



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

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Date Submitted: 5/8/2012

Nominee: *Patsy Stanley*

Campus/Department: *Special Services*

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

Patsy has made this year truly amazing for me. I am a first year teacher and without her knowledge and guidance I would have been lost. Patsy is always willing to talk when I need her, come to my campus to help out with situations, and really get involved. She has a real love for her job and it shines through her everyday. I could not ask for a better consultant to work with. We have been through a lot this year and she has been there every step of the way for me. By being there for me, she has really helped my students greatly!



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Nominee: *Lynette Beale*

Campus/Department: *Jack C. Binion Elementary*

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

Lynette went above and beyond during teacher appreciation week this year. The themed destination week included drinks each day delivered to our classrooms as well as snacks and treats in the lounge. We also were fed lunch three times that week and our own principal, Mrs. Hilda Hager, grilled the meat for our final meal! We had fun games such as a poker chip game where prizes were won and pirates visited our classrooms as we hunted for real treasures. These fabulous four [Hilda Hager, Chad Paris, Alicia Yourke and Lynette] really made us feel like gems! Blessed to be at Binion!



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Nominee: *Hilda Hager*

Campus/Department: *Jack C. Binion Elementary*

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

Hilda went above and beyond during teacher appreciation week this year. The themed destination week included drinks each day delivered to our classrooms as well as snacks and treats in the lounge. We also were fed lunch three times that week and our own principal, Mrs. Hilda Hager, grilled the meat for our final meal! We had fun games such as a poker chip game where prizes were won and pirates visited our classrooms as we hunted for real treasures. These fabulous four [Hilda, Chad Paris, Alicia Yourke and Lynette Beale] really made us feel like gems! Blessed to be at Binion!



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Nominee: *Chad Paris*

Campus/Department: *Jack C. Binion Elementary*

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

Chad went above and beyond during teacher appreciation week this year. The themed destination week included drinks each day delivered to our classrooms as well as snacks and treats in the lounge. We also were fed lunch three times that week and our own principal, Mrs. Hilda Hager, grilled the meat for our final meal! We had fun games such as a poker chip game where prizes were won and pirates visited our classrooms as we hunted for real treasures. These fabulous four [Hilda Hager, Chad, Alicia Yourke and Lynette Beale] really made us feel like gems! Blessed to be at Binion!



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Nominee: *Alicia Yourke*

Campus/Department: *Jack C. Binion Elementary*

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

Alicia went above and beyond during teacher appreciation week this year. The themed destination week included drinks each day delivered to our classrooms as well as snacks and treats in the lounge. We also were fed lunch three times that week and our own principal, Mrs. Hilda Hager, grilled the meat for our final meal! We had fun games such as a poker chip game where prizes were won and pirates visited our classrooms as we hunted for real treasures. These fabulous four [Hilda Hager, Chad Paris, Alicia and Lynette Beale] really made us feel like gems! Blessed to be at Binion!



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Nominee: *Yvonne Beach*

Campus/Department: *Major Cheney Elementary*

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

Yvonne is always willing to do whatever is necessary for our school. She continues to go above and beyond to help our school. She is the example of a Team Player!



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Nominee: *Mary Ann Hart*

Campus/Department: *W. T. Francisco Elementary*

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

Mrs. Hart has touched the lives of many students at W. T. Francisco. She is concerned and actively intervening in her students lives each day. She has provided clothes, shoes, helped get students medical, dental, and vision help when needed. Currently she is working with the social worker to provide help for a student and his family. Thanks Mrs. Hart for all you have done for W. T. students and families.



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Nominee: *Keith Davis*

Campus/Department: *Green Valley Elementary*

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

Mr. Davis is amazing! He is the Green Valley Elementary technology teacher who knows the name of every single child in school and greets them each morning by name and with a smile of his face. The kids love him and affectionately refer to him as “Mr. D”. He volunteers every Friday after school to teach 4th and 5th Graders S.W.A.T. (Students Working to Advance Technology), which is one of the highlights of my daughter’s week. He is an outstanding example of dedication to our students at Green Valley Elementary.



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Date Submitted: 5/18/2012

Nominee: *Mrs. Ann Puente*

Campus/Department: *Green Valley Elementary*

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

When my son comes home, he is talking about the life cycles, patterns, legs on starfish, and all manner of things I never learned when I was a child. He is excited about discovering something new each day, and I love that. I know that Mrs. Puente is responsible for making my son ready for the first grade, and I am thankful that she is a teacher at Green Valley Elementary.



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Date Submitted: 5/22/2012

Nominee: *Melissa Arthur*

Campus/Department: *Snow Heights Elementary*

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

I am constantly amazed at how much my students learn in Mrs. Arthur's class. At our PTA program, the students showed their parents how much they know about music theory and various instruments and rhythms. Recently she invited me to see my students show how they had learned not only the melodies for each character, but also the instruments that make those melodies in "Peter and the Wolf." I was amazed, especially seeing that I could not do it! They love going to Music each week!



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Date Submitted: 5/10/2012

Nominee: *Jay Pollum*

Campus/Department: *John D. Spicer Elementary*

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

Jay Pollum is an incredibly talented individual. She unselfishly takes such great care of the teachers. She expects nothing in return. I want Jay to know how much she is respected and loved. She makes our school and the community a happier place just by being Jay. Thank you so much for all you have done, and continue to do with a kind and caring heart.



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Date Submitted: 5/11/2012

Nominee: *Mia Ramirez*

Campus/Department: *John D. Spicer Elementary*

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

Mia is a kind person who is always willing to lend a helping hand. She gives comfort in the way she embraces each person and child. She doesn't look for recognition but works quietly behind the scenes with integrity and compassion. She embodies all the fine qualities an excellent educator and fine person should be. Thank you Mrs. Ramirez.



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Nominee: *Dr. Cheryl Schwaebler*

Campus/Department: *John D. Spicer Elementary*

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

In April 2012 Spicer lost a beloved teacher and friend. Karen Oseguera will forever be missed by those who knew her heart and loved her. Karen often said Dr. Schwaebler's concern meant so much. In the morning and throughout the day our principal would stop by her class to check on her. She would even help Karen into her car by lifting her legs when Karen's strength was waning. It's the seemingly little things in life that mean so much. A kind word, a caring spirit, can brighten someone's day and leave a lasting sweet memory. Thank you, Dr. Schwaebler.



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Nominee: *Paula Whittaker*

Campus/Department: *John D. Spicer Elementary*

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

Paula is a kind and compassionate person. Always ready to lend a helping hand she is dependable and intelligent. Thank you.



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Date Submitted: 5/16/2012

Nominee: *Deb Glass*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

It's 4:00, almost time to go home ... but not for Deb Glass! Once again, she has come to Watauga Middle from Watauga Elementary to meet with our Special Ed Department and help smooth the way for upcoming 6th graders with special needs. Every year, for at least 8 years, out of love for her students, she makes the trek. Thank you, Deb, for your dedication. Your students and their families are lucky to have you on their team.
We ALL are!



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Date Submitted: 5/9/2012

Nominee: *Lisa Morris*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

Lisa Morris shows such passion and commitment to the students she serves at Watauga Elementary. Mrs. Morris often goes above and beyond what is expected of her. She is an asset to not only the staff here at Watauga Elementary but also the students and parents. Keep up the GREAT work Mrs. Morris!



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Date Submitted: 5/3/2012

Nominee: *Lexy Smith*

Campus/Department: *North Ridge Middle School*

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

What a positive impact this brand new teacher has had on my life! I expected to be her mentor, helping her and showing her the way; I expected to be doing a lot of things for her this year. In fact, it has been quite the opposite! She has brought new ideas and new energy to this veteran teacher! She has brightened our school and brightened my days with all her innovative ideas. Lexy I appreciate all you have done for me this year!



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Date Submitted: 5/25/2012

Nominee: *Sarah Thompson*

Campus/Department: *North Ridge Middle School*

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

Ms. Thompson works to make effective and engaging lessons for students. She wants her students to enjoy learning social studies and entices them through interesting and fun activities.



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Nominee: *Eileen Fuller*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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Date Submitted: 5/24/2012

Nominee: *Richard Griffin*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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

As the school year came to an end, I asked my 9th-graders to create a "top-10 list" of advice they would like to offer to next year's in-coming freshmen. The expected responses rolled in, such as, get involved in extra-curricular activities, attend the pep rallies, and make new friends. And in the majority of my classes, I received a specific comment ... "Meet Mr. Griffin!" Students went on to explain how he helped them through their adjustment to high school. What a testament to Mr. Griffin's ability to touch the lives of our students!



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Nominee: *Jennifer Lawler*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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Nominee: *Michelle Rothermel*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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Nominee: *Melissa Sherman*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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Nominee: *Lynn Barrett*

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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Nominee: *Dr. Josh Bilbrey*

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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Nominee: **Ronda Connelly**

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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Nominee: *Kursat Guzey*

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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Nominee: *Sandra Mullins*

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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Nominee: *Lloyd Sizemore*

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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

Thank you for 35 years of dedication to education, of commitment to the lives of thousands of young people, and for your loyalty to Birdville ISD. Thank you for being a person of integrity, a gentleman who showed compassion, a friend who had a good listening ear, an educator and mentor who prepared our kids well for college. You served this learning community well! You will be dearly missed!



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Nominee: ***Kenita Weldon***

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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Nominee: ***Vic Autry***

Campus/Department: *Richland High School*

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

Vic is extremely devoted to Richland so much that he attending graduation to honor the students. It is a pleasure to have Vic work at Richland. Great job, Vic.



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Nominee: *Alicia Burk*

Campus/Department: *Richland High School*

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Nominee: ***Ben Butterbaugh***

Campus/Department: *Richland High School*

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Date Submitted: 5/9/2012

Nominee: *Debbie Flores*

Campus/Department: *Richland High School*

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

Assessment writing, although sometimes difficult and tedious, is a very important function of high level instruction and rigorous learning. High school teachers are the experts in their fields, and their expertise is valuable when discernment is necessary to compose quality exams. I am grateful to a host of experts who volunteered their time and effort to commit to developing this year’s assessments through amazing collaboration. Thank you, Debbie, for being willing to be a part of this dedicated group of math educators! Congratulations, Debbie.



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Nominee: *Kim Hamilton*

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Nominee: *Karen Hauser*

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Nominee: *Virginia Spigelmyer*

Campus/Department: *Richland High School*

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Date Submitted: 3/29/2012

Nominee: *Stephanie Whitlock*

Campus/Department: *Communications*

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

I just wanted to applaud the FB webmaster for all the kudos you constantly give the students and faculty on this public and social media!! I went K-12 in BISD and then taught there for 10 years and even though my child goes to school in a different district, y'all are still #1 in my book!



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Date Submitted: 4/24/2012

Nominee: ***Randy Rodgers***

Campus/Department: *Instructional Technology*

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

Our son was on the North Ridge Elementary Battle of the Books team, but was unable to attend due to an emergency surgery. Jeff Samuelson and Randy Rodgers worked diligently to set up a live video stream so he could watch the competition. They set up a camera that was just for our team. When the North Ridge kids won, the cameraman followed the team so he could see them receive the trophy. They also had the children say hi to my son. Thank you for the time and effort you spent helping our son to be a part of the Battle of the Books.



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Date Submitted: 3/30/2012

Nominee: ***Randy Rodgers***

Campus/Department: *Instructional Technology*

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

These two men [Jeff Samuelson and Randy Rodgers] worked together to ensure that one of our Battle of the Book primary teammates was able to view the competition from home when there was a sudden hospitalization. These men went above and beyond for this one child! What an outstanding job they do for teachers and our students all the time!



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Date Submitted: 4/17/2012

Nominee: *Adalberto Sanchez*

Campus/Department: *TIMS*

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

Mr. Sanchez came out to my classroom, assessed my issue, fixed one problem and promised to return the next day to install Windows 7 and fix more. I know that the TIMS department is overloaded this year and I know that they have more than enough to do each day. Mr. Sanchez spent over an hour in my classroom installing a new operating system, backing up my files so nothing would be lost, and answering my questions along the way. The world needs more people willing to take time out of their busy schedules to help someone in need. Thank you!!



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Date Submitted: 4/13/2012

Nominee: *Amy Potts*

Campus/Department: *Green Valley Elementary*

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

Mrs. Potts challenges her students to achieve their goals, yet she is extremely loving and patient at the same time. It is expected that Ashlynn will go to school everyday and learn new skills, but to have a teacher balance the academics with her genuinely sweet and compassionate heart is what I think makes an incredible teacher. Kindergarten is the foundation to Ashlynn’s educational career and Mrs. Potts helped her create a solid one that will support her throughout her life. Thank you for a wonderful year!



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Date Submitted: 4/24/2012

Nominee: *Ashley Macom*

Campus/Department: *North Ridge Elementary*

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

Ashley Macom and Stephanie Jackson worked with the Battle of the Books team from 1st to 3rd grade. Our son was on the team, but was unable to attend the competition due to an unplanned surgery. These teachers helped our son feel like he was still part of the team by sending get well wishes and coordinating a live feed of the competition. They also allowed him to hold the trophy when a team photo was taken for the North Ridge website. We will always appreciate the kindness and concern that they showed to our son.



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Nominee: *Stephanie Jackson*

Campus/Department: *North Ridge Elementary*

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Nominee: ***Kecia Wallace***

Campus/Department: *North Ridge Elementary*

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

Kecia Wallace has taken great care of our son this year. Our son became ill and had surgery early this semester. Mrs. Wallace visited him in the hospital with get well wishes from all of his friends. She also took wonderful care of him once he returned to school. While volunteering in the classroom, I have witnessed her unending patience and care for each of the children in her room. She is a teacher that cares for the physical, mental, and educational needs of her students.



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Date Submitted: 4/20/2012

Nominee: *Darla Jettie*

Campus/Department: *David E. Smith Elementary*

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

Karen Nores and Darla Jettie have brought back life to PE at our school! These two energetic ladies are so involved with each grade level, and each child when they come to PE. They play exciting and high energy games in the gym. They promote leadership among the students and recognize the kids when they've done a superior job. They even incorporate technology into their routine! Not only are the kids having fun, but they truly are learning healthy life tips and how to stay fit. Mrs. Nores and Mrs. Jettie also have greatly improved our Field Day activities.



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Nominee: *Karen Nores*

Campus/Department: *David E. Smith Elementary*

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Date Submitted: 4/12/2012

Nominee: ***Karen Kelly***

Campus/Department: *Snow Heights Elementary*

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

Karen is a true blessing to Snow Heights Elementary! Karen's positive attitude and caring heart make her a crucial part of the Snow Heights Family. She is always going above and beyond to ensure that not only the classrooms, buildings and offices are taken care of but the people are also taken care of. Her infectious smile and sweet spirit make her a joy to work with!



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Date Submitted: 4/10/2012

Nominee: *Elizabeth Rocha*

Campus/Department: *Snow Heights Elementary*

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

Mrs. Rocha is our library EA. My students love going to the library and being able to ask her for help in choosing books. As a new 2nd grade teacher, I am on the learning curve in Daily 5, so she has helped me by taking the time to check that my children have "Good Fit" books. She calls me to say that she read with a certain child and made him do the 5 finger rule and he only missed so many words. She also makes time for a return visit if I feel like a book is not appropriate for someone. It is amazing to get such personal attention for our children.



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Nominee: *Lacresha Bailey*

Campus/Department: *John D. Spicer Elementary*

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

Lacresha is always willing to help! She is there in a minute any time I ask or need something. She always stops what she is doing to answer my questions. I really like her gentle and caring spirit. She is very organized, and never seems flustered by all of her responsibilities. She is doing a great job! I am so happy to have her as a part of our Spicer family.



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Nominee: *Pedro Hernandez*

Campus/Department: *John D. Spicer Elementary*

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

Pedro is our new head custodian at Spicer. The hard work and dedication he shows every day is amazing. He is never still and can be seen both inside and outside the campus making sure that everything is clean and in order. In addition to his new job, he has recently completed his CCI certification for the district and is continually working hard to learn all he can to be the best at his job. Pedro always has a smile on his face and never says no when asked to help out. His attitude and work ethic make him an outstanding addition to our campus.



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Date Submitted: 4/18/2012

Nominee: *Lisa Morris*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

Lisa Morris is a vital member of our faculty! She is an AMAZING reading specialist at our school. Lisa is an extremely hard worker who never stops until she gets the job done. She works tirelessly to get our struggling kids to read and to find success. Her work ethic is top-notch. She is kind, gracious, and humble. We need more people like Mrs. Morris—what a fine lady!



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Nominee: ***Rita Bradley***

Campus/Department: *Haltom Middle School*

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

The girls coaching staff at Haltom Middle School have blessed me and shown great support towards me through a recent health situation I have been dealing with. They demonstrated tremendous generosity, kindness, and compassion towards me, someone they do not work directly with and even coach against. I am humbled by their gift and their kindness. It is because of people like them who make working in BISD wonderful.



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Nominee: *Deborah Murphy*

Campus/Department: *Haltom Middle School*

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Nominee: *Falon Otto*

Campus/Department: *Haltom Middle School*

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Date Submitted: 4/17/2012

Nominee: *James Gillespie*

Campus/Department: *North Richland Middle School*

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

Mr. G has taught both of my daughters during their time at NRMS. Both of them have had only great things to say about him! He is fun, innovative, yet firm and expects high achievements from his students. We know that teaching in a middle school can be hard work and mentally draining. He has proved to us that not only does he have a touch, he has lots of Class! We appreciate all that he has done for our children. Great job, Mr. G!



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Date Submitted: 4/29/2012

Nominee: **Heidi Lord**

Campus/Department: *North Ridge Middle School*

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

Heidi seems to take on whatever assignment is given to her with vigor and enthusiasm. What a fantastic job she has done this year teaching two subjects!



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Date Submitted: 4/12/2012

Nominee: *Susan Youngblood*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Middle School*

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

Mrs. Youngblood has helped me through my first year of middle school and is helping me now to push through the 7th grade. She has shown me the right path, that all along has been right in front of me, waiting for me. She is my inspiration. Her philosophy is my inspiration and will be forever.



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Date Submitted: 4/18/2012

Nominee: ***Ric Calderon***

Campus/Department: *Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning*

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

I was told that my vehicle needed major repairs by a local business. I took it to the BCTAL to have the students look at it. They found the diagnosis to be incorrect and determined it only needed minor repairs. It runs perfectly and they saved me thousands of dollars. They were accurate and efficient. Mr. Calderon is truly making a difference in their lives. He is helping them become a productive part of our community some day. I would trust them with all my repairs.



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Date Submitted: 4/3/2012

Nominee: *Amy Allibon*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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

Our daughter Amy is a senior at BHS. She has been apart of the Birdville HS Choral Department all four years of High School. These two directors have poured endless hours outside of class and have inspired our daughter to become a music educator. Amy has earned first chair All-State choir two years in a row and has recently been awarded full tuition at Baylor University. A large part of her scholarship is a music scholarship of over \$50,000. We are truly grateful for Mrs. Allibon and Mrs. Graff and the help and inspiration they have given.



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Date Submitted: 4/3/2012

Nominee: *Peggy Graff*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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Nominee: *Debbie Holloway*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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

Recently I was creating a form from pieces of several forms in the work room. I sat down at the table and found myself FULLY supplied. I needed white out. Had it. Paper clips. Had 'em. Tape. Check! Glue stick. Had it right at hand. Pen. Pick a color! When I stopped to thank the librarians for the plethora of supplies, I was told that not only does Debbie Holloway do it all, but she does it on her own time and from funds for recycling ink cartridges from the school! That's how amazing she is... both considerate and a good conservator of our resources!



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Nominee: ***Ruth Hindes***

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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

I don't think I could have made it through this year without Ruth. She has been a mentor to me and has helped make me a better math teacher for my students. She has taught me so much and has taught countless students even more and I appreciate her more than she will ever know! Thank you, Ruth, for supporting me, listening to me, and keeping me on track this year. You are valued.



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Date Submitted: 3/23/2012

Nominee: *Gayle Marshall*

Campus/Department: *Walker Creek Elementary*

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

Gayle has been able to use one iPad with her struggling math students to make a break-through with a student. The student struggled with solving simple subtraction problems even when using counting manipulatives or drawing out the problem on paper. Gayle worked with the classroom teacher and the student to progress the student from solving single-digit computations to two- and three-digit computations. For this student, Gayle and the iPad were the vital link that facilitated this break-through in learning.



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Date Submitted: 3/20/2012

Nominee: *Kimberly Holbrook & her Fifth Grade Class*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

I was asked to read to Mrs. Holbrook's fifth grade class as a part of World Read Aloud Day before spring break. I shared a book with the class that I had not yet finished reading. I told them that I had lost the book when my house burned in August, and it was one that I intended to replace as a part of my home library. The students bought me a copy of the book to help me rebuild my library and all of them signed it. In fact, another student and his mother sent a second book for my library. I wanted to thank all of them for their compassion and generosity.



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Date Submitted: 3/7/2012

Nominee: *Maria Rivas*

Campus/Department: *North Oaks Middle School*

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

Keeping an older campus clean requires hard work and a willingness to go beyond typical expectations. Maria Rivas does just that. North Oaks is a place that students and faculty can be proud of because of Maria's insistence that mediocre isn't acceptable. Thank you Maria for taking your responsibility at North Oaks so seriously. You are appreciated!



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Date Submitted: 3/19/2012

Nominee: *Meg Fulkerson*

Campus/Department: *North Ridge Middle School*

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

Meagan Fulkerson is a first year teacher at North Ridge Middle School. She has approached the job with vigor and determination, spending countless hours creating engaging lessons for her students. Great to have you here, Meg!



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Date Submitted: 3/6/2012

Nominee: *Lexy Smith*

Campus/Department: *North Ridge Middle School*

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

She is an amazing teacher. My daughter used to struggle in math. This year - everyday she comes home and talks about Ms. Smith. How patient, kind, considerate, encouraging, and simply put just amazing. She is so good at what she does because she teaches from her heart and soul. Her passion is unbelievable!! I appreciate her and what she does as it has impacted my daughter's life, for the rest of her life. Thank you, Ms. Smith, for making my daughter a better person through your love, compassion and teaching!!!



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Date Submitted: 3/21/2012

Nominee: *Thomas Lane*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Middle School*

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

We had the good fortune to do a walkthrough in Mr. Lane's 7th grade science class this morning, and it was indeed a treat. The way in which he interacted with the students clearly indicated the close relationship he has built with each one of them. Students were quickly engaged in learning with the questions he asked and the anecdotal comments he made to spur their interest. BISD is blessed to have teachers like Thomas Lane leading learners at WMS!



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Date Submitted: 3/6/2012

Nominee: *Cathy Plum*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Middle School*

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

I must take out some of my time and your time to send this compliment. My daughter has attended Watauga Middle School for three years now and I have always noticed in the front office, the secretary, Ms. Plum. She's usually swamped and multi-tasking, yet prompt and addresses our needs immediately. She is thorough, fast, and seems to know every single student by name in the entire school. The times I've been in the office or had to wait for my daughter I have been amazed by watching her work. Most recently I was in the office, waiting for my daughter once again, and overheard a young boy reporting to her that he had made good grades the last six weeks. She said "well, bring me your report card and let me see!" I was moved by this, because it's apparent they have spoken of his grades in the past, and she had set some goals with him to succeed as well as a reward in doing so. It really touched my heart how she goes above and beyond her "duties" as an office secretary and gives encouragement to students that may not get it anywhere else. The pride Ms. Plum takes in her job duties and the passion she has for the students, really stands out and she should be recognized for this. I have only seen very short, small glimpses of her characteristics and they are very, very special! Watauga Middle School is extremely lucky to have her on the staff and the students are blessed to have her support, encouragement, and mentorship! We will truly miss her next year as we start the journey to Haltom High School, and have been impressed by the entire staff at the Middle School.



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Date Submitted: 3/26/2012

Nominee: *Amy Allibon*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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

I attended the Vocal Ease show this past weekend. It is always a thrill to watch the performances of kids who have worked so hard under the direction of devoted instructors. Once again these ladies have demonstrated more than just a touch of class. They are overflowing with it. The impact and influence they had on my daughter when she attended BHS was incredible.



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Date Submitted: 3/26/2012

Nominee: *Peggy Graff*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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Date Submitted: 3/22/2012

Nominee: *Carmel Valerio*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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

Carmel is an exceptional human being. She is a conscientious worker, but above all she is the kindest, most thoughtful person I have ever met. She always has kind words and compliments for the people she encounters. She is considerate of others' time and space and I have been blessed to get to meet her, talk with her, share ideas and work with her at Birdville High School.



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Date Submitted: 3/2/2012

Nominee: *Jackie Brown*

Campus/Department: *Shannon Learning Center*

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

Jackie, Candy and Maria are simply the best ladies to work up here in the Shannon's cafeteria. They always have a smile to share with everyone. They make every person that goes through the line feel special by knowing their names and asking how they are. No matter what, they do their best to make the day better and they really do care. We are so lucky to have them here as part of the Shannon team.



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Date Submitted: 3/2/2012

Nominee: *Candy Edmonson*

Campus/Department: *Shannon Learning Center*

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Date Submitted: 3/2/2012

Nominee: *Maria Lomeli*

Campus/Department: *Shannon Learning Center*

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Date Submitted: 2/14/2012

Nominee: ***Babs Holly***

Campus/Department: *Administration*

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

Babs has always gone over and above for me from the time I started with Birdville over seven years ago. She has kept me informed of benefits and how to get the greatest return on my investments. Apart from the great knowledge and skills she has, she has made my entire diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer a walk in the park. She has been encouraging, caring, loving, and most importantly - there for me every step of the way. She is truly "The Best". I am sure she does not hear it enough, but she should. We have great benefits and she is an expert at taking care of us and helping us to get the most from them, because she gives so much of herself and her time to ensure that we do. And she does it in a Christ like manner.



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Date Submitted: 2/21/2012

Nominee: *Crysten Caviness*

Campus/Department: *Curriculum & Instruction (ITS)*

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

Crysten is very knowledgeable and creative when it comes to doing awesome things in the classroom. She has worked diligently with my students. She worked on putting together a grammar cops video, coordinating a joint collaboration project between the Rising Authors at North Oaks Middle and senior teachers at Haltom High School. She worked the curriculum so that the high school students could edit our manuscript for our upcoming novel, Camp Clear Water. She created links for a fairy tale and poetry unit and also came and worked with us.



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Date Submitted: 2/1/2012

Nominee: **Mark Gibbs**

Campus/Department: **TIMS**

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

Mark has worked many extra hours from his office as well as come out to our campus to keep Accelerated Reader running for us. Several times he came after his regular work day (once on a Friday afternoon) and put in his own time so our system would work. He's positively impacted more than 400 students who use AR at our school and helped us promote reading by keeping AR running. This isn't part of his job description but he cared enough to go the extra mile. We appreciate Mark Gibbs at Smithfield Elementary.



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Date Submitted: 2/1/2012

Nominee: *Sarah Elliott*

Campus/Department: *Jack C. Binion Elementary*

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

Mrs. Elliott has done an amazing job working with my son, not only has he come a long way since the beginning of the year thanks to her dedication and patience. She's gone above and beyond her call of duty for not only my son, but all the students in her classroom. She has done an excellent job working with him to work more efficiently. She is an amazing teacher and I thank God for her everyday.



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Date Submitted: 2/22/2012

Nominee: *Hilda Hager*

Campus/Department: *Jack C. Binion Elementary*

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

Hilda Hager is the best thing that ever happened to Binion Elementary! Educationally, professionally, and personally, she has elevated staff and students to a whole new level. The pride and professionalism she exhibits and expects from her educators has completely changed the entire environment and level of excellence that previously was missing from our campus! I am proud to be the mother of a Binion Bobcat!



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Date Submitted: 2/22/2012

Nominee: *Carrie Rushing*

Campus/Department: *Jack C. Binion Elementary*

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

Mrs. Rushing is always quick to greet all visitors at Binion and make us feel welcome. She is always willing to answer any question or find the answer for each parent on a daily basis. Binion is an extremely busy school with many attendance needs, but Mrs. Rushing always makes sure to make everyone feel important and comfortable. She is an asset to Birdville ISD!



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Date Submitted: 2/16/2012

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 gone above and beyond to help my son. He was in transitional and is now main streaming. I wish every child could have a teacher like her.



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Date Submitted: 2/3/2012

Nominee: *Linda Negron*

Campus/Department: *Hardeman Elementary*

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

The smile on her face is indicative of how kind she is in general. I came to her with a need that she could have easily said she could not help me with because it gives her more work. However, she told me, with a smile, she would be more than willing to help and has even gone the extra mile as she helps me. I also know that she is wonderful with the students because my niece in 3rd grade has mentioned how she has made her feel special. With so many students coming through our cafeteria and so many extra duties on the job, she continues to amaze me!



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Date Submitted: 2/15/2012

Nominee: **Debbie Bowman**

Campus/Department: *David E. Smith Elementary*

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

I've had several problems with my Starboard, computer, and projector this year. Whenever a new problem arises Mrs. Bowman is quick to fix it, or find someone who can. Mrs. Bowman works tirelessly to make sure that all of the technology on our campus is working in order to enhance student learning and to make our jobs as teachers a little easier! My 3rd graders and I now have a much more enriched math classroom experience thanks to her technical savvy!



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Date Submitted: 2/10/2012

Nominee: *Melissa Arthur*

Campus/Department: *Snow Heights Elementary*

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

On behalf of my extended family who attended the 1st Grade performance last night, we'd like to tell you, BRAVO! We can't begin to imagine how much time, effort and countless practices goes into the stellar musical performances Snow Heights students do. Snow Heights is very fortunate to have you!



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Date Submitted: 2/9/2012

Nominee: *Cindy Bales*

Campus/Department: *Snow Heights Elementary*

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

On Friday, February 3rd our wonderful Cafeteria Staff made sure that we were able to serve 311 fathers, grandfathers, and children at our Super Dad’s breakfast. We had RSVPs coming in up until the day before, and with smiles on the ladies just kept making biscuits. This was a special time for students to have breakfast with their dads, and our phenomenal staff made it possible. Thank you to Janice Gross, Cindy Bales, and Sheila Chavira.



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Date Submitted: 2/9/2012

Nominee: *Sheila Chavira*

Campus/Department: *Snow Heights Elementary*

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Date Submitted: 2/9/2012

Nominee: *Shary Kates*

Campus/Department: *Snow Heights Elementary*

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

Shary Kates does a great job as our resource teacher. She is always happy, and has a genuine laugh that puts everyone at ease. Shary has an extra reason to be happy. Her son Jed has just been named Head Coach at Richland High School. She is thrilled, as are our students. The boys can't stop talking about football and this gives her a way to reach out to more students. Way to go Jed, and Hooray for one proud Momma!



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Date Submitted: 2/10/2012

Nominee: *Laura Shipley*

Campus/Department: *Snow Heights Elementary*

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

We had an amazing Career Day thanks to Laura Shipley! She lined up 15 speakers, arranged student's schedules, set up a breakfast and kept her composure when speakers were running late. Laura has a great love for the students and her job. We are thankful to have her. She somehow finds the time during guidance lessons, and daily crisis to add in the "extra" fun stuff for the students.



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Date Submitted: 2/10/2012

Nominee: *Kimberly Wells*

Campus/Department: *Snow Heights Elementary*

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

Today Kimberly went into the "Bears Lab" Computer Lab, and made sure all passwords were set and working. She also made sure the headphones were all working, and the volume was at an appropriate level. Kimberly did not have to do this, but it was a kind thing to do, and then she communicated effectively with everyone that uses that lab. Thank you Kimberly for taking the extra time to help us all.



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Date Submitted: 2/6/2012

Nominee: *Cheryl Schwaebler*

Campus/Department: *John D. Spicer Elementary*

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

I just wanted to make sure that my voice is heard. I have been with the district since 2002 and taught many grade levels here at Spicer. It is my home and I dearly love working with our students. This year I have had many health problems that arose and made my job even more difficult. If it were not for the caring compassion from Cheryl, from checking on me several times each day to even having to help me get my legs in my car at times as I was leaving for the day, I wouldn't have made it. Thank you Cheryl for all your concern and compassion!!!



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Date Submitted: 2/12/2012

Nominee: *Modesta Juarez*

Campus/Department: *The Academy at West Birdville*

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

Miss Juarez has worked tirelessly to impact the learning and educational experience of our students. She has been actively participating in our after-school program taking students to visit our local public library, organizing our school multi-aged cheer leading squad, and securing learning resources for our students for many years. In a time where excellence needs to be recognized more that ever, it is my pleasure to nominate my colleague Modesta Juarez for her continuous effort to make a difference.



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Date Submitted: 2/23/2010

Nominee: *Lesley Collins*

Campus/Department: *North Ridge Middle School*

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

What a thrill it is to walk down the halls of North Ridge and see such exceptional student art work hanging up! Ms. Collins constantly challenges students to excel and brings out the best in them.



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Date Submitted: 2/21/2012

Nominee: *Wendy Kempe*

Campus/Department: *North Ridge Middle School*

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

Mrs. Kempe is not only an exceptional teacher, but also a supportive co-worker and caring person. Students that had Mrs. Kempe years ago remember some of the life lessons learned from her. She inspires students to go above and beyond and makes a lasting impact on them.



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Date Submitted: 2/8/2012

Nominee: *Wanda Garcia-Crespo*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Middle School*

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

Wanda is such a breath of fresh air at our campus. She really has her hands full with some of her students she has in her class, but she never complains. Wanda has helped me out personally time and time again by calling our Spanish speaking parents and giving them messages from me about their child. It is such a relief knowing I have someone to bail me out when I need to talk to one of my Hispanic parents and I know the amazing Wanda is just down the hall. Thank you Wanda and welcome to WMS!



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Date Submitted: 2/17/2012

Nominee: *David Hamilton, Assistant Principal*

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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

Mr. Hamilton treats his staff with kindness, respect, and fairness. His lighthearted approach to chairing staff meetings with a touch of humor makes him a funny candidate for a Touch of Class.



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Nominee: *Jackie Brown & Staff*

Campus/Department: *Shannon Learning Center*

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

Ms. Jackie has a heart of gold! She goes above & beyond to feed all my students. Sometimes our students will need to eat early & late ... she will make sure they are all taken care of. I appreciate her wonderful smile and cheerful attitude with all the students & staff. Her warm heart & wonderful staff are a blessing to have here at Shannon. We love you Ms. Jackie & staff!



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Date: 1/31/2012

Nominee: **David Holland**

Campus/Department: **Administration**

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

Mr. David Holland, the Director of the Accountability, Research, and Program Evaluation Department of BISD is a prime example of a responsive and dedicated employee that adds to the integrity of BISD. I made an Open Records request on Sunday night and had an e-mail acknowledgment by Monday morning. Mr. Holland was able to compile the data I requested and forwarded a portion of the data on Monday afternoon and the remainder was complete by Tuesday morning. That’s what I call service! Thank you Mr. Holland!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Date: 1/16/2012

Nominee: *Mark Gilliland*

Campus/Department: **Buildings & Grounds**

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

Thank you for your willingness to assist the B&G crew at different schools when the need arises. Your commitment to BISD was noticed when you helped wax floors at Academy at West Birdville. Your desire for the job to be done right was noticed!! Thank you for helping our building shine!!

Nominated by: Academy at West Birdville Staff



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Nominee: *Victor Lopez*

Campus/Department: **Buildings & Grounds**

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Nominee: *Pete Rightmeyer*

Campus/Department: **Buildings & Grounds**

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Date: 1/19/2012

Nominee: *Darrell Siems*

Campus/Department: **Buildings & Grounds**

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

I needed several items in the nurse's office. First and foremost, the students here could not reach the hand soap in my office. Mr. Siems saw the need & he had a step stool built for the students the next day! Students can now be "germ free" when they leave the nurse's office. He also managed to get some cabinets that were needed in my office to help store clothes when students need a change of clothing. He does all this with a smile. Thanks a million Mr. Siems!!

Nominated by: S. Martinez, RN, BSN



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Date: 1/5/2012

Nominee: *Donna Dominquez and all the guys at Central Stores*

Campus/Department: **Buildings & Grounds / Central Stores**

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

Donna is the best. Every time I need help or have an emergency when we need supplies, Donna and the guys are the best. She is always willing to go the extra added mile to get you what you need when you need it. She is also so sweet when you call and talk to her on the phone. I just want to say what a pleasure she makes my job when I need her help.

Nominated by: Brenda Rittenberry



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Date: 1/30/2012

Nominee: *Michelle Risenhoover*

Campus/Department: **Child Nutrition**

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

Ms. Risenhoover has positively impacted Birdville ISD students that have diabetes. She has added the carbohydrate counts to each food item on the elementary menus. This in turn helps each student and each nurse for that matter facilitate carbohydrate counts at a much faster & efficient pace. Thanks a million Ms. Risenhoover. My diabetic students & parents here at Binion Elementary love the new & improved menu!

Nominated by: Sonia Martinez, RN, BSN



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Date: 1/27/2012

Nominee: *Judy Bell*

Campus/Department: **Curriculum & Instruction**

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

Judy came to Snow Heights to help judge our Spelling Bee. She spent the afternoon listening carefully to our students, and very fairly and lovingly letting the children know if they were right or wrong. She was helpful during the planning of the Spelling Bee as well. She had plenty of information to pass on to Pam Combs, and was always available. She was very much a part of the success of the Spelling Bee.

Nominated by: Snow Heights



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Date: 1/27/2012

Nominee: **Cindy Dubuis**

Campus/Department: **Special Services**

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

Since I began my career 5 years ago, Cindy Dubuis has been my biggest supporter in our Birdville family. She is always there to listen, no matter whether it's a school or personal problem I'm having, and she is always encouraging and helpful. Cindy is always very knowledgeable and helpful when issues arise and will always lend a hand, even though her plate is always overly full! Without Cindy's help, support, and guidance, I would not be the teacher I am today. To me, Cindy exemplifies what Birdville ISD is all about!

Nominated by: Vicki Payne



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Date: 1/26/2012

Nominee: *Rusty Malcomesius*

Campus/Department: **Transportation**

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

Mr. Rusty always has a kind word for the students who ride his bus. Recently he had to take a student who had misbehaved home from school, he showed so much compassion and care for the student's situation. He remembers his student's names and tells them good morning relentlessly even if they don't respond. He recognizes that some of the students who ride his bus are troubled and he truly cares about who they are as people. I wanted the district to be reminded that it is not only the teachers who make up the school and help support our students.

Nominated by: Lesli Bradley



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Date: 1/16/2012

Nominee: *Elizabeth Shier*

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

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

Thank you for your commitment to all students in BISD! There is no way to repay you for your willingness to write lesson plans and spending your day at Academy at West Birdville to clean and organize the music room. Your extra effort is appreciated and noticed not only by the substitute and new teacher but also by all the students and staff at AWB! You are the best! Thank you for your help!

Nominated by: Lindi Andrews & The Academy at West Birdville Staff



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Nominee: *Wendy Jenkins*

Campus/Department: **Binion Elementary**

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Date: 1/13/2012

Nominee: *Laurie Hindman*

Campus/Department: **Birdville Elementary**

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

Laurie works very hard everyday to tend to the needs of the students, parents and staff! She is tireless in her efforts. She also recently received the CREST award for our school counseling program. While she is not alone in the efforts, she wrote an outstanding application and should be honored for her hard work! We appreciate you Laurie!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Date: 1/11/2012

Nominee: *Clarence Daniels*

Campus/Department: **Foster Village Elementary**

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

We are so thankful to have Clarence Daniels work on our campus. He is such a good role model for our students. These students are his "kids". He doesn't hesitate to correct inappropriate behaviors. He also finds the positive not only with our students but the faculty and staff. If it weren't for Mr. Clarence knowing Foster Village as he does when others come to our campus to fix something it would take much longer. He is an outstanding "HEAD CUSTODIAN"! BISD is fortunate to have such a dedicated employee.

Nominated by: Ann Croxdale



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Nominee: *Jeff Funderburgh*

Campus/Department: **Green Valley Elementary**

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Date: 1/26/2012

Nominee: *Lisa Huggins*

Campus/Department: **Green Valley Elementary**

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

I am so thankful for Lisa Huggins. She is so kind, patient, consistent and helpful. Both of my boys have had the advantage of having her as their Kindergarten teacher. My youngest is in her class currently and I am so thankful for the rewarding experience he is receiving his first year of school. Thank you, Mrs. Huggins, for helping me instill character and educational values in my children. You are simply the BEST Kindergarten teacher!

Nominated by: Amy Strickland



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Nominee: *Larry Martinez*

Campus/Department: **Holiday Heights Elementary**

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

Larry, the crossing guard at HHE is really great! He goes above and beyond, not only does he keep the traffic moving, but he even does things like helping the kids across the puddles in the rain so that they do not get wet. He is friendly to everyone he comes across. He really does a great job representing our school.

Nominated by: Susan Wright



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Nominee: **Tammy Higgins**

Campus/Department: **Major Cheney Elementary**

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

Tammy is such a great person and counselor. She works very hard to help each student, parent and teacher everyday! Tammy was honored by receiving a CREST award this year, which is much deserved! Thank you Tammy for all that you do!

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Date: 1/7/2012

Nominee: **Vickie Kammerlocher**

Campus/Department: **Major Cheney Elementary**

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

Recently our school had a Festival of Nations activity. Food from different countries was served. A child began to choke while sampling some food. The mom began to panic. Vickie stepped in to administer the Heimlich. Fortunately the food was dislodged. This is not the first time that she has helped a choking child at school. She remains calm and gives the aid and concern needed to help the child. She also wants to make sure that the cafeteria monitors know life saving strategies during lunch. Vickie is a giving friend and teacher.

Nominated by: Georgia Pristernik



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Date: 1/13/2012

Nominee: **Vickie Kammerlocher**

Campus/Department: **Major Cheney Elementary**

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

At our Holiday Program and Festival of Nations event, there was a student who was choking. Mrs. Kammerlocher ran to assist and performed the Heimlich on the student. She dislodged the food from his throat, essentially saving his life! Thank you Mrs. Kammerlocher for being so cool under pressure!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Date: 1/13/2012

Nominee: *Betty Parker*

Campus/Department: **Major Cheney Elementary**

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

Betty is such a joy to work with! She always has a smile on her face and is friendly to everyone. Ms. Betty is one of those people who often gets overlooked, but she always does a great job and is happy to help!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Date: 1/31/2012

Nominee: *Cathy Breunig*

Campus/Department: **North Ridge Elementary**

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

My daughter had Mrs. Breunig in third grade and has been doubly blessed to have her again in fifth grade. Mrs. Breunig is kind and patient and helps my daughter become the best that she can be. She truly cares about her students and gets to know them personally. My daughter is so happy to go to school and loves being in her class. When a child loves to go to school I know it is because the teacher is making it a place for her to love. We have been truly blessed to have her and to be a part of North Ridge!

Nominated by: Cindy Hoover



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Date: 1/11/2012

Nominee: *Tonja Fredrickson*

Campus/Department: **O. H. Stowe Elementary**

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

Tonja is always willing to share lessons she has found or created. Several lessons have been shared with district teachers via CCO. She exemplifies a caring and sharing nature and has been a great help in mathematics training. She rocks!

Nominated by: Caren Sorrells



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Date: 1/16/2012

Nominee: *Teresa Kile*

Campus/Department: **O. H. Stowe Elementary**

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Date: 1/3/2012

Nominee: **Beth Muirheid**

Campus/Department: **Richland Elementary**

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

Beth has been an amazing addition to our staff this year. She hit the ground running in the library. Students love her fun, easy-going personality. The way she talks about a book, makes you want to sit down and read it right away. Beth has been a great resource for teachers also. Whether it is getting books on a specific topic, rounding up enough books for a reading group, or doing a research project, she is eager to help in any way. It is such a pleasure to work with Beth this year.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Date: 1/27/2012

Nominee: *Debra Byczek*

Campus/Department: **Snow Heights Elementary**

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

While serving as our BRAVO reading specialist, Debra also helped out with our Battle of the Books team’s written test. Debra works tirelessly to help our BRAVO students. She also works with the teachers to help them identify students that need extra help. Once identified Debra will make sure that teachers have strategies in place to make working with the students more successful. She is compassionate and caring.

Nominated by: Snow Heights



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Nominee: **Pam Combs**

Campus/Department: **Snow Heights Elementary**

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

Pam was in charge of our Spelling Bee this year. She put extra time and effort into making the event a success. All of our participants enjoyed the experience. Her positive attitude was evident throughout the planning and the actual event. Pam also helped the students understand winning, losing, and how to be a great sport either way. Pam's willingness to take on the extra task, and see it through was a benefit to our school!

Nominated by: Sarah Olvey



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Date: 1/24/2012

Nominee: **Janice Gross**

Campus/Department: **Snow Heights Elementary**

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

I have known Janice for 6 years as a parent and co-worker. I find it amazing and comforting that she knows each child's name, and helps them with their numbers as they go through the line. She has plenty of time for a smile or a hug, and her first thought is always the children. Janice is helpful and loving and patient. She cares about all children and goes out of her way to make sure their day is a little bit better when they leave the cafeteria. My children have told me that I should ask Ms. Janice for some recipes!

Nominated by: Sarah Olvey



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Nominee: *April Hetherington*

Campus/Department: **Snow Heights Elementary**

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

April Hetherington was so helpful during our Spelling Bee. She was in charge of the recording. She had to make sure if there was a question about the spelling, that the recording could be quickly and easily accessed. April brings her upbeat personality and positive energy to any task that she takes on. She is an amazing teacher.

Nominated by: Sarah Olvey



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Nominee: *Marisa McGovern*

Campus/Department: **Snow Heights Elementary**

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

Marisa was one of our Battle of the Books coaches. She did a phenomenal job helping the students and making them feel confident about the competition. She has a great attitude, and really enjoys working with the children. She took extra time after school to work with the students, to teach them how to compete, and how to work together to solve the problems. Marisa is an asset to our campus and to all of the students that she works with.

Nominated by: Snow Heights



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Nominee: **Pam Ramos**

Campus/Department: **Snow Heights Elementary**

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

During our school Spelling Bee, Pam was "second in command". She was a huge help to Pam Combs. She took extra time to organize, coordinate, and make posters. Pam was instrumental in making sure that the Spelling Bee was fun and well run. Mrs. Ramos is a positive force on our campus. She is always thoughtful and ready to help, with a great big smile!

Nominated by: Sarah Olvey



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Date: 1/27/2012

Nominee: *Laura Shipley*

Campus/Department: **Snow Heights Elementary**

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

Laura is our counselor at Snow Heights Elementary. She offered to assist the coaches with Battle of the Books. While helping Marisa and Kimberly, she was also able to do her "real" job as our counselor. She is always available for a smile, a hug, or a kind word. Our teachers all appreciate her stash of chocolate that she keeps in her office. Laura is amazing with everyone that she encounters, and they always feel a little bit better when she leaves!

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Date: 1/27/2012

Nominee: **Kimberly Wells**

Campus/Department: **Snow Heights Elementary**

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

Kimberly was one of our Battle of the Books Coaches. This was her first year to be involved with the program. She planned the test, she graded the tests and then she helped the primary team after school. Being in charge of Battle of the Books is no small undertaking, and Kimberly was more than willing to take it on. We are thrilled to have Kimberly at Snow Heights with her positive attitude and bright smile.

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Date: 1/11/2012

Nominee: Sarah Olvey

Campus/Department: Snow Heights Elementary

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

I recently became guardian of my niece and nephew. It's been overwhelming to go from zero kids to two, however, getting my niece enrolled at Snow Heights Elementary has been a smooth and wonderful experience thanks to Sarah Olvey. I was nervous walking into the school, but she immediately set me at ease. She guided me through the enrollment process and gave me a warm welcome. She is a wealth of information about the school and community. I am so appreciative of her genuine interest in the safety & care of the children!!

Nominated by: Amanda Cain



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Date: 1/27/2012

Nominee: *Sarah Olvey*

Campus/Department: **Snow Heights Elementary**

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

Sarah Olvey is the Attendance Officer at Snow Heights Elementary. Sarah does an outstanding job of taking care of our new students and their families. She makes sure that all of our students are getting the services that they need. Sarah knows that the emotional needs of the students is vital to their success in the classroom so she strives to build relationships with many of our students. She does so much for our Snow Heights Community; far beyond what is required. It is because of people like her that Snow Heights is the very best!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Date: 1/16/2012

Nominee: *Debbie Billarreal*

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

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

Thank you for your commitment to all students in BISD! There is no way to repay you for your willingness to spend your day at Academy at West Birdville to clean and organize the music room. Your extra effort is appreciated and noticed not only by the substitute and new teacher but also by all the students and staff at AWB! You are the best! Thank you for your help!

Nominated by: Lindi Andrews & The Academy at West Birdville Staff



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Date: 1/13/2012

Nominee: *Barbara Chapman*

Campus/Department: **Spicer Elementary**

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

Mrs. Chapman is always coming up with fun, creative ways to teach her curriculum. She thinks of her students always and makes learning fun! Thank you Mrs. Chapman!

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Date: 1/30/2012

Nominee: *Roselyn Perry*

Campus/Department: **Spicer Elementary**

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

Nurse Perry is a life saver! She came running to my rescue when I became ill in the parking lot. I could not see her but I could hear her and appreciate her making the run outside on such a cold morning! Thank you Nurse Perry for all that you have done and all that you do!

Nominated by: Daniele Clark



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Date: 1/30/2012

Nominee: *Kathy Speers*

Campus/Department: Spicer Elementary

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

I can't say enough about Mrs. Speers and what she does for our students and our community. My daughter loves having her for her reading teacher and I thank you for driving her to be better. However, I am writing to thank Mrs. Speers for coming to my rescue in the parking lot when I became ill. She called 911 and stayed with me until they arrived. She is a life saver and always puts others before herself! THANK YOU MS. KATHY!!!! THE CLARKS LOVE YOU!

Nominated by: Daniele Clark



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Date: 1/23/2012

Nominee: *Monica Scott*

Campus/Department: Spicer/Pre-K

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

Mrs. Scott is new to our school this year, but in a short time she has shown that she is a very kind teacher who is extremely patient and caring with the youngest of our students as they begin their years of schooling. It is very important to have a good start, and Mrs. Scott provides that for her scholars. She is very organized and supportive. Every child is important to her and she goes above and beyond to help the students and their parents.

Nominated by: Connie and Paula



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Date: 1/23/2012

Nominee: *Lyn Wolfe*

Campus/Department: **Spicer/Pre-K**

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

Ms. Wolfe is a very kind teacher who is extremely patient and caring with the youngest of our students as they begin their years of schooling. It is very important to have a good start, and Ms. Wolfe provides that for her scholars. Every child is important to her, and she goes above and beyond to help the students and their parents. She is a positive role-model for us.

Nominated by: Connie and Paula



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Date: 1/25/2012

Nominee: *Lisa Morris*

Campus/Department: **Watauga Elementary**

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

Third grade found that we had a significant number of students reading below average and needing after school tutorials. Lisa volunteered to help with this tutoring so we could have manageable groups and effectively help our students. Since we are tutoring through our ASPIRE program, she also volunteered to escort the students to ASPIRE and insure that they get a snack and be ready for their tutoring once their own teachers covered their outside duty. Lisa gives us frequent feedback regarding our students' progress. She is a real Team Player!

Nominated by: Ellen Whitehead (The Third Grade Team)



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Date: 1/16/2012

Nominee: *Joe DeLeon*

Campus/Department: **Haltom Middle School**

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

Thank you for your willingness to assist the B&G crew at different schools when the need arises. Your commitment to BISD was noticed when you helped wax floors at Academy at West Birdville. Thank you for helping our building shine!!

Nominated by: Academy at West Birdville Staff



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Date: 1/4/2012

Nominee: *Mary Jane Phillips*

Campus/Department: **North Ridge Middle School**

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

The winter concert was exceptional. The students were prepared and performed beautifully!
Great job, Mrs. Phillips!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Date: 1/10/2012

Nominee: *Courtney Yancey*

Campus/Department: **Richland Middle**

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

I am an Inclusion EA in the building and when I have any questions or ideas that I think will benefit our kids I come to her and we go over them. If I have a not so good day she is there to lend an ear which helps a lot. She provides such support for we EAs in the department that I'm not sure what we or I would do without her council.

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Date: 1/31/2012

Nominee: *Kyle Pekurney*

Campus/Department: **Smithfield Middle School**

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

Kyle Pekurney is in his rookie year as a principal, and his enthusiasm and unwavering dedication to measurable student success is remarkable. He communicates often with parents and staff about what needs to be done to help each SMS student succeed. From pulling students to discuss missing work to manning a very productive, if not popular, Saturday School the first morning of the holiday break, Mr. Pekurney works tirelessly to ensure that all SMS students are encouraged to succeed and that the expectations for them are clear.

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Date: 1/30/2012

Nominee: *Elizabeth Lundy*

Campus/Department: **Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning**

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

Elizabeth is a fantastic teacher. She works tirelessly with her students. She spends time with them on Saturdays practicing for competitions, she finds them resources that they might not otherwise know about. Elizabeth takes a real interest in her students, she wants them to know about opportunities after they graduate, ways to help with college tuition, how to find the right job. She is one of those teachers that really wants to make a difference in EVERY student's life.

Nominated by: Sarah Olvey



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Date: 1/23/2012

Nominee: *Carlotta Browning*

Campus/Department: **Haltom High School**

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

Mrs. Browning has positively made an impact on my education. I cannot thank her enough for what she has helped me accomplish. It is with the help of Mrs. Browning that I have an excellent resume full of experience, leadership skills, and volunteer hours. She encouraged me to enter many scholarships and I even won two. I couldn't have won these scholarships and the leadership skills I have without her. She believed in me and I'm thankful for the opportunities she gave me and her support in everything I did.

Nominated by: Miriam Soto



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Date: 1/7/2012

Nominee: **Renee Norris**

Campus/Department: **Haltom High School**

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

Mrs. Norris and Mr. Wilson are amazing! They support students in all aspects of their life. When most teachers would stop they keep going. My son is a senior this year and they have assisted/supported so much in helping him choose his next path (college). They encourage students without demand and the results are amazing! I cannot say enough about their ability to connect with the students. Most importantly, their department puts on amazing productions! The BEST as far as I am concerned! Amazing team - teamwork guys!

Nominated by: Christine Jones



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Date: 1/7/2012

Nominee: *Mike Wilson*

Campus/Department: **Haltom High School**

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Date: 1/11/2012

Nominee: *Chase Moen*

Campus/Department: **Richland High School**

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

Although Mr. Moen has been a sub for only 2 weeks in our class, I feel that he as a person has done much better than our previous teacher and is qualified for a job similar to it. He has shown responsibility, kindness and has taught me much more than I would have. He seems willing to be a good teacher and has many things that he can teach us! I must say that I would love to have this wonderful teacher as my own teacher and it would be nice to know that every day I would learn something new. He is someone that is patient and will make time to help you!

Nominated by: Kyle J. Ledbetter



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Date Submitted: 12/9/2011

Nominee: *Christy Alexander*

Campus/Department: *Academy at West Birdville*

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

During a time of need, Mrs. Wamsley and Mrs. Alexander stepped in and took responsibility for our choir. Due to their dedication, hard work and caring for the students of our campus our choir was able to perform their Holiday Program. Many teachers go above and beyond on our campus daily; these two teachers set the bar. They worked tirelessly so that our amazing students would have the opportunity to perform and share their talents. It is an honor to work with teachers who are so dedicated and passionate about our kids needs and successes.



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Date Submitted: 12/9/2011

Nominee: *Stephanie Wamsley*

Campus/Department: *Academy at West Birdville*

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

During a time of need, Mrs. Wamsley and Mrs. Alexander stepped in and took responsibility for our choir. Due to their dedication, hard work and caring for the students of our campus our choir was able to perform their Holiday Program. Many teachers go above and beyond on our campus daily; these two teachers set the bar. They worked tirelessly so that our amazing students would have the opportunity to perform and share their talents. It is an honor to work with teachers who are so dedicated and passionate about our kids' needs and successes.



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Date Submitted: 12/26/2011

Nominee: *Whitley Leiss*

Campus/Department: *Foster Village Elementary*

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

Miss Leiss is a wonderful teacher who my child loves. She always wants to go to school and loves learning from Miss Leiss. She has taught her so many things, like to tie her shoes and to read. My child has never had a level change and I truly believe she behaves this way because of the way Miss Leiss teaches.



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Date Submitted: 12/9/2011

Nominee: *Trevor Crawford*

Campus/Department: *David E. Smith Elementary*

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

Mr. Crawford is truly a positive influence to the students at DES. My son Jaycob Castro was in his class last year and also in his Yoyo Aspire class. He didn't just help him to improve his behavior, he encouraged him to be helpful and respectful at home and at school. My son feels like Mr. Crawford cares about him and his progress in school, which makes him want to do better. He is a bright young teacher with the energy to keep up with those kids, and has been a blessing to my son and to DES.



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Date Submitted: 12/7/2011

Nominee: *Kim Clay*

Campus/Department: *John D. Spicer Elementary*

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

Kim has just finished her Masters degree and I wanted to congratulate her on a job well done. There were times she probably thought she would never be able to do such a task. It was tough throughout the two years it took, but she persevered and made it! What a difference she will make in the lives of children she will touch in the future. Congratulations Kim!



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Date Submitted: 12/13/2011

Nominee: *Nicole Anderson*

Campus/Department: *Walker Creek Elementary*

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

Prior to this year, my child has stayed in her shell and her days were "fine" but from day one of 3rd grade there has been a spark in our daughter that we have never seen before! She is encouraged to confront her own insecurities when it comes to difficulties among peers. When she actually faced her problems, due to Mrs. Anderson's direction, we were blown away as parents! She consistently brings home 100 & E's in conduct; our @ home high-fives are constant! The parent/teacher dialogue is open & much appreciated. Such an inspirational year.



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Date Submitted: 12/16/2011

Nominee: *Mary Marion*

Campus/Department: *Walker Creek Elementary*

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

Mrs. Marion has worked with all three of my children. She has gone over and beyond also being giving and caring and trying everything to relate to and reach Ben, my 9-year-old, who has PPD-NOS. She taught him how to pronounce the Hebrew Hanukkah prayer correctly, has given him such great examples and exercises for social skills and is a ray of sunshine. My daughter Julia came into PPCD speaking little and within 2 months is now speaking over 100 words and in complete sentences. Mrs. Marion helped open her world. Alex our 4-year-old adores her and loves working with her. Mrs. Marion cares about all of her kids and volunteers to help them after school. She personally relates to kids and families and has such a kind loving heart. What makes Mrs. Marion such a great therapist is that she really gets to know each child and figures out the best way to reach them by relating to their interests and backgrounds and at the same time makes them feel special and like they are having fun. We are so fortunate that Mrs. Marion is our kids' therapist.



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Date Submitted: 12/15/2011

Nominee: *Carolyn Baty*

Campus/Department: *Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning*

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

Carolyn Baty is the secretary for Dean of Students administrator Paul Andreason at the Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning. I would like to commend Ms. Baty for her dedication and hard work she displays each day of school. When Ms. Baty is confronted with a situation involving students, cars in the parking lot, or concerns involving substitute teachers, she focuses her full attention on that situation until there is conclusion.



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Date Submitted: 12/12/2011

Nominee: *Ann Newhouse*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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

This has been an extremely difficult year form my family. We have been threw near death experiences, emergency surgeries, whooping cough and other serious illness. We are struggling like many, many families. There are times I felt the world was caving in on myself and my girls. Ms. Newhouse has been there all the way! Whether it was pointing us in the right direction or just being a listening ear, she has made an enormous impact on my family. Some may say it's part of her job but she goes above and beyond! She honestly cares!



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Date Submitted: 11/7/2011

Nominee: **Bill Barrow**

Campus/Department: *Buildings and Grounds*

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

It was noticed that there were numerous lights out around our campus and as usual Bill started work immediately to make sure our school was safe and inviting. It was impressive not only the speed at which this was resolved, but the professional attitude and diligence to make sure the task was done with fidelity. It showed that Bill deeply cared about the safety of our school and it was reassuring to see someone take so much pride in his work and embrace the mindset of unity! Our community feels so much safer with professionals like Bill on the job!!!



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Date Submitted: 11/8/2011

Nominee: *John Carter*

Campus/Department: *Buildings and Grounds*

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

Mr. Carter is the highlight of our morning as he delivers our inter-office mail. He always has a story or joke for us that always makes us laugh. It is obvious he enjoys his job.

Thank you, John!



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Date Submitted: 11/29/2011

Nominee: *Cathy Wilson*

Campus/Department: *Transportation*

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

Cathy has touched so many lives as trainer, driver and more. She came to my aid many times. She will be leaving in December, 2011. She will be missed. I know she comes in early and stays late. Always Johnny on the spot! I retired in 05/11. Always there when you needed her. I just want her to know what a kind person she was and always will be. We could talk to her about anything. She had a very keen ear.



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Date Submitted: 11/17/2011

Nominee: *Shemele Hodges*

Campus/Department: *Academy at West Birdville*

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

Mrs. Hodges was my child's Kindergarten teacher last year. Not only was this his first year of school but he was also dealing with the split of his father and I. After a month of school passed my son then had to start wearing glasses along with an eye patch to try to correct his vision. I was so concerned to send him back to school and risk him being picked on, or have to deal with others making fun at him or any bullying. Mrs. Hodges went above and beyond to make sure that no matter what came along his way it was a smooth transition. My son had the best year!!



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Date Submitted: 11/11/2011

Nominee: *Jessica Cowan*

Campus/Department: *Holiday Heights Elementary School*

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

Mrs. Cowan is a treasure, an absolutely kind, caring & patient person & great teacher! Our child wears her heart on her sleeve, leaving her very emotional through our many family crises in the past 3 years - due mostly to our critically ill & disabled father & mother. Visiting many ER's, hospitals, rehab centers, & the near death experiences we've gone through, she is the first to notice, put her arm around your shoulder & offer soothing words of understanding & comfort, encouraging all to keep moving forward. Her touch is one of pure ethos! A GEM!



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Date Submitted: 11/30/2011

Nominee: *Gail Corley*

Campus/Department: *North Ridge Elementary*

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

Gail clocks in at 9:00 every day with a smile on her face. She keeps our school shining!!!

On her break she comes to first grade every single day and gets a student to listen to him read and practice his weekly poem. She began doing this because she heard that he didn't have any support from home. He wasn't passing and since she began this he has passed all weekly tests. He just loves her, and I do too! Wow! What an amazing thing she is doing!!! North Ridge is lucky to have you, Gail and Miguel is too!



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Date Submitted: 9/9/2011

Nominee: *Sheree Kidd*

Campus/Department: *Spicer Elementary*

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

Sheree was very helpful Friday afternoon. The toilet overflowed in the nurse's bathroom & was flooding my office. I called her on the walkie talkie & she arrived quick & with a smile! She got my office back in working order within minutes. She is always there to lend a hand! Thank you!!



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Date Submitted: 11/4/2011

Nominee: *Christopher Young*

Campus/Department: *North Richland Middle School*

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

Christopher Young is one of the most dedicated people I have ever met. He is an excellent example to those around him when it comes to taking pride in your work and serving others. He takes time to get to know the teachers in the classrooms he cleans so that he can take care of their specific needs. With Christopher around, the rooms are much cleaner, and everyone is happier. He will do whatever you ask of him, and he will do it with a smile.



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Date Submitted: 11/11/2011

Nominee: *Ryan Brink*

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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

My daughter, Ritika Chaubey, was the valedictorian in her Freshman class. In her Sophomore year she is taking 3 college courses. Mr. Brink spotted her talent in her freshman year and has taken her under his wing. He helps his bright students early in the morning before school starts and on many occasions after the end of the school. Despite having medical issues of late he has continued to support the kids who show promise. Mr. Brink is a very good teacher and an excellent human being.



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Date Submitted: 11/16/2011

Nominee: *Lloyd Sizemore*

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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

For the past 26 years that I have worked with Lloyd Sizemore, he has been a role model for me to emulate. Every year when I talk to former students, they say Lloyd is one of the greatest educators that they have ever had the pleasure of sitting in his classroom. Countless educators have joined the profession due to his influence. In addition to being an excellent teacher, he has also been a great father to four children and has been an honorable husband. Over the years, he has diligently fought for the betterment of students in the BISD. You make a difference.



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Nominee: *Janya Studer*

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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

Janya comes in everyday with a smile on her face, she is always happy. I love how she treats everything that she is responsible for with super importance and pride. It is very important to her to make sure she has done her best when her job is completed. She makes my afternoons better just by saying hello. She is definitely a touch of class!



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Date Submitted: 10/11/2011

Nominee: ***Julie Hyman***

Campus/Department: *Curriculum & Instruction*

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

Julie is the ROCK of the Social Studies world in BISD. She does the job (K-12) of what two people do in other districts the size of BISD. No matter how stressed or overwhelmed she is, she always carries a smile and has words of support for us. As teachers, we know that Julie is behind us and is there when we need her. We are LUCKY and HONORED to have her as our leader. We adore her and are thankful for her leadership every day.



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Date Submitted: 10/18/2011

Nominee: **Chris Robison**

Campus/Department: **TIMS**

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

Chris has positively impacted my life and my student's life! Chris was extremely instrumental in assisting my middle school low vision student! He was able to sync the teacher's computer and document reader to the student's iPad! This was a huge step that has allowed low vision students and their teachers additional opportunities to use technology to enhance their educational needs. Way to go Chris! My student and I appreciate your efforts tremendously!



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Date Submitted: 10/6/2011

Nominee: *Jennifer Canizares*

Campus/Department: *Binion Elementary*

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

This year has been the turning point in my son's education. I attribute the change to his teacher Jennifer Canizares. Jack has always been a bit shy and unmotivated when it came to school work and activities. Jennifer has tapped into something magical and turned him into a motivated leader. He asks to go to school everyday and always comes home with a smile. Homework time is far less painful as Jack wants to do his best work. I am stunned and thrilled by the changes and hope the year continues in this way! Jennifer is a true educator!



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Date Submitted: 10/14/2011

Nominee: *Javier Ojeda*

Campus/Department: *Binion Elementary*

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

Javier has made a significant difference in our Binion staff and school this year. We appreciate Javier's dedication and commitment to our school. He takes pride in everything he does and always with a smile. We appreciate you, Javier, and your outstanding customer service!



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Date Submitted: 10/17/2011

Nominee: ***Brenda Bates***

Campus/Department: *Hardeman Elementary*

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

Brenda Bates has been a blessing for my entire family. My daughter Kasandra was in her class last year. She knew exactly how to teach her. I'm amazed at how she deals with each child in just the right way. My daughter Alee started in her class this year and within 6 weeks she has gone from not knowing how to write her own name to writing the entire family without asking for help. After being room mom last year I decided to become an E. A. sub for B.I.S.D. and I owe it all to Brenda Bates. Thank you so much!



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Date Submitted: 10/24/2011

Nominee: *Cher Kirk*

Campus/Department: *Hardeman Elementary*

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

During last year we discovered a few problems with my daughter. Her teacher last year, Ms. Aigner, was SO wonderful & helpful to us through it all, we were SO sad about losing her and moving on to another year, one that my daughter saw as even more stressful with having 2 teachers. But her main teacher is Cher Kirk, and she has been just as helpful and caring to get my daughter through another successful year. We love Ms. Kirk for all that she has done and continuing to help my daughter feel like a bright young lady that can succeed through 5th grade.



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Date Submitted: 10/18/2011

Nominee: **Robert Martinez**

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Elementary*

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

Robert is always willing to help out when I ask. He hung some diplomas on the wall for me and made sure they were up there and not going to fall. Anytime he borrows my chairs for assemblies, he always makes sure they all get put back in a timely fashion and with a positive smile. I appreciate his hard work for our wonderful school, Smithfield Elementary.



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Date Submitted: 10/4/2011

Nominee: *Matt Donnell*

Campus/Department: *Haltom Middle School*

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

Coach Donnell and his staff are doing a great job! These men work long hours and put up with a lot dealing with four teams. I held the door open for a few of his football players after the game and one of his best players looked me in the eye and said "thank you, sir, for holding the door." This may seem like a small thing but this shows me he is teaching these kids a lot of respect.



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Date Submitted: 10/19/2011

Nominee: *Steve Ellis*

Campus/Department: *North Ridge Middle School*

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

I have been at NRMS now for my second year. He is very compassionate and genuine. Since the first day we started at NRMS, he has been consistent, firm, fair and always with a smile. His open door policy is awesome and appreciated. I feel very blessed to have such a wonderful principal, especially in charge of my children. He just is a great guy!



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Date Submitted: 10/6/2011

Nominee: *Jody Noonan*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

Mrs. Noonan has worked tirelessly to ensure that all Smithfield Middle School 6th graders are learning the new social studies curriculum. Many thanks go to Mrs. Noonan for her contributions to the teaching of social studies on our campus. AWESOME JOB, MRS. NOONAN!!!



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Date Submitted: 10/6/2011

Nominee: ***Mr. Ryan Buchanan***

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

Mr. Buchanan is simply awesome and I am thrilled he is in the social studies department at SMS this year. He has worked very hard to help us make sure that 7th graders are mastering the curriculum set forth by our new TEKS. Thank you, Mr. Buchanan, for your continued efforts to ensure that we have the best social studies department in the district...heck, the world!



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Date Submitted: 10/17/2011

Nominee: *Jason Wells*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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

What an amazing leader we have at BHS!! This weekend would have been a huge problem if it were not for Mr. Wells. He became an honorary trainer for sure! Mr. Wells met me at school at 6:30 a.m. on a Saturday to pull a trailer with the cart and all the supplies the Athletic Training staff needed for the huge cross country meet. He also helped load, unload, re-load after, and unload when we returned. We are talking about 160 gallons of water, 3 ice chests, a table, a tent, chairs, and medical supplies. We cannot thank you enough...THANK YOU!!!



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Date Submitted: 9/10/2011

Nominee: *Pat Bynum*

Campus/Department: *Administration*

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

This nomination is long overdue. When I was assigned the job of substitute coordinator at Haltom High School a few years ago, I knew nothing about the position except that it could get pretty hectic. Pat Bynum was my salvation, especially the first year. She never once made me feel as though any of my questions were less than intelligent; she never made me feel as though helping me was an imposition; she never lost her wonderful sense of humor--not even on her most chaotic days. She was ALWAYS there for me whenever I needed her.



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Nominee: *Eric Kidd*

Campus/Department: *Building & Grounds (Warehouse)*

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

Eric was once a custodian at my campus and was always wonderful! He always had a great attitude on campus and helped teachers, students and parents everyday! Now, in B&G at the warehouse, his work ethic continues! He is still always helping and has a smile on his face!



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Nominee: *Shane*

Campus/Department: *Building & Grounds (Warehouse)*

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

Shane has always been such a great guy! He goes above and beyond in all that he does. I have moved to several campuses and Shane has always been so helpful!



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Nominee: *David Moss*

Campus/Department: *Building & Grounds (Warehouse)*

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

David is always willing to help wherever and whenever needed! He is so happy to help! Thank you David!



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Nominee: ***Rene Rivera***

Campus/Department: *Building & Grounds (Warehouse)*

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

Rene is always so helpful! He goes well beyond his job duties to help our schools run smoothly. No matter when it is, Rene is always happy to help! He has often taken time during his lunch/breaks to help me when I show up at the warehouse for something! Thank you Rene!!



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Date Submitted: 9/27/2011

Nominee: *Cindy Dubuis*

Campus/Department: *Special Services*

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

Cindy has been an advocate for the best placement for my grandson. Through her counsel and many tears, I have watched him blossom into a young man who blends with other children. I watched at his home school as he was made to feel unwanted and as they refused to follow the IEP then in place because they wanted him off their campus. He was a difficult child to like, let alone love. Cindy helped me with the hard decision to put him in the transitional class. It was the best decision I've ever made for him. I shall always be so thankful for Cindy's guidan



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Date Submitted: 9/22/2011

Nominee: *Terry Ambrose*

Campus/Department: *TIMS*

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

Terry was very responsive to my campus's needs when I asked for some computers to be moved and renamed. He quickly organized a crew to send to my campus to do the work. He communicated with me throughout the whole process, and I so appreciate it! Thanks, Terry.



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Date Submitted: 9/2/2011

Nominee: **Chris Robison**

Campus/Department: **TIMS**

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

Chris has always been helpful and accommodating even though I am sure he is pulled in all directions with many campuses to serve. He has a calm, empathetic and professional demeanor that instantly puts one at ease.

Thank you Birdville for hiring him!



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Date Submitted: 9/12/2011

Nominee: *Julie Mize*

Campus/Department: *Birdville Elementary*

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

In the time that I have worked with Julie, I have learned that she is always willing to help wherever needed. She has done so much more than is required of her job to help everyone at the school. She is a learner who is always looking for ways to help the teachers/staff and students succeed! She is AWESOME! Thank you Julie!



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Date Submitted: 9/12/2011

Nominee: *Sandy Bradshaw*

Campus/Department: *Birdville Elementary*

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

Sandy is always going above and beyond to help our campus run smoothly. She is always happy to help! I have asked a lot of her this year and she is so eager and pleasant to be around (even when she's exhausted!) :) Thank you Sandy! I really appreciate you!!



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Date Submitted: 9/27/2011

Nominee: ***Kendra Jackson***

Campus/Department: *Foster Village Elementary*

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

Kendra took a very angry child and helped him to find love. She has nurtured him, loved him, and helped him to discover many strengths. When his mother died, she and Mr. Dave attended the memorial. It meant so much to Gary to have people there just for him. He treasures all the postcards and DVDs she gave to him. Although Kendra no longer really has Gary, she is his contact and support. Without Kendra, I don't think we would have the Gary we have today.



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Date Submitted: 9/27/2011

Nominee: *Anne Croxdale*

Campus/Department: *Foster Village Elementary*

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

Ms. Croxdale took an unwanted child and made him feel not only wanted, but loved. I don't believe there is anything that Gary has not tried at her campus, and yet through it all, even when he was in trouble, Ms. Croxdale showed him unconditional love. She didn't like the behavior and he would have consequences for his choices, but he always felt she cared for him. That was not the experience he'd had at his home campus. I will always be grateful for what Foster Village and Ms. Croxdale in particular did for Gary.



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Date Submitted: 9/20/2011

Nominee: *Jamie Kuehn*

Campus/Department: *Green Valley Elementary*

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

Mrs. Kuehn makes a difference everyday to my family. She is an amazing teacher, person and mentor. She sees the amazing potential in all her students, everyday! My son loves to be in her class. He comes home everyday with a smile and a story. She has been a very consistent teacher too. I know exactly what to expect from her always! It warms my heart that my kids have a teacher like Mrs. Kuehn--she is an absolutely, amazingly, wonderful teacher and makes an impact EVERYDAY! Simply awesome.



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Date Submitted: 9/12/2011

Nominee: *Donna Welcing*

Campus/Department: *Major Cheney Elementary*

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

Donna always goes above and beyond in helping run 2 elementary libraries! She always has a positive attitude and a smile on her face! She is such a joy to have on campus! We love you Donna!!



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Date Submitted: 9/3/2011

Nominee: **Greg Bicknell**

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Elementary*

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

Over the last four years my daughter has had the honor of being led by the outstanding student centered principal at Smithfield Elementary. Most recently he made sure she was able to telescope from fifth grade to sixth grade in both math and science. There were many obstacles standing in the way but he moved mountains to make sure she had the appropriate educational environment. He consistently cultivates positive self esteem even with the GT and hard of hearing such as my daughter. Thank you from all of us. We appreciate you so much!!!!



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Date Submitted: 9/9/2011

Nominee: *Sheree Kidd*

Campus/Department: *Spicer Elementary*

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

Sheree was very helpful Friday afternoon. The toilet overflowed in the nurse's bathroom & was flooding my office. I called her on the walkie talkie & she arrived quick & with a smile! She got my office back in working order within minutes. She is always there to lend a hand! Thank you!!



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Date Submitted: 5/26/2011

Nominee: *Lynn Kiser*

Campus/Department: *Walker Creek Elementary*

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

Lynn has been a wonderful teacher this year and continues to go the extra mile for her students.

We are so lucky to have her at Walker Creek and this award would help show her how appreciative we are.

Thank you,



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Date Submitted: 5/26/2011

Nominee: *Lynn Kiser*

Campus/Department: *Walker Creek Elementary*

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

Mrs Kiser has worked so hard with her 2nd graders this year. She helped the scholars publish there storuies and helped Ben write an amazing story and draw along with Mrs Lacey from last year taught art techniquis that helped make his book a pleasure to read. Shye has high excepotations, is patient and makes learning intersting and fun. Ben has not on ly learned academics but life long lessons this year. Mrs Kiser made 2nd grade an amazing expoericne for us this year.



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Date Submitted: 9/8/2011

Nominee: *Donnie Misiano*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

Mr. Donnie plays a crucial and important role on our campus. He is loved by all and he's always easy to find--- just listen for the sounds of his songbird whistles filling the halls of the school, or for the sounds of laughter as he playfully jokes around with kids, teachers and staff members. The children absolutely love Mr. Donnie, as well as the staff. He creates genuine relationships with all inhabitants of the school and he makes Watauga Elementary a fun place to work and learn. I can't imagine working here without him!



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Date Submitted: 9/26/2011

Nominee: *Lya Ragsdale*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

Lya is an asset to our classroom. She shows the students in our class love, compassion, and kindness each and every day. She treats the students with respect and teaches them how to care for each other and how to show each other compassion and kindness. You notice Ms. Ragsdale's smile when you enter our room and our building. She is a hard worker and firm believer in teamwork. I am honored to work with her each day.



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Date Submitted: 9/6/2011

Nominee: *DeAnna Thomas*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

Mrs. Thomas is a wonderfully dedicated teacher. She has worked relentlessly on building her reading program. She has provided the children with a well equipped environment in order for them to become life-long readers. She also shares her ideas, research and love of teaching with her teaching team. I know that I am becoming a better reading teacher just through her influence and examples. Thank you Mrs. Thomas for sharing your passion!



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Date Submitted: 9/8/2011

Nominee: *Joe Wilson*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Elementary*

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

Joe is AMAZING! He is an extremely hard worker with a great, positive attitude. No job is too big or too small for Joe! He is always ready and willing to help out the teachers with any task. Our first week back he helped handfults of teachers prepare their rooms for the start of school. He also worked extra hard and long hours to get our school ready for Meet the Teacher night. Now that school has started, he keeps our rooms looking top-notch! Everyone is thrilled to have Joe at our school... what a guy!



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Date Submitted: 9/1/2011

Nominee: *Mary Hensarling*

Campus/Department: *North Oaks Middle School*

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

Mary always puts the student's needs first. She was wonderful in helping arrange a schedule for a student that needed special accommodations and is going above and beyond to make the schedule work for the student as well as the campus staff. I have always appreciated her professionalism and concern for students entrusted in her care. She is an outstanding educator.



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Date Submitted: 9/3/2011

Nominee: ***William Monty***

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

Mr. Monty has gone above and beyond for my daughter and other telescoping fifth graders this year. He agreed to accept the larger class size so that these students would have an appropriate education and inspire learning. Djibouti is her new favorite word and math is exciting because he motivates learning. He even has walked them to our cars to ensure their safety. I appreciate how he loves his students and demonstrates what is best about BISD. Thank you from all of us. We appreciate you so much!!!!



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Date Submitted: 9/3/2011

Nominee: *Kyle Perkurney*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

As a new principal at Smithfield Middle School we have appreciated how Kyle Perkurney has made sure my daughter and other students throughout the district were able to telescope from fifth grade to sixth grade. He even worked with Mr. Bicknell to make sure my daughter could have both math and science which has made all the difference in her excitement about this year. I appreciate how he has the students educational needs at the forefront and take steps to do what's best for all scholars. Thank you from all of us. We appreciate you so much!!!!



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Date Submitted: 9/12/2011

Nominee: *Kim Shipley*

Campus/Department: *Smithfield Middle School*

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

Ms. Shipley taught my daughter two years ago, and inspired her to be an artist. My daughter's artwork is a part of our living room decor, it is so beautiful! This year, Ms. Shipley is tutoring my 6th grade son who loves art, as well. She is doing it out of the graciousness of her heart, just to share her love of art with a boy who loves art, too. Thank you Ms. Shipley, we love you!



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Date Submitted: 9/16/2011

Nominee: *Kay Pratt*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Middle School*

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

Kay joined my classroom this year after realizing I simply did not have enough hands to get everything done this year. Without her I would not have a conference period this year. I am extremely grateful for that alone. On top of that, she has come into a classroom that is different from what she is used to, and has taken on the new challenges with grace and enthusiasm. She has gone above and beyond to make art projects and concepts within each child's reach. She is always willing to try anything that I throw her into. She is truly a gift.



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Date Submitted: 9/18/2011

Nominee: *Margaret Willoughby*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Middle School*

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

Mrs. Willoughby was my 7th grade reading teacher. She was the type of person with a never ending line of patience, even with the most difficult students. She was and is the very teacher i look to for guidance and advice about any problem I am having. She is the one and only teacher i have ever had that you could clearly tell loved her job and truly cared about each and everyone of her students. She is the best teacher ever! I thank every time I see her. Thank-you!!!



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Date Submitted: 9/14/2011

Nominee: *Jason Wells*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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

Mr. Wells is a great leader at Birdville High School. Everyone who comes in contact with him is greeted with a welcoming smile and caring attitude. He has made working at this school a pleasure. I enjoy every day at work because I know I have someone in the administration who truly cares about my well-being. When I was in the hospital for a month, he came to visit and made me feel my presence at Birdville High was important to him and to the whole faculty and staff. I believe that takes a special individual who deserves to be acknowledged.



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Date Submitted: 9/22/2011

Nominee: *Susan Mann*

Campus/Department: *Richland High School*

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

When I entered high school my life was pretty good but going into my sophomore year my life had gone complete down hill my grades were Fs my home life was horrible nothing was going right I was about to drop out of school and problem ruin my life then I meet Mrs. Mann my grades got back up to normal me and my family start going to counseling and I have learned so much from here life and school. I now I'm a senior and I have her again she is doing a fabulous job at getting us ready for college. She may be the only teacher who truly cares.



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Date Submitted: 9/30/2011

Nominee: **Mark McCanlies**

Campus/Department: *Richland High School*

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

I am the President of two booster clubs at Richland so I work with Mr. McCanlies on a regular basis. No matter what we are working on, he is attentive, understanding and most of all caring. He cares deeply about the lives of all of the students at Richland. He works extra hours and is always available by email. He is a great asset to Richland and working with him is a breeze!



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Date Submitted: 6/21/2011

Nominee: *Babs Holly*

Campus/Department: *Administration*

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

I had some questions about my dental policy today and did not hesitate to get in touch with Babs. Over the years, she has quickly and efficiently answered all of my questions. I am not an insurance savvy person, but her explanations and help have always left me comfortable and well informed. I appreciate knowing I can get in touch with someone who patiently answers my questions and seems eager to help. My next stop is to get in touch with the proper BISD department in order to clone Babs!



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Date Submitted: 5/19/2011

Nominee: *Dr. Jay Thompson*

Campus/Department: *Administration*

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

Dr. Thompson has been a friend and mentor to so many of us over the last forty years of his career in BISD. He started in 1st grade at West Birdville and has ended up serving in the highest administrative position possible as Interim Superintendent. The influence he has left on the students he has touched, the administrators he has guided and the board members he has redirected is immeasurable. He always has a smile and in his personal/ professional life the glass overflows with his kindness which spills over on everyone.



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Date Submitted: 8/26/2011

Nominee: *John Carter*

Campus/Department: *Administration*

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

John was the hero of the day in August. It was the hottest day on record at 111! Students were going to start enrolling the next week, and some of our campuses needed their Free/Reduced Applications to put in enrollment packets. With a smile on his face, he went out on a second run to deliver ALL of the applications to ALL of the campuses. John always walks in with something good to say. He really saved the day!



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Date Submitted: 5/26/2011

Nominee: *Ron DeShong*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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

Ron & James arrived to fix the office door that had a work order. On their way out, I mentioned that our girls were getting stuck in the main hall restroom because our teachers are not strong enough to force the door back open. They did not hesitate to go right down the hall and fix the door. It was a simple fix, but I was impressed that they were willing to take a look rather than put us on their list. I believe they saved time, travel and paperwork, not to mention some scared little girls. Thank you



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Date Submitted: 8/30/2011

Nominee: *Bill Barrow*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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

I am grateful for Bill Barrow. When the A/C went out in many classrooms at Porter (Monday of the second week of school), Bill and his crew stepped into action. While the problem was not an easy fix, Bill worked throughout the day to keep the A/C on in these rooms. He was still working at 6:30 in the evening when he called to let me know what he and his crew were doing to remedy the situation. Thanks, Bill.



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Date Submitted: 8/24/2011

Nominee: Gary Andrewartha

Campus/Department: Buildings & Grounds

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

This summer has been really hard on our HVAC system and those that work on these in such extreme conditions are always appreciated, but some individuals go above and beyond. Gary is one such individual. He always comes with a smile and a never give up attitude. He works from unit to unit relentlessly ignoring his own comfort and skipping time to rest himself. Recently he was on top of the building when it was 112 outside and I took him water, but Gary would not rest until the unit was up and running. His attitude of serving for kids is appreciated.



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Date Submitted: 6/14/2011

Nominee: *Gerald White*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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

On behalf of the entire administration building, we would like to thank Mr. White for the hard work that was completed on the downstairs kitchen. We appreciate the effort and time that was put into this project. Thank you for helping make a comfortable place for staff to go during breaks.



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Nominee: *John Chapman*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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Nominee: *Kirk Tennison*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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Nominee: *Louis Hubbert*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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Nominee: *Neil Halsdorf*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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Nominee: *Phillip Snodgrass*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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Nominee: *Ron Metts*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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Nominee: Vicki Schad

Campus/Department: Buildings & Grounds

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On behalf of the entire administration building, we would like to thank Ms. Schad for the hard work that was completed on the downstairs kitchen. We appreciate the effort and time that was put into this project. Thank you for helping make a comfortable place for staff to go during breaks.



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Nominee: *Wayne Laymance*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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Date Submitted: 6/20/2011

Nominee: *Darrell Siems*

Campus/Department: *Buildings & Grounds*

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Date Submitted: 8/17/2011

Nominee: *Eric Kidd*

Campus/Department: *Central Stores*

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

As the testing coordinator at Haltom High School, I often receive deliveries of testing materials from the warehouse delivery workers. I was nine months pregnant during TAKS testing in April, and the men who delivered the testing materials were so helpful in making sure that I did not have to lift any boxes. When I returned to school this week, Eric Kidd was at HHS making a delivery. He took the time to stop and ask how I was, and how my baby was doing. I thought this was very thoughtful, and it made my day!



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Date Submitted: 5/26/2011

Nominee: *Kathy Handler*

Campus/Department: *Fine Arts*

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

Kathy is the Administrative Assistant for the Fine Arts Department. She is the one we call on when we need something ordered, and she does it in a flash! This year, though, she has been instrumental in organizing and keeping everybody on track with the HUGE project of the All-Birdville Rose Parade Band - all the fund raising events, keeping track of things I can't even imagine. I also saw her a couple weeks ago at NRH2O when I took my choir to compete, she was there helping out as well. So from the Rose Band to NRH2O - Kathy is ALWAYS there!



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Date Submitted: 8/3/2011

Nominee: *Linda Molinar*

Campus/Department: *TIMS*

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

As a transfer employee, I just really appreciate Linda's patience, kindness, and skill as she spent hours helping me get set up in my new office with a working computer. She was so caring and personal, and she made me feel very relaxed. She's a wonderful asset to our district!



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Date Submitted: 7/21/2011

Nominee: *Cindy Collins*

Campus/Department: *Foster Village Elementary*

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

Year before last she did not teach my daughter & she ran to my car to give me a folder to help her read during the summer. Zoe is dyslexic & Mrs. Collins went out of her way to help & encourage her. This past year year Zoe was blessed to have her as her homeroom teacher. Mrs. Collins has a special bond with each of her students. Everyone is unique & special & she loves them all. She is always going above & beyond to prepare our children to do well in their academics & their attitudes. Mrs. Collins gift of teaching!!!



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Date Submitted: 5/24/2011

Nominee: Whitley Leiss

Campus/Department: Foster Village Elementary

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

This year is Miss Leiss' first year to teach yet if you have been in her classroom you would think that she has ten years under her belt. She has stretched the minds of her students beyond first grade work. She is full of love and encouragement for each of her students. My daughter, Madelyn and I are so sad that we have to leave her in a few days. She is always cheerful and has learned how to approach each student in her class. She is a fantastic teacher and deserves recognition and a raise!



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Date Submitted: 5/18/2011

Nominee: *Brenda Bates*

Campus/Department: *Grace E. Hardeman Elementary*

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

Mrs. Bates is a wonderful teacher, she is very kind and nurturing. I've sat in on her class several times & she treats all her students the same. Not one is favored in any way. They have all learned so many things from her this year. A lot of people think of kindergarten as a play time for kids but in her class it is a wonderful learning experience. These children leave her class knowing how to read, spell, add, subtract but more importantly how to be a good person . She has also inspired me (a stay at home mom) to become an E.A. substitute for B.I.S.D.



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Date Submitted: 8/21/2011

Nominee: Victoria Grobe

Campus/Department: Green Valley Elementary

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

Mrs. Grobe consistently exhibits outstanding work ethics and dedication to our students at Green Valley Elementary. She shares her time and artistic expertise to Gator Graphics after school to enhance the abilities of aspiring young artists. She has gone above and beyond the call of duty and her passion for art has inspired my child and many others to do more artistically than they have ever done before! Keep up the great work! Thank you Mrs. Grobe!



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Date Submitted: 5/23/2011

Nominee: Carol Smith

Campus/Department: Holiday Heights Elementary

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

Mrs. Smith is a very dedicated teacher that strives to help each of her students reach their full potential. It is very obvious that she truly cares about each child. I am very thankful that my two children had the very best third grade experience possible and that is because they could not have had a better teacher.



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Date Submitted: 6/2/2011

Nominee: *Jessica Sandmann*

Campus/Department: *John D. Spicer Elementary*

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child:
Mrs. Sandmann is such a wonderful teacher. She enjoys teaching, loves her students, and has a lot of patience and understanding for her students. My grandson enjoyed going to school every day.



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Date Submitted: 6/14/2011

Nominee: *Nicole Silva*

Campus/Department: *Mullendore Elementary*

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

On one of the last days of school, a child was eating snacks in Ms. Silva’s Pre-Kindergarten room. The child began to choke and in the midst of frantic parents, Ms. Silva calmly performed the Heimlich as if it were a well-rehearsed training exercise. She made a huge impression on the parents in the room and quite possibly saved this little girl’s life. I want to commend her on her calmness and professional manner in performing this task.



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Date Submitted: 8/11/2011

Nominee: *Jaimie Smith*

Campus/Department: *W.A. Porter Elementary*

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

I have worked with BISD for almost 20 years. I am faced with missing our Convocation for the very first time due to medical issues my husband is facing. When I called Jaimie to explain the situation, she was so encouraging and understanding. She knows that I am not the kind of person that likes to miss anything and did her best to let me know everything would be okay. I work with BISD, at Porter because Jaimie does a tremendous job of creating an atmosphere of warmth and caring. She's THE reason our school is the best place to learn and to teach.



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Date Submitted: 8/23/2011

Nominee: *Tammy Pope*

Campus/Department: *W.T. Francisco Elementary*

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

Tammy is a real team player. At the last minute, she stepped up and guided a group of teachers through some math training. What a great example and help. She is SO appreciated for her efforts and supporting spirit.



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Date Submitted: 5/26/2011

Nominee: *Julee Lacey*

Campus/Department: *Walker Creek Elementary*

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

Mrs. Lacey has been the 1st grade teacher for both of my girls for the last two school years in a row. Her positive, upbeat attitude makes everyday a great day to be in 1st grade. Her attention to detail and kind and loving teaching techniques have been an enormous benefit to both of my girls. I am honestly amazed at the knowledge both of my children have acquired in 1st grade- not to mention the independence and self esteem they developed in the environment provided by Mrs. Lacey. She is a truly gifted teacher and her passion for teachin



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Date Submitted: 8/23/2011

Nominee: *Dawnya Morrisson*

Campus/Department: *Snow Heights Elementary*

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

Dawnya is a real team player. At the last minute, she stepped up and guided a group of teachers through some math training. What a great example and help. She is SO appreciated for her efforts and supporting spirit.



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Date Submitted: 8/15/2011

Nominee: *Rudy Allen*

Campus/Department: *Haltom Middle School*

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

Rudy was recently hired as the head custodian at Haltom MS. Since he has been here, Rudy has been working tirelessly to improve the look of the campus. When I came back from the summer, the floors looked so different (better), I thought he had painted them!

Additionally, he is wonderful about helping out people in the building with any problem that they have, and leads the entire janitorial staff very well. Rudy has certainly made Haltom MS a better place.



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Nominee: *Mary Terry*

Campus/Department: *North Richland Middle School*

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

Mrs. Terry was actually my reading teacher. She was always there when my schedule was busy for different classes. She was always willing to let me sit in another class period in let me catch up. She's more than just a teacher, she;s a role model. She's like a second mother.



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Date Submitted: 8/18/2011

Nominee: *Donna Herndon*

Campus/Department: *Watauga Middle School*

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

Some teachers have a gift for seeing the best in others—Donna Herndon is one such teacher. She learns her students’ strengths and weaknesses and then dedicates tremendous energy to helping them. Her love for her students is evident in the many kind things she has done, from arranging a makeover for a student without a mother to collecting for a family in need at the holidays. In times of trouble, there is no one I’d rather have on my side. Thank you, for being relentless in your dedication to kids. You are an inspiration!



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Nominee: Carolyn Goodrich

Campus/Department: Birdville High School

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

Birdville HS has a most RARE and DYNAMIC counselor. Carolyn Goodrich has such a positive attitude and an exceptional attitude towards teens that I feel we can all learn a lesson from her. My son Jeremy meet with her and come home raving about how he was treated with respect (like an individual), and was given useful information and guidance to make an educated scheduling decision for next school year. Thank you Carolyn for making a positive impact in Jeremy's life and rest assure he will never forget your kindness and positive words.



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Nominee: *Stacey Gannon*

Campus/Department: *Birdville High School*

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

Ms. Gannon ensured that every special need student that attended Prom and Project Celebration had a wonderful time and participated to the full extent. Her love and passion for the students that attended was evident. Due to her unselfish acts and willingness to give of her time, they experienced the time of their life! As one student commented, "This was the BEST party ever!" Thanks Ms. Gannon for your serving spirit!



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Date Submitted: 7/11/2011

Nominee: *Donnie Hull*

Campus/Department: *Haltom High School*

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

Mr. Hull worked extremely hard this year to teach his AP Music Theory class for the first time. His scores were awesome, and the students were given a great experience in music along with college credit!



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Date Submitted: 5/12/2011

Nominee: *Coach Chuck Wells*

Campus/Department: *Richland High School*

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

Coach Wells has been a huge part in both of my sons' lives. He sets high standards and expectations and holds the boys responsible for their actions. He knows his sport and does an outstanding job teaching the boys the way the game is supposed to be played. He also builds great relationships with his players and gains respect by giving respect. Birdville ISD is fortunate to have men like him to lead our young men.



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Date Submitted: 5/19/2011

Nominee: *All Shannon Faculty and Staff*

Campus/Department: *Shannon Learning Center*

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