know how many times she has helped me out at the last minute. They both go above and beyond in every area with a smile on their face and a cheerful attitude. Thanks ladies!!!

Submitted by: Anonymous



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Date: 1/11/2008

Nominee: Lauren Fontaine

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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

Lauren Fontaine is a blessing to our campus. She always portrays a positive and caring attitude with our students and other staff members, many times going above and beyond the call of her normal duties as our crisis counselor. Lauren has touched the lives of numerous children with her listening ear and compassionate heart.

Submitted by: Hope Deley



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Date: 1/30/2008

Nominee: Amy Drake

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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

Amy has been an active participant in PTA at North Richland for 7 years. She has only had a child here for the last 3. She serves on the board and helps do amazing things for our campus. She serves each child by tirelessly giving her time and energy to make Activity Nights the best each time. She is on the phone making calls for donations from organizations and parents. She has helped in the planning, decorating and clean up of all 4 activity nights each of the last 7 years. That is 28 major events that takes her weeks to plan. She is a TOUCH OF CLASS!!

Submitted by: Charna Salazar



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Date: 1/10/2008

Nominee: Amy Drake

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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

Amy has been there professionally and personally for me since day one that I started working for BISD in August of 2006. Her friendship has helped me get through some rough times and she has always been patient with me as far as teaching me different aspects of my job. Her personality is very outgoing and it is no wonder she gets so many visits from former students. She just seems to have a wonderful impact on them as well as current students & coworkers. She always finds a way to make me laugh and to get through the work day and work week.

Submitted by: Tonya Partin



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Date: 1/10/2008

Nominee: Charna Salazar

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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

When someone is out in the office, Charna is always helping anybody that needs help. She waits on students, parents and answer the phone. This is so much help when we are short handed. Thanks so much Charna!!

Submitted by: Andrea Wilson



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Date: 1/7/2008

Nominee: Amy Haecker

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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

Mrs. Haecker goes beyond what is expected of a teacher. She is willing to take on additional challenges in order to help her students succeed. She is always trying new approaches and exploring various teaching methods. She is a wonderful advocate for each student and is always supportive and encouraging to them.

Submitted by: Anonymous



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Date: 1/8/2008

Nominee: Shannon Houston

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

This is Ms. Houston's first year as a Principal and I would like to say as a parent of a student at her school, that she has done a marvelous job of making Watauga Middle School a welcoming place. When you come to open house or a concert, she is there to greet you with a smile on her face and a happy greeting. I also feel if I had a problem with my child that I could come to her for help. Keep up the good work Ms. Houston.

Submitted by: Donna Herndon



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Date: 1/31/2008

Nominee: Shannon Houston

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

Shannon is positively impacting the lives of the students on her campus every day by encouraging her teachers to make the most of their instruction but also to enrich students' lives through mentoring, coaching, and caring. I know her job must be difficult, but she leads by example with a smile on her face and reaches out to her community at every opportunity. We are so lucky to have her.

Submitted by: Heather Blum



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Date: 1/26/2008

Nominee: Robert Kennington

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

One night, I was the only teacher left in the building and the head night custodian, Robert, came by my room about every hour to check on me and make sure everything was okay. When I finished my room at about 8 p.m., I told Robert that I was leaving. He walked me through the building, walked me to the parking lot, and waited until I got into my car. I felt safer knowing he checked on me and that he was very safety conscious and chivalrous.

Submitted by: Mary Morgan



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Nominees can be any BISD employee.

Date: 1/24/2008

Nominee: Carolyn Goodrich

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

I am overwhelmingly appreciative of Ms. Goodrich. Her devotion to the quality of education is above the best of comments. She has greatly effected my sons lives in just the few days that they have become students. I certainly believe without doubt, Ms. Goodrich is the epitome of a touch of class. Thanks once again to Ms. Goodrich and the wonderful, courteous, and professional team at Birdville HS.

Submitted by: Anonymous



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Date: 1/28/2008

Nominee: Lynda Temple

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

Mrs. Temple is a wonderful person to work with. She is very upbeat, energetic, and positive. I look forward to coming to work every day and teaching along side her; I can't wait to hear all the crazy things that she says. She cares about her co-workers and students very much and it shows on a daily basis. She goes out of her way to make sure others around her are happy and motivated. I have witnessed her going out of her way to ensure that her students experience success. Our team and her students appreciate her dedication and hard work.

Submitted by: Jessica Gabel



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Date: 1/16/2008

Nominee: Nicole Dampman

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

Nicole Dampman is "all that" and a bag of DRILL BITS- and believe me- that is VALUABLE! Dampman brings enthusiasm and humor to the Fine Arts wing. She also brings a total dedication to the Fine Arts staff- designing and building sets for Choir Concerts and Band Concerts, and props for Marching Band and Highsteppers. She gets behind every project with great passion and respect for the visionary. For example: Every Play or Musical at Haltom High School will have some element that is an engineering nightmare or mathematically problematic. Nicole reacts momentarily with great alarm (it is a sight to see) and then she takes a VERY DEEP breath, calls Bucholtz and Worley, and comes back with an even better design. She is a learner, she is resourceful and she makes DREAMS come true. When a Dampman student enters into a Technical Theatre program in college- that student is the smartest kid in the class. When a Dampman student goes into the work force- that student is prepared to do math, solve problems, strategically plan and communicate clearly. She teaches to both sides of the brain more than anyone I know. She focuses on student's strengths- maximizes their talents and uses humor and kindness to analyze areas needing growth and improvement. See believes in children and motivates them to love learning and to respect one another. She inspires me most with her fairness toward kids, and her compassion and empathy for all people.

Submitted by: Renee Norris



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Date: 12/7/2007

Nominee: Judi Bell

Campus/Department: ELA Consultant

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

Judi Bell is an outstanding resource and human being. She is dedicated wholly to the development of the ELA department. She is available whenever she is needed. She gives more than her share of praise and understanding. I personally have learned a great deal from her and will continue to do so. She truly is someone who gives but rarely takes. I want her to know that she is appreciated and vital to our department, our district, and our world.

Submitted by: Anonymous



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 12/11/2007

Nominee: Lynda Oldham

Campus/Department: DAEP

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

Lynda is as steady and rock solid as they come. As students come into DAEP, many of which are discouraged and feeling like no one cares, Lynda slips on her "exceptional teacher" hat and shows them that they are important and worth some ones effort. Her one on one help has proven to many students that they are capable and here encouraging words help boost them up during the long and often dark days at DAEP. Thank you Lynda for all the hard work you do in a place where accolades are the exception.

Submitted by: Anonymous



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: *12/7/2007*

Nominee: *Brad White*

Campus/Department: *Director of Fine Arts*

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

Thanks to Brad White my mobility-impaired mother was able to attend the November 13th RHS Marching Band performance at the FAAC prior to the band's departure for Indianapolis. Through an exchange of e-mails and phone calls with me, Mr. White made arrangements with FAAC personnel to insure elevator access for my mother. She had been unable to attend any of the band's previous performances. Mr. White's professionalism and attention to detail allowed a proud grandmother to watch her freshman grand-daughter perform with the band.

Submitted by: *Anonymous*



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 12/13/2007

Nominee: Debbie Noviello

Campus/Department: Academy at C.F. Thomas

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

Debbie, the attendance clerk at ACFT, has quickly become an important person in my kindergarten student's lives. She looks out for my students and is quick to help them with their problems. I have a new student who periodically gets lost in the hall before school starts and she always brings him to me with a kind word and a smile on her face. She even helped our class when our Gingerbread cookies ran away by catching them all and putting them safely away in the vice principal's office until we could find them. My class loves her!

Submitted by: Cathy Pavlovich



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Date: *12/31/2007*

Nominee: *Joshua Grizzelle*

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

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

Mr. Grizzelle has made a great impression on my son Jacob. He has made science come alive, but even more importantly he has tapped into Jacob's desire to learn and know more. Mr. Grizzelle takes a personal interest in his students and it really shows. The Tilley's are very grateful for Mr. Grizzelle!

Submitted by: *Lisa Tilley*



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Date: *12/3/2007*

Nominee: *Jessica Sandoval*

Campus/Department: *Foster Village Elementary*

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

Mrs. Sandoval has done such a wonderful job on her teacher Web site page. It is hard for some parents with conflicting work schedules to come to the school and see all the wonderful projects and work their child has done, but Mrs. Sandoval makes it feel like you have been there. Her Web site has tons of pictures, loads of information about what the students are learning and even with her busy schedule she manages to keep it updated weekly. You Rock!

Submitted by: *Elizabeth Turner*



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 12/13/2007

Nominee: Jaimie Smith

Campus/Department: Porter Elementary

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

Where do I even begin? Jaimie is a wonderful leader for both the staff and students at our school. She demonstrates kindness, yet has high expectations. Jaimie leads by example. She is always striving for the best and demonstrates such grace when faced with difficult challenges. She is incredibly knowledgeable all grade levels and their academic needs. If a teacher is struggling with learning concept, Jaimie will be happy to come and teach a lesson to your class. She is a wonderful resource. I feel like we are the luckiest school in the district!

Submitted by: Teri Clifford



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: *12/12/2007*

Nominee: *Barbara Compton*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Elementary*

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

Mrs. Compton's love of music is instilled in every student at Smithfield Elementary!! The fifth grade program performed last night was so refreshing. My family has really enjoyed her efforts for the six years my grandson has been at Smithfield Elementary. She is an inspiration!!

Submitted by: *Kara Storey*



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 12/17/2007

Nominee: Susan White

Campus/Department: South Birdville Elementary

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

Susan has a passion for kids and for math. She rolls up her sleeves, jumps in and engages 100% of each day with the kids. I am so impressed with her creative math activities, math knowledge, positive attitude and love for the kids.

Submitted by: Ellen Paraskevas (former BISD teacher and current BISD sub at South)



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: *12/7/2007*

Nominee: *Barbara Chapman*

Campus/Department: *Spicer Elementary*

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

Barbara, is the most giving person I've ever met. She almost single handedly organized the homecoming parade for Richland High School this year. She loves her children and gives 200% all the time. I have had the pleasure of meeting Barbara through our son's playing football together. She is an absolute angel in my book

Submitted by: *Mary Rodriguez*



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 12/17/2007

Nominee: Katie Willingham

Campus/Department: Stowe Elementary

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

It has been amazing to work with Katie this year. She is cheerful and encouraging. In times of trouble she is always very flexible and positive. Katie is a wonderful teacher and you can see by how happy her students are. The students are learning so much this year and they love her class. She takes care of her responsibilities and helps out whenever she can. It's a joy to work with her and I'm glad she teaches at Stowe!

Submitted by: Katie Rodriguez



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 12/13/2007

Nominee: Jennifer Bumgardner

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

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

An awesome gift as a teacher. She takes the time to get to know her students. After a rough year my child was running low on confidence. She listened to our concerns and put him next to students that would boost his esteem. She took the time to e-mail us and give us an update on our student without us asking. She even came to a sports event our child had on a Saturday! SHE WAS THE HERO OF THE DAY! Our child still talks about that. I hadn't seen our child beam like that in a long time! She has made a huge difference in our child's life. Thank you!

Submitted by: Anonymous



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Date: *12/11/2007*

Nominee: *Hope Deley*

Campus/Department: *North Richland Middle School*

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

We had an irate parent come in to the office today. Mrs. Deley was able to solve the problem with the parent and calm him down. After she talked with the gentleman, he left the office with a smile on his face. I have noticed Mrs. Deley on several occasions resolving conflict with both parents and students.

Submitted by: *Andrea Wilson*



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 12/12/2007

Nominee: Tony Contento

Campus/Department: North Ridge Middle

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

Tony has gone above his "call of duty" to connect with my son and help him be successful. He makes an attempt daily to help improve his self esteem. He is definitely a teacher who cares!

Submitted by: Cherlyn Benke



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Date: *12/19/2007*

Nominee: *Christie Rogers*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

This teacher has helped me all through school and has helped me on her own time! She's an excellent Math teacher! She's an awesome teacher and deserves a Thank You here and there!!

Submitted by: *Karlie Beal*



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: *12/20/2007*

Nominee: *Ryan Holzberger*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

Mr. Holzberger has changed my life so much! He help me though tough things throw my life! I hope that every student will have a teacher like Mr. Holzberger! All though he makes fun of you. You know that he is doing it in a joking kind of day. I do not know how he has time for work, his students, his wife, and also his 2 little boys! It is unbelievable what he has done to my life! He is absolutely one of my FAVORITE teachers!

Submitted by: *Amy Hankins*



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 12/5/2007

Nominee: Christi LeBlanc

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

It is impossible to list every way Christi has touched my life and the lives of my colleagues in the English department. Not only is Christi an effective leader, but she is also incredibly kind and thoughtful. A specific example of this was when I had just had my baby and was home on maternity leave. My family and my husband's family live far away and had just left to go back to their homes. It was my 27th birthday but I was not in any shape to go anywhere to celebrate. In the wake of having a new baby, I wasn't even thinking about my birthday. But Christi, as always, was thinking about me. She called and asked if she could bring over a special birthday dinner for my husband and I to enjoy. Not only did she drive over to my apartment at night in the dead of winter, but she prepared an amazing steak dinner, complete with delicious sides and dessert. This meal was better than any we could get at a restaurant and even more special because I knew Christi had taken the time and effort to make it. As amazing as this is, this is actually typical of Christi's nature and behavior. Christi is constantly treating us to lunch, buying snacks for the English office, and hosting/paying for wonderful bridal and baby showers. As large of a school as Haltom is, Christi Leblanc is THE key figure in making our English department a family.

Submitted by: Jennifer Gann



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 12/3/2007

Nominee: Starla Langston

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

RHS hosted the Region V Middle School Honor Band Clinic and Concert today, Saturday, December 1, 2007. This was an all day clinic, culminating with a performance at the end of the day. Smithfield Middle School had 9 students participating, and had arranged to have lunch brought in rather than fight the crowds at neighboring restaurants.

Ramsey MacDonald, SMS Band Director, and myself went to the cafeteria to see if it was possible for our students to have lunch at one of the tables there. Ms. Langston was in the cafeteria and said we'd be welcome to use it, but that she knew of another room located very close to the band hall and auditorium that would probably be more convenient for us if we were interested. Well, if you know the layout of RHS (it's big, and the band hall is about as far away from the cafeteria as you can get), then you know we were definitely interested.

Ms. Langston personally walked with us all the way across the school, showed us where the room was, and unlocked the door so we could use it for the student's lunch. Well, the room was just the perfect size, with a nice large table in the middle that the kids could sit around and enjoy their lunch. A feeling of camaraderie and teamwork among our students was fostered so much by simply being able to take a break in such a relaxed and personal space. It may seem like a small act, but she didn't have to do it and, in fact, she went out of her way to do it. Her thoughtfulness in suggesting the room, and taking the few extra minutes that she did to make sure we were taken care of, made a world of difference to our kids at lunch and into the rest of the afternoon.

And, in case anyone was wondering, she showed us how to relock the door when we left (which we promised we would, and we did).

Submitted by: Anonymous



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Date: 11/15/2007

Nominee: Darrell Siems

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

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

Darrell Siems ensures our handiwork will be done immaculately and accurately. He stays the course and makes WMS beautiful!

Submitted by: Shannon Houston



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Date: 11/15/2007

Nominee: Travis Maclin

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

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

Travis Maclin investigates every complaint we send his way with good nature and humor. He is always in happy spirits and sweet! Just incredible!

Submitted by: Shannon Houston



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Date: 11/15/2007

Nominee: John Hughes

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

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

John Hughes, where to start... John has really taken me under his wing. He takes the time to write me lengthy e-mail to make sure I won't be confused, he sets appointments to walk the building with me, he sends paint crews to handle difficult situations in times that can't be convenient, he just takes care... What an asset!!!

Submitted by: Shannon Houston



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Date: 11/15/2007

Nominee: Mike Dominguez

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

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

Mike Dominguez takes care of us in every aspect and always comes by to see me. He checks to see if I need clarification on anything and takes the extra minute to explain to the first year principal in a way that is thorough and non-demeaning. He always lets me ask him questions and listens patiently as I vent. He is awesome!

Submitted by: Shannon Houston



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Date: 11/15/2007

Nominee: Jeff Cotton

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

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

Jeff Cotton never tires of my calls, e-mails or logs in his “bug” book. He responds promptly and is super friendly when offering advice and care. He stops by to make sure I know he is around and handling every issue. (Even the small absurd stuff!) He is fabulous!

Submitted by: Shannon Houston



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Date: 11/15/2007

Nominee: Ronnie Caruthers

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

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

Ronnie runs the best building and grounds team in Texas. He and his men are incredible. They go the extra mile for my campus and ensure all matters are handled timely and efficiently!

Submitted by: Shannon Houston



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Date: 11/15/2007

Nominee: Bill Barrow

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

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

Bill Barrow always comes through the doors of WMS with a smile. He has gone the extra mile to take care of me this first year. He uses humor in the best of ways and is a joy to have around. He is wonderful!

Submitted by: Shannon Houston



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/9/2007

Nominee: Nan Poe

Campus/Department: Career & Technology Consultant

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

Many thanks to Nan Poe, CTE Consultant for BISD, for once again manning the project of College and Career Night. Almost 100 colleges, universities, technical schools and studios were represented; perhaps the largest turnout BISD has ever had. It is not an easy task to organize and oversee all that goes on that evening, but Nan Poe seems to handle it each and every year. BISD is most fortunate to have a woman who goes beyond the call of duty for the high school students in our district. We thank you, Nan!

Submitted by: BHS Counseling Department



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/2/2007

Nominee: Mark Thomas

Campus/Department: Communications Officer

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

As the face and voice of Birdville ISD, Mark quietly and cheerfully appears at all events, taking pictures and putting smiles on the faces of all he greets. His strength is his courage as he calmly faces reporters and television cameras to answer questions (or not) and to protect and defend all of us who are Birdville ISD. His uncanny ability to quickly and accurately read people, interpret their messages, and respond accurately, courteously, and professionally make Mark such an asset to our district. His quiet, gentle manner make him a pleasure to know.

Submitted by: Anonymous



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/2/2007

Nominee: Dr. Stephen Waddell

Campus/Department: Superintendent

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

By fighting tenaciously to defend BISD educators and curriculum, he has provided the students and staff of the district with a secure and nurturing environment in which successful learning can truly take place. He takes care of our district as if we were his family.

Submitted by: Anonymous



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/4/2007

Nominee: Debra Strock

Campus/Department: Binion Elementary

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

Dakota hated pre school last year, was not writing nor coloring. The kids did not include him in things because they could not understand him. Within the first week in Ms. Strock's class, he was writing his name, coloring a picture instead of scribbling the whole page. He loves going to school and loves reading too. She is a miracle worker and a great person. There are not enough words to express how grateful I am that my son is in her class.

Submitted by: Donna Groh



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/26/2007

Nominee: Judy Cauble Carr

Campus/Department: Binion Elementary

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

Judy Carr wears many important hats at Jack C. Binion Elementary. But to the BISD SCORES! Afterschool Program Judy wears the Top Hat! Judy has been the site coordinator for the afterschool program for the past four years. As site coordinator she has taken on a tremendous amount of responsibility, in addition to her resource teaching job and all the other duties and tasks she completes for her campus. Judy’s organizational skills and communication skills have resulted in a very successful program, benefiting about 200 students each semester. Using her outstanding leadership and organizational skills, Judy lines up all the afterschool teachers and programs each semester, advertises and enrolls the students, and manages the program from 3:45 – 5:45 Monday through Thursday throughout the school year. Judy also coordinates the transportation home for many students through the BISD transportation department, and coordinates with the kitchen staff to be sure each student receives a snack before attending the afterschool program. Judy makes sure that every student is enrolled in an academic activity that meets their personal educational needs before going on to an enrichment activity. It is through her caring and concern for every student that she is able to guide them to their classes and activities, where fun, caring teachers make the afterschool program a great place to be. BISD SCORES! applauds Judy Carr for going above and beyond her teaching duties to give so much to the students and school of Jack C. Binion Elementary. Thank you, Judy, for all that you do!

Submitted by: Kathy Handler



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/27/2007

Nominee: Nikki Blilie

Campus/Department: Birdville Elementary

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

Anyone raising a fifth grader knows how much they are changing this year. Mrs. Blilie's compassion and understanding is helping my daughter so much. She is also helping me as a parent understand what my child is going through and just making this process so much easier. Her dedication to all of the children is apparent and it puts me at ease that I'm leaving my child with not just a great teacher but a wonderful human being. Thank you for being you!

Submitted by: Sakina Starnes



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/12/2007

Nominee: Mary Adame

Campus/Department: Francisco Elementary

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

Mary is our office clerk and her room is across from my clinic. She covers for me when I am at lunch or interprets for me when I have a family that speaks Spanish. She is always willing to help out and does it with a huge smile on her face! Her compassion and caring for the students and staff is demonstrated by her warm approach. She moves at lightning speed and is willing to help anyone! She goes above and beyond her job description. She is one of the reasons I love working at W. T. Francisco Elementary.

Submitted by: Jeannie Brock



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/29/2007

Nominee: Sally Wilburn

Campus/Department: Francisco Elementary

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

Mrs. Wilburn is a wonderful loving and caring Teacher. She may be stern but that is what rewards our students. She can take the most challenging student and work with them to help them meet their goals. Patience, all teachers have my deepest appreciation to be able to work with all of these students with all the different home backgrounds and personalities they carry.

Submitted by: Vickie Atchley



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/2/2007

Nominee: Pam Sanderson

Campus/Department: North Ridge Elementary

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

My son has autism, and Pam Sanderson has been his main teacher for the past four years. My son loves her as do all of her students, I say that she is one of those "earth angels". She is so patient, kind and loving with these children, and that's' not always an easy task. She works with each child challenging them to greater heights, encouraging them and praising them every step of the way Mrs. Sanderson knows each child so well, she cares so much and they know it. My son has been blessed to have her as his teacher, and I am blessed to know her.

Submitted by: Ellen Brunt



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/2/2007

Nominee: Jessica Dunnam

Campus/Department: North Ridge Elementary

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

During the summer holiday I was very scared and worried because I did not know who my 5th grade teacher was going to be. My mom told me to prayed and God will choose the right one! God did! Mrs. Dunnam is the best teacher ever she makes us feel like a family at school, she loves us ALL equal. She rocks!! She is going to be having a baby but she is always so pleasant but I have heard that when people are having babies they become mean. I love her, she is the best. I hope you at least mention her name but I really want her to be nominated.

Submitted by: Tatenda Simango



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/2/2007

Nominee: Kathy Hughitt

Campus/Department: Porter Elementary

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

We had our school carnival last week and we could not have done it without Mrs. Hughitt's help. We had food brought in from a couple of sources and she stayed over her regular hours to help me set up everything and then take it down and clean up. She also helped with serving the food, making sure everything ran smoothly and provided a calmness to the whole event. She has done this many times in the past, also. She is such a valuable resource to Porter and provides the students with great food.

Submitted by: Leanne Perry



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/18/2007

Nominee: Jaimie Smith

Campus/Department: Porter Elementary

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

I'll talk about one of the many reasons I have to nominate Jaimie. I had a meeting with her not too long ago. My year began with the loss of my son's dear friend Sam, a daughter and her family relocating to China, and the sure and steady onset of menopause! As I sat down with Jaimie to discuss my class and my goals, tears filled my eyes. I looked up to see tears in Jaimie's eyes. Jaimie is one of those people who cares and dares to show you how much she cares. Things like this make Jaimie a wonderful person to work for and with.

Submitted by: Cindy Hallman



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/8/2007

Nominee: Mike Rayfield

Campus/Department: Snow Heights Elementry

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

Mr. Mike is the kind of person that would never brag on himself, so I'm going to do it! He knows every child in our school by name. He talks with the children, teases with them, and lets them know he cares each and every day. The children adore him and know that he would do anything for them. Snow Heights is very lucky to have Mr. Mike as our head custodian and friend.

Submitted by: Patti Stone



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/15/2007

Nominee: Trish Bednarik

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Trish Bednarik was my son Mikey's 5th grade teacher. Mrs. Bednarik has known Mikey all of his life and he DID NOT WANT MEAN OL' MRS. BEDNARIK for a teacher. When he got her in 5th grade, he quickly changed his mind. Mrs. Bednarik was an amazing teacher with Mikey. She encouraged his love of reading and writing, and helped make him the student he is today. Thank you so much Trish.

Submitted by: Donna Herndon



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/15/2007

Nominee: Kristi Emery

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Kristi Emery is one of the best writing teachers that I have ever seen. My son Mikey entered her 4th grade class a reluctant writer at best, he loved to read, but writing - YUCK! Mrs. Emery told her class that by the time school ended they would love to write, he thought she was crazy. At the end of the year, he admitted she was right. He now works at home on his own Science Fiction Novel for FUN and has just been named an essay winner at Watauga Middle School for Bobby Bragan Essay Contest and is going to now compete for district.

Submitted by: Donna Herndon



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/15/2007

Nominee: Cheryl Sherman

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Cheryl Sherman was my son Mikey's second grade teacher, and at that time in his life, Mikey was a struggling learner. Mrs. Sherman worked so hard to help Mikey master reading, math, and writing. Not, only did she care about him then, but she has kept in contact with him since then. My son is now in 8th grade, and he knows Mrs. Sherman is one of the greatest people to ever enter his life. Thank you Cheryl Sherman.

Submitted by: Donna Herndon



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/15/2007

Nominee: Marlene Beatty

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

My son Mikey Herndon is a finalist in the Bobby Bragan Essay Contest. I don't say this to brag about him, I say this to brag about the women in this district who have helped make him the writer he is today. Marlene was Mikey's first grade teacher, and Mikey was a slow reader. Marlene spent hours, during school and after school working with my son to help him learn to read. I really believe without the help, love and influence of Marlene Beatty, Mikey would not have gotten the great start in his education that he has had. You are a hero to our family.

Submitted by: Donna Herndon



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/26/2007

Nominee: Christy Dominguez

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Christy is new to our campus this year and new to the position of secretary, however she is quickly becoming an integral part of our campus environment. Christy is efficient, dedicated and personable. She goes out of her way to assist everyone that comes to the office no matter how big or small the concern and always has a smile on her face. We are privileged to have Christy Dominguez on our staff.

Submitted by: Sharon Brodin



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/15/2007

Nominee: Andrea Wilson

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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

Andrea works diligently to make sure all positions are filled every day for every period. When staff enters wrong information into the sub system she always has the positions filled spending sometimes hours on the phone to make sure they are filed. When teachers leave early she manages to work around others schedules to get the classrooms filled. Great job Andrea in making sure our students have a teacher at all times.

Submitted by: Charna Salazar



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/16/2007

Nominee: Jen Lutringer

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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

Ms. Lutringer is a ray of sunshine and hope at our campus. She is always smiling and the students flock to her like the pied piper. Her recent production of Alice in Wonderland rivals most high school productions. She always stays late and arrives early to help the children with their lines or costumes. Some of her students would be considered by some as the "difficult" students to handle. But she brings out the best in them with her dedication and true love for each of them.

Submitted by: Anonymous



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/14/2007

Nominee: Joanna Crow

Campus/Department: North Ridge Middle School

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

When most would lose patience, Joanna just keeps on going. She worked with my son through many difficult situations and never lost hope. My son is excelling in ways many thought would not be possible. Without her guidance and concern, he would still be struggling to find his way. She has worked with him before school, after school, and even on Saturdays to help him achieve the mental and physical strength he felt he wasn't capable of achieving. She has instilled a sense of pride in a young man that will not fade. Thank you.

Submitted by: Cathy Riegel



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/18/2007

Nominee: Julie Pursley

Campus/Department: North Ridge Middle School

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

Mrs. Pursley was my 6th grade English teacher. I have such fond memories of that class. Mrs. Pursley read interesting books with us but even when we were doing something dull like annotation or grammar Mrs. Pursley still made it interesting and fun. Thank you so much Mrs. Pursley. I miss your class.

Submitted by: Michelle Willoughby



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/18/2007

Nominee: Wanda Fulkerson

Campus/Department: North Ridge Middle School

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

I am in Mrs. Fulkerson's class this year. It is my favorite class. Mrs. Fulkerson is an amazing teacher who loves her subject and her students. She makes history come alive and inspires me to want to learn more about history.

Submitted by: Michelle Willoughby



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/13/2007

Nominee: Davee Clark

Campus/Department: Smithfield Middle School

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

At the end of our senior year we were supposed to write a letter to someone that helped us while in school and I wanted to write you. Even though I was always in trouble you never treated me like I was a true delinquent. I really do appreciate that because all my other teachers throughout school told me I was never going to go anywhere in life and lots of negative things except you and that actually is what got me through and motivated me to stay with it. I just wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for being a good teacher.

Submitted by: A former student



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/29/2007

Nominee: Jennifer Crawford

Campus/Department: Smithfield Middle School

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

Mrs. Crawford is the choir director for SMS. She is an outstanding teacher and director. She puts in numerous hours with the students. One of the best qualities about Mrs. Crawford is that she teaches and expects the very best - 110% from her students. Her quality of direction is vividly seen in all the concerts she puts on with such a professional touch. She is truly a "Touch of Class".

Submitted by: Peter and Joan Heffner



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/15/2007

Nominee: Donna Wyckoff

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

Mrs. Wyckoff is my son's Pre-AP English teacher this year and I have to say, I am impressed. She really expects the best from these young people and Mikey really strives to give it to her. You are a great example of a teacher and a real encouragement to my son. He loves reading and writing and you definitely bring out the best in him. I really proud of the fact he is a school winner of the Bobby Bragan Essay Contest and I know you are the one who had your class work on this essay. Thank you for all your hard work, you are a real hero.

Submitted by: Donna Herndon



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/15/2007

Nominee: Heather Blum

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

This is my second time to compliment Mrs. Blum, but since she was Mikey's Pre-AP Reading/Language Arts for two years in a row I guess two compliments are due. Heather has encouraged Mikey from day one in his writing. She has sat and read his "great Science Fiction novel" he is writing and has encouraged him all the way. The first I heard of him winning the Bobby Bragan Essay Contest was when Mikey said he had to stay after school for a few minutes and talk to Mrs. Blum about it. He respects you so much and so do his father and I.

Submitted by: Donna Herndon



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/30/2007

Nominee: Ginger Huff

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

I have a granddaughter at Watauga Middle School and have on a couple of occasions needed information regarding school functions and each time Ms. Huff had been very helpful and always gets back to me in a timely manner. She always seems interested and generally seems to care. As I work for a school myself I know at times it gets busy, But she always takes the time to help and get me the information I request.

Submitted by: Betty Mack



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/19/2007

Nominee: Coach Eddie Brown

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

I attended BHS my 10th grade year after moving from North Carolina. Thanks to Coach Brown and his art class it was an easy transition. Much of my education before BHS was based on my learning disability, but through my experiences with Mr. Brown I learned about self-expression and life. With Eddie's continued inspiration, monitoring, and commitment, I have graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in Art Education and now teaching at North Richland MS. I strive to provide students with the inspiration I was given by Coach Brown.

Submitted by: Keersten Brown



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/6/2007

Nominee: Rick Mauderer

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

On a Friday night in October, well after mid-night when the last of the Band had left to go back home after the ball game. A freshmen girl was trying to change a flat tire with her mother and grandmother. A couple of us stopped to help but their spare was flat. We were going to go some where for a compressor when Mr. Mauderer came out of the school where he had been locking up and came to the rescue with a small portable compressor. He was cheerful as well as helpful. I witnessed him do something similar the next week too!

Submitted by: Barry Chester



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/5/2007

Nominee: Renee Norris

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

My daughter Erin has had the privilege of being in the children's choir for Haltom's fall musical, directed by Renee Norris. Not only has this been an amazing experience for my middle school daughter to be in a real high school musical, but my daughter was proud to tell me that the whole cast prayed before each performance, as well. Mrs. Norris has done so much for every child she touches. I don't have enough room on this form to say all I want to say about Mrs. Norris and her amazing staff and crew. Thank you for all you do for BISD!

Submitted by: Beth Shier



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 11/1/2007

Nominee: Amy Allibon

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

Amy is one of the most inspirational teachers to have ever been employed by BISD. She is also my dear friend and college roommate! Last spring, her Mixed Choir was invited to sing at the Texas Music Educators' Association annual convention in 2008. About a month after the invitation, Amy was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. She is working almost everyday and is still taking them to sing the concert at TMEA. They present the concert in February 2008 and it will be just like Amy - an inspiration.

Submitted by: Mary Jane Phillips



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/19/2007

Nominee: Linda Link

Campus/Department: BISD Counseling Department

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

Linda makes it sound like I am the only thing she has to take care of when I call. She sends me little extra goodies, like red ribbon freebies or a book to share with my students, faculty, or parents. When I'm in a bind, Linda will help me find my way through it and come out looking good. She has kept me calm through many storms, and has been a comfort for me after. She always has a smile and cheerful, helping and loving attitude. I can't imagine the counseling department without her "guidance". She is a trusted confident and friend.

Submitted by:



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/30/2007

Nominee: Mark Thomas

Campus/Department: Communications

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

Mr. Thomas is a shining example of how a person should be. I believe we learn the most from example. He gives me the courage and faith in myself to keep going everyday. He has always been there for me no matter what the situation. I lost my husband, my home, and have many health problems. Mark has always stood by me through thick and thin. He is not just my boss, he is a dear Christian friend to everyone he knows and meets. I am so grateful that I have gotten to know this wonderful man and that he is our communications officer!

Submitted by: Margie Porter Williams



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/29/2007

Nominee: Ronnie Laws

Campus/Department: Transportation

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

(Bus 183) Mr. Ronnie genuinely cares for the kids on his bus, and has even gone out of his way to find out particular interests and likes of each child. When my 7-year-old was hurt recently, requiring 11 staples in his scalp, Mr. Ronnie gave him a card and Hershey kisses with a kind get-well note. The card he picked even matched our family pet (a schnauzer). How very thoughtful! I like how he keeps order on the bus yet is kind, and takes time to talk with parents about a child's day or any issues. He's a touch of class!

Submitted by: Robin McClure



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/19/2007

Nominee: Linda Roberts

Campus/Department: Child Nutrition

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

When I neglected to pick up my pumpkin rolls, Linda very graciously agreed to bring them back to her office for me to pick up...two days late!! "Above and beyond the call" comes to mind. I thank her and my family thanks her!

Submitted by: Pam Washington



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/10/2007

Nominee: Missy McCormick

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

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

When my 3 year old first started PPCD with Mrs. McCormick's class he was painfully shy and would only say a few words. He's returned for two straight years and is just doing so well. Thanks to Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Billie Small and the great Teachers Assistant's like Miss Tasha, I feel like I have a new son. He can speak up for himself, he's even participating in Soccer which he wouldn't do before. He's blossomed and can now articulate himself. He has some work to do still be he's just made such huge improvements.

Submitted by:



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/10/2007

Nominee: Billie Small

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

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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/10/2007

Nominee: Maeghan Johnson

Campus/Department: Holiday Heights Elementary

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

My son, Mason Deming, really enjoys her. He talks about her all the time. He is now very confident in what he is learning. He always wants to show Mrs. Johnson things he does at home. He gets excited when he gets toys and wants her to see them. He wanted her to come to his birthday party so she could see how big he was and how well he was drawing.

Submitted by: Christine Doerr



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/15/2007

Nominee: Tim Risley

Campus/Department: Smith Elementary

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

Tim has always gone beyond the call of duty to make sure that everyone on our campus came into an incredibly clean school every day! He was great with every child and Teacher that he came in contact with. Tim was one of the hardest workers I've seen in along time, and he will be missed here at O.H. Stowe!

Submitted by: Cindy Koerber



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/18/2007

Nominee: Jerrye McMullin

Campus/Department: Smith Elementary

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

Ms. McMullin was my daughter's resource teacher all through her elementary years. Ms. McMullin worked with Katie (Cruz) everyday and the results are that Katie has blossomed. Katie needed the attention, care and compassion that Ms. McMullin gave her. Together they worked very hard on helping Katie comprehend the material, Katie absorbed it like a sponge. I owe Katie's ability to succeed to the 6th grade this year to Ms. McMullin's true passion for her students. Ms. McMullin is the ideal instructor. She's the best!

Submitted by: Denise Sepulveda



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/26/2007

Nominee: Lydia Anderson

Campus/Department: Smithfield Elementary

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

Lydia teaches life lessons. Lydia wears her smile all day everyday. She is an inspiration to me and everyone she meets. If the Grand Canyon did not look as good as it does, she would make sure it did.

Submitted by: Kevin Davis



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/11/2007

Nominee: Pam Combs

Campus/Department: Snow Heights Elementary

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

By now, after one six weeks, my son usually "hates" his teacher. However, Mrs. Combs has found a way to keep him interested and focused. That has made my job as a parent doing homework at night much easier and less stressful. Thank you Mrs. Combs. As Brady says, You Rock.

Submitted by: Charna Salazar



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/31/2007

Nominee: Suzanne Smith

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

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

During the recent death of one of our students, Suzanne Smith spoke to, and dealt with two particular classes; the kindergarten class of the student who dies, and the second grade class of his brother. Both teachers spoke of how gentle, kind, and understanding she was. She let each child talk, express himself, and ask questions, answering them all with patience and compassion.

Submitted by: Linda Whitten



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/10/2007

Nominee: Tamara Owens

Campus/Department: Stowe Elementary

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

Tamara is an energetic kind person. She always has a smile on her face and words of wisdom to share. She cares for each student that she works with and makes learning fun. She is not often recognized for how hard she works and how much she makes a difference in the staff and student's lives.

Submitted by: Katie Rodriguez



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/20/2007

Nominee: Jennifer Ward

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

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

My daughter Hope attended W. A. Porter for kinder-2nd grade. We moved this summer, and this is our first year at Walker Creek! However, it does not feel like we are "new to the school" this year because we have a teacher who knows just how to make you and your child feel right at home. Mrs. Ward is such a neat lady and dedicated teacher! She is the kind of teacher that truly cares about her students and their families. Hope just loves Mrs. Ward!

Submitted by: Angele Jones



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/16/2007

Nominee: Christy Roden

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Mrs. Roden is always ready and willing to help in any and all situations. She works with all grade level students and does so with compassion and a warm sincere spirit. She always has a smile for every child and it is a pleasure to work with her daily.

Submitted by: Deborah Glass



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/2/2007

Nominee: Gail Mosley

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Mrs. Mosley has put extra time and effort into her lessons and working with our inclusion students here at Watauga Elementary. She teaches with enthusiasm and a sense of humor which makes her students want to learn more!

Submitted by: Debbie Glass



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/26/2007

Nominee: Stephanie Greene

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Mrs. Greene is a wonderful librarian! She makes a positive impact on each child that walks into our school. She never seems to be busy or rushed, even when she has a full library and everyone needs her at once. She helps kids and teachers alike with unending patience and grace. Mrs. Greene always goes above and beyond what is required and meets any need that she see's anywhere in the school. She is one of the best assets that we have at Watauga Elementary, and we are lucky to have her!!!

Submitted by: Mary Thedford



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/31/2007

Nominee: Melinda Martin

Campus/Department: Smithfield Middle School

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

My son has had some personal issues going on at home and it is spilling over into his work at school. Rather than just write him off as a problem student or not putting forth the effort, Ms. Martin has worked with him and has kept me up to date on his progress in her class. He really enjoys going to her class. I believe she is exactly what a teacher should represent; a giver of knowledge, a compassionate listener, and a seeker to find the best that every student has to offer. I am very glad he has her as his teacher.

Submitted by: Julie Wooley



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/25/2007

Nominee: Carole Dyska

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

Carole is truly a miracle worker with my child. He has Down syndrome and can be very difficult. When other schools thought he was too hard to teach, she proved how smart he truly is underneath the silliness and stubbornness. He has never had a bad day at WMS and I have seen his self-esteem shoot through the roof. She inspires him and sets the bar high and I know she will never give up even when the world seems to crumble around her. I admire her and know that my son is blessed to have her as his teacher.

Submitted by: Claudia Wilson



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/15/2007

Nominee: Rosalinda Smith

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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

School shirts were on sale and the sizes ran very small. Rosie called students up that had placed orders in youth sizes to make sure they were getting the right size or wanted to change to another size before the orders were placed. Way to go Rosie, looking out for the students benefit. What a waste of money it would have been for those parents if the shirts came in and were too small.

Submitted by: Charna Salazar



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/15/2007

Nominee: Julia Pursley

Campus/Department: North Ridge Middle School

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

Mrs. Pursley always has a positive attitude with the students. Her lessons keep her students involved in learning. The projects she assigns are fun and purposeful not just busy work!! She is interested in what her students are doing and tries to have a personal relationship in some way with them. I think this is what makes the students respect her so much. I am grateful that both my daughters were students in her class. They both say they wish they still had Mrs. Pursely and still love to go visit her when they can.

Submitted by: Tara Greene



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/8/2007

Nominee: James Hammond

Campus/Department: North Ridge Middle School

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

Because of his teaching, I enjoy the enchanting sound of my daughter speaking French at home in the evenings. Every day, she is eager to tell stories about him and his class--he is mesmerizing and entertaining and demanding all at once. Schoolwork is usually very easy for her, but she gets to stretch her wings in French, for which I am very grateful. Mr. Hammond, you are a gem! Merci!

Submitted by: Margaret Willloughby



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/15/2007

Nominee: Chris Williamson

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Mr. Williamson took over a theatre department in disarray and has turned it around completely. He encourages academic excellence, hard work, safety, and creativity. By returning fairness and credibility to the BHS Theatre department, Mr. Williamson has restored our daughter's confidence in herself as well as her belief that educators can inspire young people to reach their full potential.

Submitted by:



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/15/2007

Nominee: George "Eddie" Brown

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Our daughter was searching for a place where her uniqueness and creativity would be valued. She found that place when she found Coach Brown's AP Art Class. Coach Brown cares about his students as individual young adults, and allows them necessary freedom while maintaining discipline and encouraging excellence. Since we as parents know nothing about fine art, we are thrilled that our daughter has such a skilled and caring educator to encourage and develop her talents. Thank you Coach Brown.

Submitted by:



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Date: 10/15/2007

Nominee: Michelle Hall

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Madam Hall has been the French I, II, and III instructor for both our daughters. Her dedication and enthusiasm for teaching is contagious, resulting in our daughters continuing their French education beyond the standard two years. We are very grateful that our girls have been able to learn from Madam Hall and to have her as a role model during their high school years. She is not simply a teacher for our daughters, she is an inspiration.

Submitted by:



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/12/2007

Nominee: Jessica Gabel

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

Jessica Gabel makes the transitional program a huge success. Jessica Gabel is a "Touch of Class. Her concern and compassion for all of her students are shown everyday. She exhibits creative teaching styles to help her students become engaged in learning English. It is a joy working with Jessica Gabel everyday to make our program a huge success.

Submitted by: Lynda Temple



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/15/2007

Nominee: Amy Deweese

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

I appreciate Ms. Deweese being interested enough in regular education students to offer to help out with college applications and seeking financial aid. Most of the time this seems to be talked about in the AP classes and the regular Ed students seemed to be thought of as those who will not go to college. Thank you Ms Deweese for thinking there is a hope that a regular Ed student has what it takes to go to college! Thank you for your positive attitude!!

Submitted by: Tara Greene



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 10/2/2007

Nominee: Kathy Hudson

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

"Coach" Hudson is one of those individuals who truly changes lives... simply by choosing to care. Students at Richland all seem to know her... and she knows them, too. She takes the time to listen, to engage and let the kids know she is available. Specifically, she went out of her way to include my son as a "manager" for her cross country team. She recognized that he needed the connection, the sense of belonging, and she sought him out. He smiles simply at the mention of her name. My daughter feels the same way. Coach H is someone very special.

Submitted by: Sue Turnage



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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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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/20/2007

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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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/19/2007

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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Date: 9/19/2007

Nominee: Bobby Roberts

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Submitted by: Jaimie Smith



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/17/2007

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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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/19/2007

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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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/17/2007

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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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/17/2007

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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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/17/2007

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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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/18/2007

Nominee: Judy Ryan

Campus/Department: Hardeman Elementary

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

Ms. Ryan taught my Granddaughter, Chloe Lee, in the second grade. She has continued to be a great influence to my Granddaughter, who is a fourth grader now and someone that Chloe counts on to be there when she needs a friend. Just seeing Ms. Ryan in the hall seems to be an assurance that she would be there for her. From what I have heard from Chloe, and meeting Ms. Ryan I know that she is a "super" teacher and cares about all her students. Chloe lives with her Dad and really has no female influences in her life to talk to since her Mom lives in Oklahoma now. I feel like Ms. Ryan is a Guardian Angel for Chloe and I rest easier just knowing she is there!

Submitted by: Shirlene Hunter



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/20/2007

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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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

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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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/19/2007

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

Date: 9/18/2007

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

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

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Submitted by: Charna Salazar



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/20/2007

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

Date: 9/20/2007

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

Date: 9/17/2007

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

Date: 9/18/2007

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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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/18/2007

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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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/19/2007

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

Date: 9/21/2007

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.

Submitted by:



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/17/2007

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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Date: 9/21/2007

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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Date: 9/17/2007

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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Date: 9/17/2007

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

Date:

Nominee: Shelly Williams

Campus/Department: Smithfield Elementary

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

See attached

Submitted by:



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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/28/2007

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.

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Date: 9/17/2007

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

Date: 9/18/2007

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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“A Touch of Class” Nomination Form

Date: 9/21/2007

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

Date: 9/17/2007

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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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