



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

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Date Submitted: 4/22/2011

Nominee: Chris Robison

Campus/Department: TMIS

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

Chris is always so professional and helpful. He is very prompt to come to the campus and help with whatever we need. Not only is he quick to come to the campus but he is so delightful. Everyone on this campus speaks very highly of Chris. Thank you, Chris, for all you do to help all of us at Foster Village. You are wonderful.



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Nominee: Lynn Engasser

Campus/Department: Transportation

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

I would like to nominate Ms. Lynn Engasser because she touched my life on 3/29/11. I was on my way out the front door to get my lunch from my husband, when it started to rain, I was not prepared with an umbrella so I just stood there. That's when Ms. Engasser noticed that I was in trouble and came to the rescue! She got her umbrella and walked to me and said, "Here let's walk together and get your lunch", she walked me to my husband's car and back to the front door. I thanked her and went in to have my lunch. She's a great person w/a big heart!
Connie



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Date Submitted: 5/11/2011

Nominee: Margaret Coleman

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Ms. Coleman is not only a wonderful librarian, but has served as an outstanding campus coordinator for the High School's That Work SREB grant program for Birdville High School. The implementation of this program was successful as a direct result of Ms. Coleman's hard work and tenacity. She consistently exhibits an outstanding work ethic and dedication to our students and staff. Thank you, Ms. Coleman, for all that you do to make BHS an exceptional campus!



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Date Submitted: 4/1/2011

Nominee: Alejandro Herrera

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Alejandro saved the day! I was in desperate need for a letter to be translated into Spanish, and completed by the next morning. To my glorious surprise, the translated letter was in my in-box by 0854!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you Alejandro!



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Date Submitted: 4/12/2011

Nominee: Cindy Sterling

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Our family is going through a tumultuous time right now and it was necessary to check my daughter out of Birdville High/Shannon Learning. Cindy had the paperwork ready and made this SO easy. The REAL feat was this morning when I had to check her back in. Cindy heard of the problem at 7:30, informed me that we actually needed to go to Shannon, but she would call and see what we could do. At 7:37 I received a call that it was completed and I could take her directly to Shannon. It was seamless! All because of Cindy's kindness and efficiency!



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Date Submitted: 4/21/2011

Nominee: *All who came to Buff Natation Celebration*

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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

Thank you for coming to "Buff Natation Celebration" You kept your school as clean as you found it. And a special Thanks to Mr. Leonard Cousins , for his countless hours to put Buff Natation Celebration together. And to all the volunteers who help with it. And to the custodial staff with their dedication to make sure that the school was ready for Monday morning.



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Date Submitted: 5/6/2011

Nominee: Jackie Brown, Sherlyn Edmonson, Lillie Flores

Campus/Department: Shannon Learning Center

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

The Shannon cafeteria is one of the most cheerful places in Birdville ISD. The staff greets everyone by name, and they make you feel welcome. In addition, they cook delicious food. They serve students of all grades, and they serve adults who are housed at Shannon. They have food options that please everyone! They have made a huge difference here, and it is so hard to see them go in the summer. They never forget that they don't just serve food; they serve people.



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Date Submitted: 4/29/2011

Nominee: Rebekah Martin

Campus/Department: Shannon Learning Center

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

Ms. Martin became my son's teacher two years ago, and I couldn't be more grateful. She made the transition to high school a positive experience for him, and he has blossomed under her care. I have great respect for Ms. Martin because she works with me when there is a problem; we have become comrades in the education of Dylan. She took the time to build a relationship with him, therefore, he listens to her voice of reason. He doesn't always agree with her, but he considers-and that is progress! Kudos for your guidance Ms. M.- we will remember your heart.



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Date Submitted: 4/28/2011

Nominee: Nancy Hellewell

Campus/Department: North Ridge Middle School

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

Mrs. Hellewell is always there for all of her students. She works hard to prepare lessons they will find engaging and useful. She is excellent at communicating to her parents what their child needs to succeed and how she can help.



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Date Submitted: 4/16/2011

Nominee: Samantha Perry

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

Samantha Perry was one of the main people involved in saving my life the day I went down at work. If it wasn't for her bravery and fast-thinking and acting manner, I wouldn't be here today. I am sure it is an extremely tough thing to do to actually use your life-saving skills outside of a medical environment, and I am so thankful that Samantha had the courage to help when I needed her. Samantha is an awesome nurse and someone I will never forget. Thank you Sam for being one of my angels that day.



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Date Submitted: 4/16/2011

Nominee: Todd Tolbert

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

Todd was one of my lifesavers the day I went down at school. I can imagine that he was intensely nervous while having to use his lifesaving skills that day. I will never be able to thank Todd adequately for being courageous, calm, and smart the day I needed help the most. I know that Todd cares about me, and it is because of people like him who are all over Watauga Middle School that make it is an amazing place to work.



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Nominee: Amy Gallegos

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

I will forever be grateful for my friend and co-worker Amy for helping me the day of my incident at school. She was the first by my side after I went down, and it is because of her calmness, quick thinking, and care that I was able to get the further help that I need that day. If it wasn't for her bravery and care, my story would have turned out differently. Amy has also been an amazing help in the days after as I recover away from school. I know she has a lot on her shoulders in athletics with me being gone but she has come through for me and the girls.



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Date Submitted: 5/1/2011

Nominee: Jessica Dunnam

Campus/Department: North Ridge Elementary

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

North Ridge Elementary had to cancel the yearly field trip to Camp Grady Spruce this year due to the wildfires. Mrs. Dunnam spent hours on Sunday afternoon calling and e-mailing each family about the unexpected cancellation. Our phone number had changed and she was not able to reach us. She came to our home that evening to make sure that our daughter did not show up Monday morning packed and excited to leave. Mrs. Dunnam is a shining example of a teacher that is truly concerned for the welfare of her students.



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Date Submitted: 4/20/2011

Nominee: Douglas Chadwick

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

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

Douglas is a new custodian at Spicer Elementary. He is a welcome addition to our school. When I arrive in the morning my classroom is cleaner than it has been in a long time. I have even moved furniture and he cleaned the dirt up off the floor without me saying anything.

Thank you Douglas!



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Nominee: *Carrie Bruce*

Campus/Department: *Spicer Elementary*

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

Every day I am at Spicer I feel blessed to be a part of a team with Carrie Bruce. Her dedication and love of children is evident in whatever she does. She is an awesome role model for educators. She is a woman of integrity.



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Nominee: Rachel Rowntree

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

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

When I first met Rachel Rowntree I was impressed with her sweet nature. Now I am impressed with her dedication to excellence. She may have been teaching for a few short years but you can't tell. Her maturity and focus make her an excellent educator from whom I hope to learn more for many years to come.



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Nominee: Carol Drummond

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

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

Carol Drummond is a fine example of what a teacher should be. She exemplifies the character traits we should all strive for. She has a heart of gold and a backbone of steel. She is amazing.



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Date Submitted: 4/11/2011

Nominee: Cara Cagle

Campus/Department: W.A. Porter

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

Cara has been in deaf ed. a long time. She is a prek/k assistant. This has been a tough year and throughout the year, she continues to keep a positive attitude even during the most difficult of situations. You can count on her to hug children, give second and third chances, and do much more than her job and position require.



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Date Submitted: 4/13/2011

Nominee: Kimberly Kime

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

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

Mrs Kime has made an huge impact on my son. When my son first entered her class he was barley speaking and having trouble interacting with people. Now a year later he is a chatter box, naming letters and counting and singing. He is out going and making friends. Ms kime has exceptions yet teaches on a level they can understand and they all blossom under her care. Thank you Mrs Kime for taking such wonderful care of our son.



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Date Submitted: 3/2/2011

Nominee: *Kathy Levi*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

Ms. Levi sends out homework notices to parents via email. This helps me keep my child on track in her class. She also has a very caring and compassionate heart for kids.



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Date Submitted: 3/2/2011

Nominee: Scott Eager

Campus/Department: Smithfield Middle School

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

Scott goes above and beyond the call of duty as crisis counselor to help parents and students at SMS. BISD is very fortunate to have him!



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Date Submitted: 3/8/2011

Nominee: Meredith Bolton

Campus/Department: Academy at West Birdville

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

Dependability seems like an inadequate word to describe Mrs. Bolton. When she is asked to do something it only takes once and she makes sure it is always done right the first time. I can always count on Meredith to go above and beyond weather it is rearranging all the student computers in every classroom or setting up a new computer lab; she contributes to a climate of trust and respect that we appreciate. I know the stability she provides is a comfort to both students and staff here at the AWB community.



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Date Submitted: 3/24/2011

Nominee: Leah Stephenson

Campus/Department: Foster Village Elementary

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

Mrs. Stephenson is a fantastic teacher! She constantly goes above and beyond and truly enjoys teaching her students! Mrs. Stephenson is superb at communicating with us in a quick manner and is always willing to give suggestions to help our children. Her patience is out of this world and I know my son will always remember her and his first year of school! Thanks for all that you do Mrs. Stephenson!



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Date Submitted: 3/28/2011

Nominee: *Debbie Heath*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

Mrs. Heath along with the other fifth grade teachers was instrumental in planning for the school's initial visit to Camp Jolt, Journey on Lake Texoma Science Camp. She assisted with the overall planning, conducted fund raising activities, informed parents, prepared the students, and implemented the plans for successful Camp Jolt. Thank you, Mrs. Heath, for making this wonderful opportunity a memorable experience for our students and staff.



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Nominee: Jennifer Salyards

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Mrs. Salyards provided encouragement, support, guidance, and overall leadership for the planning and implementing of Camp Jolt, Journey on Lake Texoma Science Camp. Thank you for all of your efforts to make this opportunity a reality for our fifth grade teachers and students. This was an experience that they will remember for a lifetime.



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Date Submitted: 3/31/2011

Nominee: Jessica Erwin

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Miss Erwin touches the lives of many of our children at Watauga Elementary School throughout the school year as she lends her time and talents so children may enjoy and participate in the Spelling Bee, Art Club, our school garden, and Cow Town Clean up. She also helped to raise funds for Camp JOLT and designed the art work for the camp t shirt. She is a positive role model for our children and the staff. Thank you, Miss Erwin, for all you efforts and dedication.



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Nominee: *Kate Olson*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

Miss Olson's active and positive participation in many school activities makes it possible for the children at Watauga Elementary School to participate in the Spelling Bee and the Art Club. She also helped to raise funds for Camp JOLT by selling reusable water bottles and assisted Miss Erwin with the Cow Town Clean Up project. Miss Olson, thank you for all that you do and the many hours of your time you give so willingly. Your efforts are appreciated.



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Nominee: Kim Holbrook

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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Mrs. Holbrook along with the other fifth grade teachers was instrumental in planning for the school's initial visit to Camp Jolt, Journey on Lake Texoma Science Camp. She assisted with holding fund raising activities, contacting parents, preparing the students, writing the science curriculum for camp, and implementing the plans for successful Camp Jolt. Thank you, Mrs. Holbrook, for making this wonderful opportunity a memorable experience for our students and staff.



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Nominee: Leslie Vasquez

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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Nominee: Tommy Farquhar

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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Nominee: Vickie Gray

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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Nominee: Randy Porter

Campus/Department: Athletics

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

Randy Porter does a thankless job that many people don't see. He is in charge of Birdville Stadium. He is in charge of getting everything ready for every event and/or sport at the stadium. Yesterday, Randy demonstrated his ability to go beyond his normal duties. One of my Watauga Middle School athletes was injured during an event a track meet and Randy did everything he could for this young man while the track meet was still going on. I just want to say thanks to Randy for all he does for the kids and coaches of BISD.



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Nominee: Mary Hearst

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

Mary has does an amazing job with the many changes and requests that she has been subjected to this school year. She does an amazing job with our special education students. She has been a real team player: she has 4 preps and two classrooms in which she teaches. She has also willingly taken on the responsibility to provide hygiene services to a student in need.



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Date Submitted: 3/28/2011

Nominee: *Jean Koch and Child Nutrition staff*

Campus/Department: *North Ridge Middle School*

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

I have been so impressed with Child Nutrition Manager Jean Koch and her staff here at North Ridge Middle. This year they have made a special effort to improve the food choices and I am thrilled. We see a lot of fresh fruit, more fresh vegetables and more variety, and some new menu choices. We have had baked chicken, corn on the cob, lightly breaded okra, and squash. Jean and her staff provide treat both students and teachers with special care, accommodating special groups when needed. Thanks to each of you for all you do every day!



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Date Submitted: 3/22/2011

Nominee: Ross Nelson

Campus/Department: North Ridge Middle school

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

*Coach Nelson is the real deal. He genuinely cares about our children. It does not take too much scrutiny to notice that he absolutely enjoys working with these kids. Most of the children react to him as they would towards a big brother, a revered uncle or a much respected mentor. Someone they can emulate, look up to and feel comfortable enough to approach for advice. Coach Nelson definitely goes above and beyond the call of duty. THANK YOU Coach
He is the teacher/coach you want/hope your child to have.*



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Date Submitted: 3/2/2011

Nominee: Sherry Duncan

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle

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

Sherry is kind, compassionate and hard working. She is always willing to go the extra mile to make sure a student of hers is fed and cared for. She has the ability to look past what may be going on in the lives of those around her see the good. She is always ready with a word of encouragement to the students and the people she works with. She is the kind person I want to be around more just so she will rub off me a little bit. Thank you for your servant heart. You are a blessing.



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Date Submitted: *3/11/2011*

Nominee: *Anthony Holman*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

Coach Holman goes above and beyond the call of duty to help students feel important at SMS. He is a great role model for his students, and I am thankful that my son has developed a trusting relationship with him. Thanks for everything you do for kids in BISD!



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Date Submitted: 3/2/2011

Nominee: *Bill Monty*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

Mr. Monty sees the positive side in all kids. He is very patience and loves his job!



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Date Submitted: *3/2/2011*

Nominee: *Cheryl Eager*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

Ms. Eager makes every attempt to see the positive side of kids and encourages them to do their best.



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Date Submitted: 3/9/2011

Nominee: *Jeff Russell*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

I want to thank Mr. Russell for believing in fresh starts, second chances, and opportunities to change for kids. Also, Mr. Russell has hired an excellent staff at SMS. All of the teachers and staff at this campus show care and concern every day for my child. Thank you for being such a positive leader and role model in BISD!



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Date Submitted: 2/24/2011

Nominee: *Silvina Daly*

Campus/Department: *Parent Liaison*

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

Ms. Daly responded very quickly to 2 requests by our team of teachers to contact Spanish speaking parents to discuss concerns about student progress. She talked to all of the teachers to get information, set up and attended/translated parent conferences, provided advice/feedback to parents, and has not hesitated to step in and become an integral team member working toward student success. She has even come to the school after hours to assure a student is attending tutorials. We are very lucky to have Ms. Daly in Birdville ISD.



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Date Submitted: 2/18/2011

Nominee: Jon Norris

Campus/Department: TIMS

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

Jon was a life-saver. He came to W. A. Porter's rescue when our newly installed projector would not work with my laptop on Fine Arts Day. Not only did he bring out a loaner laptop and get the projector working, he offered to take my laptop and get it working with the projector, as well. Thanks so much, Jon!



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Date Submitted: 2/7/2011

Nominee: Ron Russell

Campus/Department: Transportation

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

BISD belief of a trusting relationships in a safe and caring environment are vital to an innovative learning organization is exemplified by Ron. He drives students to our school each Wednesday night and does nothing but build them up with verbal praise and recognition. Ron is always reinforcing how amazing these kids are. He recently noticed that there were a number of kids that were using plastic bags to carry their books, so Ron went on a mission to find a better bag for them. After much effort he was able to get a real book bag for every child!



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Date Submitted: 2/22/2011

Nominee: Haltom High School Librarians

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

I would like to thank the HHS librarians for their infinite patience and wonderful attitudes. For the last few years, the task of setting up the library and readying the computers for AP Spanish Language testing has fallen mostly on their shoulders and they have done so beautifully while also helping me with ideas to make it run more smoothly and more than once have saved the day during a technical failure. These 3 ladies make the HHS Library a warm and inviting place for both faculty and students.



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Date Submitted: 2/22/2011

Nominee: Rodney Jackson

Campus/Department: Shannon Learning Center

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

Mr. Jackson is perhaps the most consistently patient and gentle man I have ever seen in my life and while working with the most difficult population in the entire district. His compassion, empathy, and patience seem to have no end. His ability to calm and sooth extremely upset and often totally out of control children is nothing short of amazing. My hat is off to Mr. Jackson and all the BI's.



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Date Submitted: 2/25/2011

Nominee: Tom Lane

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

My son Mike joined the Ready, Set, Teach Program at HHS this year. Although he loved the teacher at his first campus he worked at, he did not like teaching math and wanted to drop out of the RST program at mid-term. I made him stick it out the full year. He is so glad I did. Tom Lane, his new mentor, teaches Science at Watauga Middle School and he turned Mike around about teaching. Mike looks forward to his on-site days at WMS now and just this morning was filling out a new application for RST for next year. Thanks Tom for making a difference.



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Date Submitted: 2/18/2011

Nominee: Rhett Peel, Brenda Stephenson, and Frank Bain

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

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

Rhett, Brenda, and Frank work tirelessly to keep our campus clean and in good repair. They are always smiling and friendly, and will come help us with any situation in our classroom at a moment's notice. I've even seen Brenda cleaning a classroom while the students were out at lunch. All three significantly and positively impact our campus!



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Date Submitted: 2/16/2011

Nominee: Shawn Serviente

Campus/Department: Smithfield Elementary

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

Mrs. Serviente has been such a wonderful teacher for my daughter and has made her first year of school very exciting. She has so much patience and you can tell that she really loves what she does. We appreciate her so much!



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Date Submitted: 2/22/2011

Nominee: Angie Beeson

Campus/Department: Mullendore Elementary

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

While tending to a sick child at the Doctors we ran into Coach Beeson. She was sick herself and getting tested for the flu. Even though she was not feeling 100%, Coach Beeson was still in her Guardian Angel mode. She saw a family in need and made sure they were going to be warm and safe for the night. Angie Beeson has the heart of a giant and exemplifies what it means to be a teacher!



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Date Submitted: *1/3/2011*

Nominee: *Bill Monty*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

Mr. Monty is the kind of teacher we had prayed for when we sent our son to middle school. He is patient but firm, and has a way of seeing the potential in his students and brings out the best in them by building their confidence. He is at the school early and late every day to provide extra tutoring. He has been a teacher and mentor that we will be forever grateful for.

Mr. Monty is the kind of teacher every student should have the opportunity to be taught by.



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Date Submitted: 1/3/2011

Nominee: Modesta Juarez-Jacinto

Campus/Department: West Birdville Elementary

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

Modesta is a positive force in the lives of her colleagues, students and parents! She inspires me to be my best for our students, parents and community. She has helped me to succeed on numerous occasions through her professional support and organizational skills. Modesta is a life saver to me!



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Date Submitted: 1/14/2011

Nominee: Mr. Bill Monty

Campus/Department: Smithfield Middle School

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

As a fellow teacher I am not sure I have ever been quite as moved as when I drop off one of my daughters this morning at the horseshoe in “Raider Nation” land. There stood Mr. Monty at 7:25 in the front foyer looking like a man on a mission and, that mission was soon quite apparent. You see I figure most kids at this age just flourish in school but, my daughter tends to struggle a bit sometimes....I am okay with that it’s just how God made her...she is PERFECT. Never the less, that mission was soon seen in my daughter's eyes. As we rounded the horseshoe out of the corner of her eye she noticed him standing there and she was instantly beaming with excitement on her face. She loves trying to not only please my wife and I but equally as important Mr. Monty. At this point as a fellow educator I couldn’t help but wonder if kids come to school thinking they can’t wait to please me and be overjoyed about my own class just as she was Mr. Monty’s. Ironically, it was at that point I just begin to weep about the thought of how God has blessed all of us with the pleasure to work and be taught by such a fine and caring man....God is so very good. It is teachers like Bill Monty who bring that joy and excitement to children that I think all educators and parents’ alike hope to see in every child’s eyes. Thank You Mr. Monty for being the angel my daughter needed during such a difficult year. You not only make Mr. Russell and the Raider Nation proud, you make me proud to call you a colleague of mine and a member of the BISD family.



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Date Submitted: 1/10/2011

Nominee: Lynn Breitinger

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

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

Ever since I first came to teach at Watauga Middle School Lynn has been an inspiration and someone who I admire very much. She is so actively involved in the school with being a teacher and being on the PTA board. Lynn shows up for so many after school activities when she is not required to be there, just because she cares about the kids. She is a good sport and is always up for a laugh. When I grow up, I hope I can be as great as Lynn Breitinger.



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Date Submitted: 1/25/2011

Nominee: Mrs. Lori Ward

Campus/Department: W.A. Porter & Snow Heights

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

Mrs. Ward is a tireless worker and BRAVO Reading teacher. She teaches and travels back and forth between two campuses; W.A. Porter and Snow Heights Elementary Schools. She is incredible with her BRAVO students on each campus and her students' performances on TAKS have been amazing. She truly cares for her students and the relationships she has made and continues to make have established her as one of Birdville's best! Thanks for making such a positive impact on the young readers in BISD.



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Date Submitted: 1/7/2011

Nominee: Christy Tipps

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

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

Christy Tipps works in the office at Walker Creek. She always has a smile on her face and will go with whatever lengths necessary to help others. On one occasion, I had missed an award ceremony that my son was being honored in. I called the school in tears. Christy saw my son in the hall, ran out and threw her arms around him. When I got to the school, she and the other ladies in the office held a mini ceremony honoring James. I appreciate Christy for her precious servant heart. She blesses all of the parents and students at WCE.



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Date Submitted: 1/19/2011

Nominee: Cheryl Sherman

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Cheryl is a wonderful person to work with. I catch her doing "good deeds" almost daily. They may be considered "little things" to some, but they are examples of great character. She models this behavior for the kids of our school as well as the adults. She never hesitates to lend a helping hand. If you are unable to fulfill an after school duty, or you need a favor, she is always the first person to volunteer to help. She is very deserving of this award.



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Date Submitted: 1/31/2011

Nominee: Deborah Glass

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Ms. Glass has made a difference in so many of our students' lives. She is a caring, loving, and compassionate teacher who shows her love for her students everyday. Many of our students have disabilities and low self esteem but Ms. Glass finds the good and strengths in each of her students. She helps them to focus on their good qualities and what they CAN do and not what they struggle with. She is a mentor to her students as well as her fellow teachers with her knowledge of student's capabilities and strengths. She is an asset to our campus.



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Date Submitted: 1/31/2011

Nominee: Lisa Watts

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Ms. Watts is a wonderful asset to Watauga Elementary. Every morning, the student's are greeted with a smile, a hug, and a heartfelt "good morning" from Ms. Watts. She always shows our student's a positive attitude and even though they may be having a rough start to their day, they know Ms. Watts is there to listen and love them. She shows not only her special 3 year old friends compassion and caring but every student that may cross her path during the day.



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Date Submitted: 1/12/2011

Nominee: Mrs. Sandra Carter

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Mrs. Carter is the educational diagnostician on our campus. She is always greets everyone with a cheerful hello, and a smile. Mrs. Carter has a great rapport with the students she tests and the faculty here at Watauga She is always willing to go "that extra mile" be it for parents, students or staff. She is very creative and recently knitted a hedgehog for one of our teachers so he could have a visual mascot for his room, since a real hedgehog was not feasible.

We are glad Mrs. Carter is a member of the Watauga Elementary family.



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Date Submitted: 12/17/2010

Nominee: Dwight Goodwin

Campus/Department: ITS

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

Thank you to Dwight for working with me to create some special mobile applications for BISD's leadership. When presented with the idea, he immediately said, “No Problem” and went to work. I appreciate his efforts in providing a valuable tool that can be used by district administrators.



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Date Submitted: 12/16/2010

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?

Ms. Hyland has positively impacted the life of many students at ACFT. I am thankful that she answered the call in her heart to facilitate the "Girls on the Run" program. She is also a phenomenal Bilingual educator. She is able to provide a welcoming learning environment that promotes the success of both her English language learners and Spanish language learners! Ms. Hyland is an asset to her campus and the Dual Language program. She is respected by her colleagues and a blessing to ACFT students, families and staff.



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Nominee: Beth Shier

Campus/Department: Academy at C.F. Thomas

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

Mrs. Beth Shier is a great model in many aspects. I am thankful that she answered the call in her heart to start the "Girls on the Run" program at ACFT. She also goes above and beyond with her students' development in the arts by presenting a very professional Holiday production. Lastly, she is a role model to her students in leading a healthy life style; Most recently by running the Dallas White Rock Marathon! Mrs. Shier is an asset to her campus and a blessing to ACFT students, families and staff.



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Date Submitted: 12/15/2010

Nominee: Nikki Blilie

Campus/Department: Grace Hardeman Elementary

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

Mrs. Blilie never has an off day. It is evident in all that she does just how much she cares for all of our kids and how much she earnestly wants them to grow. My students love and respect her and what she has done with them over this first semester has been truly amazing. The gift shop she has opened for her students to earn gifts for their family members has brought out a proud side in my children that makes me smile. Thank you, Nikki, for your dedication and hard work in helping little people be successful!



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Date Submitted: 12/18/2010

Nominee: Juan Servin

Campus/Department: Grace Hardeman Elementary

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

Recently, my class held a special evening event for our families. This required completely rearranging the school library to accommodate 60+ people, and I needed to have the library put back in order before I left that night. I saw Juan in the halls after school and asked him if he would be willing to help me after the event. He didn't even hesitate for a second before he said that he would take care of all of it and that I didn't need to think about it at all. He wouldn't even let me help--he told me to go home! He is an amazing asset to our school. Thanks, Juan!



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Nominee: Cindy Bailey

Campus/Department: Grace Hardeman Elementary

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

Cindy is tireless in her willingness to help the teachers, staff and kids of Hardeman. She will always handle my eleventh hour requests with a smile. During the last week before Christmas break when things are crazy, I thought of a video I wanted to show my kids at the last minute. Our school didn't have it but that didn't stop Cindy! She found out another school near her house had it, made arrangements for her neighbor to pick it up, went to get it from him, and had it rolling the next morning for my kids. Thanks for always working so hard to help all of us, Cindy!



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Date Submitted: 12/18/2010

Nominee: *Nikki Blilie*

Campus/Department: *Grace Hardeman Elementary*

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

Our math specialist is amazing. Not only does she teach math so creatively and helps us teachers so much, she also has a huge heart for our kids. She arranged a huge "store" for the kids who she teaches to be able to "shop" for Christmas gifts for their families, most of the stock coming from her own wallet. One of the kids she sees from my class has tough financial circumstances at home, and she must have made at least three or four trips to my classroom with bags laden with goodies to send home with him for his family! He was thrilled and I was brought to tears by her kindness. Thanks, Nikki, for all the love you have for our kids.



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Date Submitted: 12/14/2010

Nominee: Teresa Lawson

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

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

Teresa has been absolutely a wonderful help. I wanted to do a Christmas writing project with my students so they could have a memory of themselves being in the 5th grade. She was very patient and supportive of me during this project. We had some lows, but the high moments of success were so rewarding! Not once did Teresa make me feel inadequate about my lack of knowledge with technology. Instead, her support kept me up beat and am eager to try something new again with my students. Thank you Teresa!



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Date Submitted: 12/15/2010

Nominee: Linda Nelson

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

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

Mrs. Nelson has worked with Ben for three years. She is so patient and caring yet pushes him when he needs it. She is instrumental in the fact that he has been successful integrating in a regular classroom. She really cares about the kids and works so hard to help them achieve their goals and reach their first potential. Mrs. Nelson helped Ben learn to read, add subtract and write. When he started with her he was hard to understand but she has helped him gain his voice through speech and writing. She volunteers her time after school to help Ben catch up in math and generally cares about him and the other kids she serves in walker creek. We are so lucky to have Mrs Nelson as Bens resource teacher and we want her good work to be recognized



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Date Submitted: 12/9/2010

Nominee: Kim Holbrook

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

My son is hyperactive & can be distracting in a classroom environment which can frustrate teachers but not Mrs. Holbrook. She is an AMAZING teacher who truly cares about her students and rose to the challenge. She got in communication with me early on and has been sensitive and proactive in focusing his energy appropriately. She has impressed me from the beginning with her concern and her desire to help. She is always kind & positive. Kim Holbrook truly is all that a teacher should be and is deserving of recognition.



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Date Submitted: 12/16/2010

Nominee: *Dennise Combs*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

Mrs. Combs is a caring educator who provides a safe learning environment for her students. That caring attitude carries over to her relationship with her colleagues. Most recently this was evident when she shared her knowledge of a reading program with the Kindergarten and 1st Grade Dual Language team on her campus. I appreciated the obvious care and planning she took to prepare in sharing effective strategies and material.

Mrs. Combs is an asset to her campus, the bilingual program, her students and families.



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Date Submitted: 12/1/2010

Nominee: David F. Holland

Campus/Department: Accountability

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

David is so helpful when I have questions about running any type of data spreadsheets or reports. He is not only knowledgeable, but he takes the time to teach me how to do the reports that I need. I know he is very busy, but he makes me feel like he has nothing else to do except help me when I call on him for assistance! David is such an asset to BISD and the accountability department! Thank you David!



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Date Submitted: 12/14/2010

Nominee: Joe Rocker

Campus/Department: Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning

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

These gentleman and their students graciously welded a table that will be used for children. They completed the project in a very short time period and communicated the time line and completion date very well with me. We appreciate them taking the time to complete this job.



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Nominee: Mike Benton

Campus/Department: Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning

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Date Submitted: 12/15/2010

Nominee: Birdville High Band Staff

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Everyone of you have worked really hard this year and have spent countless hours working with the kids. Your hard work has paid off and you have had a fantastic year in Marching and will succeed in high honors in concert season! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed! Thanks for making a positive impact in all those associated with the band. You have one of the most important jobs in the world, (shaping the life and future of children) and you are doing an OUTSTANDING job!



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Date Submitted: 12/15/2010

Nominee: Gary Barnard

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Your commitment to the band shows greatly. The levels that you have taken your group to are exceptional and your dedication to the BISD Mighty Hawks band is astounding. Watching you conduct is a show of it's own! You are AMAZING!



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Date Submitted: 12/15/2010

Nominee: Michael Cheripka

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Mr. Cheripka has done a superb job with the Jazz Band! They sound very professional, fun, and amazing! Mr. Cheripka is fantastic in many other areas in the band but the Jazz Band stood out the most to me. YOU ROCK! Thanks for all your dedication and hard work!



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Date Submitted: 12/15/2010

Nominee: Jolette Wine

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Jolette Wine is an exceptional teacher! I commend her on a well organized program, with fantastic kids whom behave and show professionalism. Ms. Wine is very dedicated to the Birdville Mighty Hawks band program and knows how to train the kids to play on a high level. Awesome Job!



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Date Submitted: 10/18/2010

Nominee: Tiffanie Friend

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

Coach Friend has been a positive influence on our JV cheerleaders this year. They had a rough year last year with several changes in coaches, and I am thankful that Coach Friend has become the sponsor for the girls. My daughter has said several times how much she is enjoying cheerleading this year. Coach Friend tries to point out the positive things the cheerleaders are doing as a group and individually. She also critiques them in a way that they want to do better in whatever area needs work. She certainly is an asset to the RHS cheer team



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Date Submitted: 11/3/2010

Nominee: Misty Brown

Campus/Department: Administration

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

I have worked with, and at one time, for Misty on SHARS policy and procedures and enjoyed her refreshingly honest way of communicating her opinions and ideas to others. She is always open to new ideas and willingly entertains positive change to processes. I have never gone to talk to her about current issues and felt hurried along, even during budget and audit crunches. She deserves recognition for her dedication and knowledge in her field in addition to being such a great co-worker. I've learned a lot from her and enjoy working with her!



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Date Submitted: 11/10/2010

Nominee: P. Cadena

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

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

Recently our gymnasium had an electrical problem that required power being turned off and the gym becoming unavailable during a critical usage time for our facility. Gerald White, Mike Proctor, Kevin Trainer, and Patricia Cadena took on a very difficult project in replacing electrical equipment in the gym over a period of two days during school time. Their efforts barely effected our normal school operations. Their positive attitude and desire to work around what we were doing met our needs in many ways. They are awesome servants!



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Date Submitted: 1/22/2010

Nominee: George

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

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

We just wanted to say THANKS for a job well done. Our classroom faucet has been leaking and hard to turn off for two years. What a joy not to hear that dripping sound all day. Speaking of noises THANKS also for fixing the adjacent mens rest room. With a self contained classroom any distractions take away from learning time. What a wonderful time we are having noise free.



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Date Submitted: 1/22/2010

Nominee: Sammy

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Date Submitted: 11/10/2010

Nominee: Jed Carlton

Campus/Department: Academy at C. F. Thomas

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

Jed has always been one who is willing to help others, and this week was no exception. He gave up precious time to help organize and clean the district book warehouse. He was a tremendous help. Jed always has a smile on his face and a positive attitude that is contagious! Thank you for all you do for BISD!



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Date Submitted: 11/10/2010

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 is new to the position this year, but already he has the one thing that makes AP's special, the willingness to serve and help others! Michael gave his time and efforts this week to help clean and organize the district book warehouse. The job would have been much harder without his help! Thank you Michael for the positive impact you have already made on BISD!



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Date Submitted: 11/3/2010

Nominee: Nathan Prange

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Mr. Prange is an exceptional teacher. His abundance of energy, care for students, and positivity goes beyond the classroom. Besides teaching Geometry, he is a fantastic coach who is truly involved in the students' lives and education. Thank you Mr. Prange for going above and beyond. Your dedication goes further than you realize.



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Date Submitted: 11/8/2010

Nominee: Dwight Goodwin

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Dwight Goodwin was instrumental in providing Birdville High's Academic Decathlon Team the opportunity to take part in a distance learning opportunity through the Among Carter Museum. With very short notice, he was able to work out all the details for a distance learning lab at another campus, since ours was in use, and assist Coach Nancy Sharma with the technology details. Because of his efforts our students did not miss out of this event. Dwight is a delight to work with and the staff at Birdville High greatly appreciates him!



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Date Submitted: 11/2/2010

Nominee: Kendra Jackson

Campus/Department: Foster Village Elementary

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

She has been so wonderful to my son. he has adhd and anxiety. she uses a soothing voice and helps him achieve his goals. he is now going once a day to a regular ed class and is on the ab honor roll first 6 weeks. he is currently getting all a"s.



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Date Submitted: 11/22/2010

Nominee: Karen Avis

Campus/Department: Foster Village Elementary

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

This is Karen's first year at Foster Village. She goes above and beyond her job title. She is always willing to do whatever is asked of her. She is a great asset to our campus and we appreciate all she does for our staff and children.



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Date Submitted: 11/11/2010

Nominee: Michele McIntire

Campus/Department: Green Valley Elementary School

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

I have a son that goes to Green Valley Elementary School and each week he voluntarily comes home and gives me a synopsis of what he has been taught in music class. I am a band director and music education is extremely important to me. Mrs. McIntire is teaching my son GREAT STUFF! He has come home and discussed these topics already this year: the VALVE TROMBONE, the BASSOON, the life of JS BACH and can also sing on pitch numerous solfege syllables. I am impressed!



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Date Submitted: 10/29/2010

Nominee: Perk Thrash

Campus/Department: Purchasing Department

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

I can't say enough nice things about our Perk Thrash. She is the most patient, kind person to talk to about issues regarding Purchase Orders and the workings of our People Soft system, seeing that "everything" is as it should be. "Thank you Perk, you are the best!"



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Date Submitted: 11/8/2010

Nominee: Rene Rhodes

Campus/Department: Green Valley Elementary School

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

We are all working very hard at Green Valley getting ready for our Demonstration School. I was making copies one late afternoon when the copier jammed on me. I started trying to find the problem on my own. Rene walked in to the workroom, saw I was having trouble, and dropped what she was doing to help me. She didn't need to run copies, and I didn't ask for her help. She just saw my need and helped me. This very selfless act when we are all so busy truly touched me. She is a pleasure to work with, and I'm glad to call her my friend.



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Date Submitted: *11/5/2010*

Nominee: *Jennifer Edwards*

Campus/Department: *Hardeman Elementary*

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

Jennifer is truly a blessing to faculty and students at Hardeman. She is always willing to lend a hand and go out of her way to do what is best for our students. Jennifer comes to work everyday with a smile and has a contagious positive attitude. She is never afraid to get her hands dirty, stay late or do a job that she does not know anything about! I want to say thank you Jennifer for making our office such a happy and positive place to work each and every day!



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Date Submitted: *11/6/2010*

Nominee: *JoAnna Shores*

Campus/Department: *North Ridge Elementary*

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

Having some challenging behaviors this year, JoAnna has taken time out of her busy Speech Schedule to come help, guide and direct me in the appropriate ABA techniques until I can get trained. She is not only a co-worker, but a friend as well and wants the best for all. Thank You JoAnna for your help and confidence in me.



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Date Submitted: 11/10/2010

Nominee: Deborah Coulson

Campus/Department: North Ridge Elementary

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

Deborah is always willing to help in any endeavor that benefits others. This week she helped clean and organize the district book warehouse! She came with such a positive attitude and willingness to help that it made others want to help. Thank you for your service to BISD and for always lending a hand to others!



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Date Submitted: 11/9/2010

Nominee: Marvin Hodge

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

I have observed Marvin on many occasions taking care of RHS. I am impressed that he is constantly picking up trash to make RHS look nice. Recently I saw him scrubbing a brick column that possibly had graffiti on it. Then he looked over the other columns just to make sure they were clean. I have never seen Marvin just stand around and NOT work. It might be his job anyway but he takes it to the next step and takes pride in making RHS a great place for the students and staff. RHS should be proud to have such a dedicated custodian as Marvin.



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Date Submitted: 11/15/2010

Nominee: Cafeteria Staff

Campus/Department: W.T. Francisco

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

My cafeteria staff, Pamela Cragle, Maria Ocampo, Areli Valenzuela, Diana Wilson, are always taking care of me. Many times I am not able to leave the clinic to pick up my lunch or at times have not let them know I wanted food that day. They will call the clinic to see if I need anything and even provide delivery service to the clinic at times. They always greet me with a smile and positive attitude. They are a blessing in my life and should know they are truly appreciated! They certainly go above and beyond their job requirements.



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Date Submitted: 11/8/2010

Nominee: Susan Smith

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

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

Susan Smith was extremely helpful in assisting Dwight Goodwin, Birdville High's Instructional Technology Person. By offering and coordinating the use of Walker Creek's distance learning lab, Birdville High's Academic Decathlon Team was able to take part in an opportunity offered through Amon Carter Museum. We want to thank Susan for helping our BHS students have this opportunity!



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Date Submitted: 11/10/2010

Nominee: Sarah Upchurch

Campus/Department: Watauga Elementary

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

Sarah went above and beyond the call of duty this week by helping clean and organize the district book warehouse! She came with such a positive attitude and spirit and completed a huge amount of work in just a few hours! Thank you for your service to BISD Sarah!



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Nominee: *Linda Munoz*

Campus/Department: *Special Services-ESL*

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These ladies worked very hard with Haltom High School staff to ensure PEIMS data related to LEP students was updated and accurate. We appreciate their help with this and many other times they have assisted our campus.



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Nominee: *Nora Fabela*

Campus/Department: *Special Services-ESL*

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Nominee: *Feyi Obamehinti*

Campus/Department: *Special Services-ESL*

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Date Submitted: 11/17/2010

Nominee: Randy Porter

Campus/Department: Transportation

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

Randy, our bus driver, took such good care of the HHS PAL group this weekend. When we arrived at our destination it was extremely dark. (We went camping) Randy just happened to have a headlamp that he offered to let me borrow for the weekend. He showed up earlier than scheduled on Sunday because he said he knew the kids were probably cold and tired. What a TREAT, because we were so ready to go home. Then, he even got out to check and make sure we put out the fire. What a nice guy! Thank you Randy!



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Nominee: G. White

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

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

Recently our gymnasium had an electrical problem that required power being turned off and the gym becoming unavailable during a critical usage time for our facility. Gerald White, Mike Proctor, Kevin Trainer, and Patricia Cadena took on a very difficult project in replacing electrical equipment in the gym over a period of two days during school time. Their efforts barely effected our normal school operations. Their positive attitude and desire to work around what we were doing met our needs in many ways. They are awesome servants!



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Nominee: M. Proctor

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

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Nominee: *K. Trainer*

Campus/Department: *Buildings and Grounds*

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Date Submitted: 10/7/2010

Nominee: Kathy Handler

Campus/Department: Fine Arts

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

Kathy works as the secretary in the Fine Arts office and this fall has been pulled in multiple directions, in addition to her regular duties she has the added pressure of coordination of fund raisers, travel plans and the issues surrounding getting all three high school bands to California for the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2011. She always has a smile on her face and a positive word whether she is attending the Chamber luncheon, Northeast Richland Lions Club, parent meetings, and on, and on, and on, all working toward this huge event.



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Date Submitted: 10/19/2010

Nominee: Jeff Funderburgh

Campus/Department: Green Valley Elementary

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

Jeff Funderburgh ALWAYS helps problem solve with furniture and technology equipment issues in my classroom. He never complains. He comes in ready to help. He is such a positive person on our campus. Thank you Mr. Jeff. You are the BEST!



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Date Submitted: 10/1/2010

Nominee: Cindy Valenta

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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Nominee: Connie Sanchez

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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Nominee: Diane Nixon

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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Nominee: Leonard Cousins

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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Nominee: Marisa Hafley

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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Nominee: Scot Hafley

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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Nominee: Jennifer Finnell

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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Nominee: Mary Villafranca

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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Nominee: Angela Finch

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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Date Submitted: 10/20/2010

Nominee: Linda Robinson

Campus/Department: Special Services

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

I had ordered curriculum for my classroom and the order came incomplete. After 3 months of trying to get the order straightened out, I referred the problem to Special Services. Even though it was not part of her job description, Linda determined the error, contacted the company and made arrangements to have the missing pieces sent. Thank you, Linda! I appreciate all your help!!!



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Nominee: Rachel Ryan

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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Nominee: Emily Arnold

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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Date Submitted: 10/22/2010

Nominee: Mick Sandoval

Campus/Department: Birdville Elementary

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

Mr. Sandoval is such a great leader and person! He uses every opportunity to "grow" others. He is a visionary in school leadership and does a fantastic job! It is an honor to work for such a principal!



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Nominee: Laurie Hindman

Campus/Department: Birdville Elementary

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

Laurie is such a positive person and has made a very positive impact on our campus! She is always thinking of new ways to recognize others for their hard work! She deserves the recognition! She is such a joy to have on campus!



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Nominee: Amy Fox

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Amy is a sign language interpreter and the lead interpreter on the BHS campus. She is on the go all of the time, making sure that students are served appropriately, that general education teachers understand the interpreter role and that staff morale is high! She LOVES to participate in all BHS activities and always has the most creative clothing to match the theme of the day. She is outgoing, fun-loving and also takes her job very seriously while loving it at the same time. We are so fortunate to have her.



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Nominee: Brandy Medford

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Brandy had an idea, a what if moment... She took this "little" idea to Terri Wilson and the BHS STUCO to help foster and make it grow. This "little" idea brought the whole student body together as well as the community and made a HUGE impact. BHS celebrated football and volleyball games against Springtown with a "PINK OUT" theme. BHS raised \$4,000 to donate to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research. Thank you for taking a risk and making a difference! Everyone deserves a lifetime!



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Nominee: Terri Wilson

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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Nominee: BHS STUCO

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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Date Submitted: 10/29/2010

Nominee: Monica Miller

Campus/Department: Foster Village Elementary

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

I received a call from the sub at Foster Village Elementary today stating that a teacher performed abdominal thrust (Heimlich Maneuver) and was successful! Way to Go!



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Date Submitted: 8/25/2010

Nominee: *Juan Bonilla*

Campus/Department: *Buildings and Grounds*

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

HE TAKES PRIDE IN HIS WORK .

JUAN IS ALWAYS SMILING AND TAKES HIS JOB SERIOUSLY.

HE CARES ABOUT ALL HIS PEERS THAT HE WORKS WITH.

I CAN ALWAYS DEPEND ON JUAN TO GET A JOB DONE.

HE IS JUST "AWESOME"!!!!



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Date Submitted: 9/10/2010

Nominee: Courtney Kolpin

Campus/Department: Alliene Mullendore Elementary

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

Ms. Kolpin has touched the lives of my family in a few different ways. Ms. Kolpin was a teacher that my oldest daughter felt comfortable speaking to when she had a problem. If the problem be school or personnel, Synthia knew from third grade she could go to Mrs. Kolpin and for this I was very thankful. Ms Kolpin has also helped me with my younger daughter Samantha. I went to Mrs. Kolpin for direction and advice getting Samantha ready for kindergarten on a level she would be at that would help her though out the year. At the end of the year it paid off in so many ways, it was a great feeling to know someone was there to give me so much information. This was something I did not have with my oldest and since being my first child I did not know how to prepare her for kindergarten. Times had changed dramatically since my school days. A teacher that will cry over the phone to me after seeing my daughter so upset due to a TAKS test grade, that is amazing. It showed me she was just as heartbroken as my daughter but it showed Synthia that not only will mom and dad cry with you but also your teacher (Mrs. Kolpin).



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Date Submitted: 8/27/2010

Nominee: Stefanie Woodard

Campus/Department: Academy at CF Thomas

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

I want to acknowledge all the hard work done by Stefanie Woodard (Excel Specialist) to get my son into the right math class. She went above and beyond, and it touches me very deeply because she did it for my son. She cares about each and every one of her students, but she made him (and me!) feel like we were the most important scholars that she has. She has more than a touch of class, she is amazing! I wish my son had her more often, her class is one of the highlights of his week.



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Date Submitted: 9/13/2010

Nominee: Crystal Aigner

Campus/Department: Grace E. Hardeman

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

Mrs. A., as she likes to be called, has been a great source of communication from the very first day of fourth grade. She has gone above and beyond to help the kids in her class as well as us parents. She always has a very positive attitude that my daughter just's loves!!!! She will take the time when the kids are having trouble to let all the parents know how to help their child. I think Mrs. A. is going to be a GREAT asset to the school for many years to come. I enjoy all her enthusiasm and dedication!!!!!!!! Job well done Mrs. A!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Date Submitted: 9/4/2010

Nominee: *Dee Dee Hill*

Campus/Department: *Grace E. Hardeman*

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

Mrs. Hill just started her new position in the labs this year at Hardeman and she is already doing an amazing job. She has put so much time and effort into getting the students excited about the environment and in making the first lesson so engaging for the students. Anyone who sees her will know how dedicated she is to the students of Hardeman Elementary!



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Date Submitted: 9/4/2010

Nominee: Juan Servin

Campus/Department: Grace E. Hardeman

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

Juan is very professional in his work ethic - my room is always tidy. But what sets him apart is his willing attitude to help the teachers. He always is so kind and willing to help with a smile. No matter how many times I have added work to his job because I need something he never complains or makes me feel bad about it. I am able to be a better teacher to my students because of his help!



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Date Submitted: 9/24/2010

Nominee: Judy Dallinger

Campus/Department: Jack C. Binion

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

This above and beyond is far past due! Judy Dallinger is officially the librarian at Binion. However, Judy wears so many hats in support of our staff and students, she deserves a higher rank and title. Recently, Judy coordinated a staff quilt building project for one of our staff who is critically ill. She had each staff member write a personal square, taught us how to stitch, and finally put the whole quilt together...all in less than a week. The quilt was remarkable and deeply cherished by the recipient and the staff had fun making it. Thanks Judy for all you do!



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Date Submitted: 9/10/2010

Nominee: *The Watch Dog Dads of Jack C. Binion*

Campus/Department: *Jack C. Binion*

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

Our new Watch Dog Dad group at Binion has been a wonderful new asset to the school. They monitor our campus, check doors, and help out with rainy day car duty as well as so many other tasks to keep our campus safe and happy! Thanks to our dads and the moms who let them come help!



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Date Submitted: 9/1/2010

Nominee: Gail Long

Campus/Department: John D. Spicer

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

John D. Spicer has a great Assistant Principal! My husband and I are really glad that Spicer has such dedicated faculty. Mrs. Long always goes above and beyond to help the students at Spicer. During the last two school years, she has made sure our sons were okay during a time where I had to deal with my cancer. It is reassuring to know that there is someone like her taking care of our sons. It was a lot easier for us to send them to school knowing they would be okay. Mrs. Long rocks! Thank you for always being there for us!



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Date Submitted: 9/13/2010

Nominee: Russ Tribble

Campus/Department: North Ridge Middle School

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

At a recent teacher training session, Russ magnanimously shared his expertise with technology and creative teaching strategies with a couple of newbies from Watauga Middle School. We appreciate his cheerful energy as he generated lots of engaging ideas for kids. Russ, the Warriors owe you one! Thanks, a million.



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Date Submitted: 9/14/2010

Nominee: Shelley Lofland

Campus/Department: North Ridge Middle School

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

Shelley Lofland always lends a hand when there is work to be done. She supports her fellow teachers with kind words, hugs, and smiles. She works long hours to prepare lessons for her students and to make North Ridge Middle School a great school. Thanks for all that you do!



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Date Submitted: 9/28/2010

Nominee: Patricia Cadena

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

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

I would like to nominate Patricia Cadena for the Touch of Class award. In working with electrical issues at 046 I have always found Patricia to be willing to help and she often goes well beyond what is expected of her. Working with electricity for a non-professional such as myself, can be a bit scary and Patricia is willing to answer questions related to her area of expertise which takes away some of the fear. Patricia is always professional and friendly and seems to genuinely enjoy her job. BISD is indeed fortunate to have a person of her character.



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Date Submitted: 9/14/2010

Nominee: Tracy Cox

Campus/Department: North Ridge Middle School

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

Thanks to Tracy Cox for all of your help and support as we try new things this year. Your patience and energy are very helpful to all us. Thanks for doing so much to help make North Ridge Middle a great school.



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Date Submitted: 9/10/2010

Nominee: Patti Bradley

Campus/Department: Smithfield Elementary

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

Mrs. Bradley, goes the extra mile and touched my son's life in more ways than he could ever count. Mrs. Bradley truly loves each and every one of her students and finds special ways to let them know. The Bradley bunch gathered together over the summer at the invitation of Mrs. Bradley which meant the world to my son since he was transferring schools and thought he wouldn't get to see Mrs. Bradley again. She made learning fun and special. She taught more than just math, history, reading, english, etc she taught character and compassion!



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Date Submitted: 9/11/2010

Nominee: Linda Nelson

Campus/Department: Walker Creek Elementary

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

I first met Linda Nelson when I worked with her at Birdville Elementary. She is one of the most kinds and compassionate women I know. She continues to do her best to help and teach her students, and I know she takes her job seriously. I would love for her to get recognition for a job she loves.



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Date Submitted: 8/30/2010

Nominee: Russ Phelps

Campus/Department: Central Stores

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

Counting textbooks one by one. Counting textbooks can't be fun.

Counting textbooks two by two. Counting textbooks, just a few.

Counting textbooks three by three. Counting textbooks on his knee.

Counting textbooks four by four. Counting textbooks, are there more?

Year after year, he counts them as they come in and he counts them as they go out.

Thanks for

putting up with our messes and excuses, as you do an outstanding job of keeping up the books.



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Date Submitted: 9/2/2010

Nominee: Jeannie Perkins

Campus/Department: Personnel Services Department

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

Ms. Perkins is a dedicated employee. Personnel Services is lucky to have her in their department. She took the time to help me get my paperwork done and never once did I feel rushed. Thank you for making the start of school easier for me.



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Date Submitted: 9/21/2010

Nominee: Jon Abrams

Campus/Department: Technology Information Management System

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

Jon spent time with me on the phone in an unscheduled meeting to re-train me on the digital signs throughout the Administration building. Time was not an issue for him and he dropped everything to help me. He did this with a smile in his voice the entire time. Jon walked me through the entire process and allowed me to stop and take notes and ask questions as needed. It is people like Jon that make it easy to work for such a GREAT district!



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Date Submitted: 9/2/2010

Nominee: Carolyn Goodrich

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Mrs. Goodrich worked tirelessly on my Sophomore's schedule. She needed to be in a zero period because I have to drop her off at 7:35 so I can get to my elementary school to teach my fourth graders. She was such a great help. She is in this for the kids and we so appreciate her!!



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Date Submitted: 8/26/2010

Nominee: Jerry Ayers, David Arthurs, Kyle Pekurney

Campus/Department: Richland High School

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

My student was involved in a bullying situation. It was brought to the attention to Mr. Ayers he addressed the situation and involved other faculty members. I so appreciate the communication from Mr. Ayers, Mr. Arthurs and Mr. Pekurney. They handled the situation in a very caring manner and communicated with me directly and immediately. I am thrilled my student has competent and engaged adults working with her. Thank you so much!



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Date Submitted: 5/29/2010

Nominee: *Babs Holly*

Campus/Department: *Administration*

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

I cannot say enough kind words regarding Babs Holly. She is an amazing individual who is exemplary on a daily basis. Every single time I call or email her, Babs has the answer and explains difficult insurance terms in plain English. Babs is caring and compassionate on a daily basis. Her attention to detail and empathy go above and beyond. Birdville ISD is fortunate to have such an amazing employee.



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Date Submitted: 8/17/2010

Nominee: Luis Hubert

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

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

Thank you, Luis, for clearing out the Media Tech room in preparation for the ITS moving in recently. We would never have been ready had it not been for you and your team. Another great accomplishment for B & G.



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Date Submitted: 8/17/2010

Nominee: *Mike Proctor*

Campus/Department: *Building and Grounds*

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

As an electrician in the Buildings and Grounds department Mike Proctor has been involved with our Construction Technology program for many years helping us with students contests and projects. Mike has also helped us with the construction of two homes that the students have built for deserving families in the community. Mike has such a positive attitude when working with the instructors and students. Thank you Mike for all you do for us and our program.



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Nominee: *Mike Proctor*

Campus/Department: *Building and Grounds*

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

Once again, an outstanding job performed by a B & G staff. Thank you, Mike, and the rest of the crew for quickly upgrading the new ITS room for us. We would be lost without the service of people like you in Birdville.



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Nominee: Pat Gray

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

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

Pat, I appreciate the hard work you did recently getting the new Instructional Technology Specialists room ready for their return. Everyone is amazed at the way it looks, and it all began with the clean up crew. Thanks!



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Nominee: Patricia Cadena

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

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

I am never surprised, but always pleased, with the superior service of the electricians in Birdville. Thanks to Patricia for her part in preparing the Instructional Technology Specialists room for us. Everything worked perfectly, and the team is excited in their new home.



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Nominee: Rally Schmidt

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

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

While many would react negatively to the many "last minute" requests they receive, Rally and his team always have a great attitude. I appreciate your leadership in getting the new Instructional Technology Specialists room cleared for us. It is great to have folks to count on in crunch time. Super job!



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Nominee: Vicki Schad

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

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

Vicki and the rest of the paint crew did an outstanding job of preparing the new ITS room for us. It was a challenging paint job, but she and the others managed to complete it on time and with great quality. Thanks!



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Nominee: Wayne Laymance

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

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

Wayne and his crew took on a really big job for us by painting the new Instructional Technology Specialists room. We needed it ready quickly, and they did an awesome job. The ITS were so excited to see their newly renovated office area, and it could not have been accomplished without the work of Wayne and those who worked with him. Awesome!



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Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

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Date Submitted: 8/12/2010

Nominee: *Jeanne Arnold*

Campus/Department: *Administration*

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

During the registration process for the 2010-2011 school year, we had many difficulties in obtaining the information and reaching the people we needed. Jeanne was very friendly and prompt in providing us with nearly all of the help we needed. Although the requested information was not necessarily within her department's responsibilities, she took great responsibility in researching answers to all of our questions and delivering them within just a moment. Her help was greatly appreciated and she is a remarkable member of the BISD staff!



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Date Submitted: 6/1/2010

Nominee: Johnny Reed

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

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

North Ridge Elementary would like to recognize Johnny Reed and his crew Juan and Jimmy for helping beautify our campus. They are a talented team! Thank you Johnny, Juan and Jimmy!



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Date Submitted: 8/18/2010

Nominee: Roger Mullins

Campus/Department: Buildings and Grounds

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

Roger has helped me all summer long with the HVAC system on my campus. My head custodian was out on medical leave, and I was calling Roger almost every day to help me with a staff member on duty and needing air conditioning, registration, etc.. He was always kind and patient with me, and I so appreciate it because I know he had 1 million other things to do. Thanks, Roger.



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Date Submitted: 7/20/2010

Nominee: Rene Rivera

Campus/Department: Central Stores

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Date Submitted: 8/9/2010

Nominee: *Judy Sargent*

Campus/Department: *Child Nutrition*

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

Judy has worked tirelessly to lead the efforts in renovation of the Haltom HS cafeteria area. Because of her vision and commitment to our campus, our students will enjoy visiting an updated, warm and inviting area for lunch everyday. We really appreciate her efforts!



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Date Submitted: 8/24/2010

Nominee: Trevor Crawford

Campus/Department: David E. Smith ES

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BISD extends genuine thanks to Trevor Crawford for volunteering off-contract time to field questions from the 2010-2011 first-year teachers at their induction academy in August. Authentic and encouraging words from this selected second-year teacher helped inspire and engage over sixty-five brand new teachers to the profession. Trevor put the anxious new hires at ease by assuring them of the quality support available that will lead to their success.



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Date Submitted: 6/16/2010

Nominee: Jerry Caruthers

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

Jerry work tireless/countless hours improving the facility at the HHS softball field and coaching as a volunteer. He never hesitates to do any job that is in the best interest of the softball players.



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Date Submitted: 8/12/2010

Nominee: Eileen Fuller

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Eileen has been such a tremendous force for improving the quality of education at BHS. She has led her department with support of trainings available inside and outside the district including technology and Laying the Foundations. She has consistently supported me with information to do the best job I could do as a first year Math Consultant. I am sure the students at BHS will feel the impact of this dedication in years to come.



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Nominee: *Angela Finch*

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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BISD extends genuine thanks to Angela Finch for volunteering off-contract time to field questions from the 2010-2011 first-year teachers at their induction academy in August. Authentic and encouraging words from this selected second-year teacher helped inspire and engage over sixty-five brand new teachers to the profession. Angela put the anxious new hires at ease by assuring them of the quality support available that will lead to their success.



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Date Submitted: 6/10/2010

Nominee: Toni Ortega

Campus/Department: Haltom Middle School

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

When I e-mailed Toni regarding a purchase order, she not only called the company and obtained an invoice for her purchase order, but she requested anything for our district, and thus covered five other campuses with their needed invoices.



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Date Submitted: 7/12/2010

Nominee: Cindy Valenta

Campus/Department: Haltom/CTE

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

Cindy can always be counted on to be the champion of others and to work diligently to take care of her department. As our department chair we have been able to trust in her to work for the best in all ventures. She not only cares for her own department but has worked to take care of children and staff members for many, many years. Thanks to her efforts in the Buff store there are families with food, water, utilities, etc. She does so much behind the scenes to help make the Haltom Family successful and deserves to be thanked!



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Date Submitted: 8/24/2010

Nominee: Susan Jasso

Campus/Department: Hardeman Elementary

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BISD extends genuine thanks to Susan Jasso for volunteering off-contract time to field questions from the 2010-2011 first-year teachers at their induction academy in August. Authentic and encouraging words from this selected second-year teacher helped inspire and engage over sixty-five brand new teachers to the profession. Susan put the anxious new hires at ease by assuring them of the quality support available that will lead to their success.



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Date Submitted: 7/27/2010

Nominee: Ron Barrow

Campus/Department: Head Custodian/Coliseum

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

I have known Ron for many years. He is a hard-working and dedicated employee. BISD is lucky to have him on the team. Ron ALWAYS has a smile on his face and pleasant greetings for everyone he comes in contact with. Today, Ron made my day a little brighter by cleaning my office window located on the second floor. I asked him if he knew how to get off what a bird left behind and within 10 minutes there was a long-handled squeegee outside my window reaching from a ladder below shining things up for me! Thanks Ron! You are the BEST!



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Date Submitted: 5/27/2010

Nominee: Jeff Samuelson

Campus/Department: ITS

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

Jeff is the best computer instructional technology specialist. He helps me be a better teacher. Jeff is always so quick to find a solution to the technology issues that I might have whether it is to tell me how to create a certain kind of project, how to use a specific program or how to solve a software issue. He is truly the greatest.



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Date Submitted: 5/20/2010

Nominee: Catherine Cascella

Campus/Department: John D. Spicer Elementary

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

John D. Spicer has great teachers! My husband and I are truly grateful for the wonderful job Mrs. Cascella did during our son's 1st grade year. It was hardest on him because he is the youngest. Mrs. Cascella kept a close eye on him on my chemo days and made sure that he was okay. Whenever he looked down she stepped up and knew just what to say. She also made sure he saw the counselor when he had questions. She made it a lot easier for him to go to school everyday during such a difficult time. Mrs. Cascella is a great teacher!



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Date Submitted: 5/20/2010

Nominee: Counselor Suzanne Smith

Campus/Department: John D. Spicer Elementary

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

John D. Spicer Elementary has some awesome staff members that really go out of their way for students. During the last two years I was diagnosed with cancer twice. My husband and I did our best with explaining the changes with our sons. However, it was a relief to know that staff members such as Counselor Smith were there for both our sons. She was terrific with them. She kept a close eye on them, explained everything she could, and answered their questions. She even used games to help them understand things. She is TRULY TERRIFIC!



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Date Submitted: 5/20/2010

Nominee: Mrs. Cathy Linehan

Campus/Department: John D. Spicer Elementary

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

My husband and I are very grateful for the great job Mrs. Linehan did during our son's 3rd grade year. I was diagnosed with cancer and it was a difficult year. Mrs. Linehan is an awesome teacher and made sure that he was okay, especially on my chemo days. She made his days easier to deal with while at school. She also made sure he saw the counselor when he had questions. Mrs. Linehan is a fantastic teacher with a great smile!



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Nominee: *Jeff Wood*

Campus/Department: *John D. Spicer Elementary*

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

John D. Spicer has a great Assistant Principal! My husband and I are really glad that Spicer has such dedicated faculty. Mrs. Long always goes above and beyond to help the students at Spicer. During the last two school years, she has made sure our sons were okay during a time where I had to deal with my cancer. It is reassuring to know that there is someone like her taking care of our sons. It was a lot easier for us to send them to school knowing they would be okay. Mrs. Long rocks! Thank you for always being there for us!



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Date Submitted: 8/17/2010

Nominee: Frankie Schoonover

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

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

Frankie and the rest of the paint crew did an amazing job in the new Instructional Technology Specialists room. He donned face mask and coveralls to work in a very hot space so that the ITS would have a new refurbished area. Thank you, Frankie, for your commitment to service.



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Date Submitted: 8/10/2010

Nominee: Cherri Kehoe

Campus/Department: Mullendore Elementary

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

My son was a student of Ms. Kehoe during the 2009-2010 school year. My son received a letter from Ms. Kehoe over the Christmas break which made him feel so special. He read the letter and turned to me and said "mom Ms. Kehoe loves me, she really loves me". Ms. Kehoe was present at every PTA meeting to support the kids. My son received more letters from Ms. Kehoe over summer vacation reminding him how important it is to read. I believe she also included a book a pencil, and a nudge in the direction of college. Thank you Ms. Kehoe



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Date Submitted: 8/24/2010

Nominee: Erin Larsen

Campus/Department: N. Richland MS

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

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Date Submitted: 7/12/2010

Nominee: *Kim Fudge*

Campus/Department: *Richland HS*

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

What has made my summer great already is the fact that I had the opportunity to attend the first four-day module of Laying the Foundation (Math). The teacher who led my group was one of our own. Kim Fudge is an AP Calculus teacher at Richland HS. She is energetic, dynamic and extremely organized. Kim really challenged the entire group that was a mix of middle and high school math teachers and kept us engaged all day, every day. The strategies I learned will be utilized from the first day of school to the final semester exam.



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Nominee: Victoria Cary

Campus/Department: Smithfield Elementary

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BISD extends genuine thanks to Victoria Cary for volunteering off-contract time to field questions from the 2010-2011 first-year teachers at their induction academy in August. Authentic and encouraging words from this selected second-year teacher helped inspire and engage over sixty-five brand new teachers to the profession. Victoria put the anxious new hires at ease by assuring them of the quality support available that will lead to their success.



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Date Submitted: 8/9/2010

Nominee: Jon Abrams & Patrick Johnson

Campus/Department: TIMS

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

Jon and Patrick provided excellent, responsive service to Haltom HS recently. We were hosting a community event on campus and loss internet access (a requirement for the event). Despite it being after hours, both gentlemen researched the problem and provided a solution so we could continue with our planned activities. They deserve recognition for their efforts!



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Date Submitted: 7/12/2010

Nominee: David Merryfield

Campus/Department: TMIS

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

David took time to come back and work on my computer on a day that he was supposed to have off as a personal day. He knew I was in dire straits and he came back to rescue me! It turned out to be very time consuming, eating up his whole day. But David was very responsive and never complained once! I appreciate him so much and his help on my system. Great job David! Thanks for being so giving of yourself and your time!



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Date Submitted: 5/28/2010

Nominee: Kenny Marecca

Campus/Department: Transportation

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

My child, Colton Eager, is a student at Walker Creek Elementary but telescopes up to Math at Smithfield Middle School. Once he is done with Math first period, he then rides the bus back to Walker Creek. He has had the privilege of having Mr. Kenny as one of his bus drivers. Mr. Kenny has constantly supported him this entire year. Colton has always dreamed of riding the bus and I feel that Mr. Kenny has gone above and beyond to make this a wonderful experience.



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Date Submitted: 8/24/2010

Nominee: Priscila Lunsford

Campus/Department: W.T Francisco Elementary

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BISD extends genuine thanks to Priscila Lunsford for volunteering off-contract time to field questions from the 2010-2011 first-year teachers at their induction academy in August. Authentic and encouraging words from this selected second-year teacher helped inspire and engage over sixty-five brand new teachers to the profession. Priscila put the anxious new hires at ease by assuring them of the quality support available that will lead to their success.



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Date Submitted: 5/29/2010

Nominee: Mr. Daniel Radomski

Campus/Department: Walker Creek

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

Mr. Radomski is an amazing teacher. He is kind and gentle, yet firm. He gives his students the freedom to be themselves, but maintains order and discipline. Our son has blossomed under his teacher. His use of technology is outstanding. We have never seen our son more excited about school. Our son told us "that Mr. Radomski is the best teacher he has ever had."



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Date Submitted: 8/17/2010

Nominee: *Geoffrey Howe*

Campus/Department: *Building and Grounds*

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

Hats off to Geoffrey and the rest of the general craft crew for the work they did getting the new ITS room ready. I know that you are always ready to take on the many tasks we request with a positive attitude. You are appreciated very much.



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Nominee: Alen Palislamovic

Campus/Department: Watauga MS

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BISD extends genuine thanks to Alen Palislamovic for volunteering off-contract time to field questions from the 2010-2011 first-year teachers at their induction academy in August. Authentic and encouraging words from this selected second-year teacher helped inspire and engage over sixty-five brand new teachers to the profession. Alen put the anxious new hires at ease by assuring them of the quality support available that will lead to their success.



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Date Submitted: 8/17/2010

Nominee: Gerald White

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

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

Thanks to Gerald for doing a quick job of upgrading the electrical access in the new Instructional Technology Specialists room. You did the work quickly and well so that the ITS were "wired" when they came back to work. Outstanding!



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Nominee: Jose Fuentes

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

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

Jose, it takes many people to complete the preparation of a room for new folks to move in. Thank you for your part in preparing the new ITS room Everything looks great, and I appreciate your effort.



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Nominee: Kevin Trainer

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

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

Kevin and the other electricians provided a great service to C & I when they prepared the new ITS room for us. The ITS felt very special when they were able to walk into a newly refurbished facility a few weeks ago. I appreciate your commitment to service.



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Nominee: Kirk Tennison

Campus/Department: Building and Grounds

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

Kirk Tennison is one of those people who always is willing to go the extra mile to serve the students and staff in BISD. During the past year he has facilitated the painting of several areas in the C & I Department, and he has done so with a positive attitude. Even though he and his crew were already very busy, he took on our added work as if it were the most important job to him. He is a treasure, and I am blessed to consider him a friend.



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Nominee: Tom Lane

Campus/Department: Watauga MS

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