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Date Submitted: 4/23/2010

Nominee: Paige Curry

Campus/Department: Personnel

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?
If you know Paige, you know that she is a consummate professional, straightforward in her communication style and always sensitive in relating to others. In her position, she is sometimes handed delicate, awkward or difficult situations. Each time, Paige demonstrates her expert people skills with style and grace. She is greatly respected, admired and appreciated by all of us and we wanted to take this opportunity to let everyone and Paige know what a valued colleague and person that she is to all of us.
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Nominee: Nancy Kirkland

Campus/Department: North Richland Middle School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?
I was a first year teacher this year, blessed to have my classroom be the home for Mrs. Kirkland's desk. Mrs. Kirkland has truly been there for me this year - whether I needed someone to process my day to, ask a question, or bounce ideas off of. She stayed after more than once to help me with my ARD paperwork questions, and would look through our resources with me to help me find things I could use for different lessons. She was always a willing ear, an honest opinion, and a consistent encourager when I needed it - truly a Godsend!
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Nominee: James Smith

Campus/Department: North Ridge Middle School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?
Mr. Smith actively seeks out opportunities to enhance every students' experience in the NRMS Band. He encouraged my son to become involved in the jazz band, and this has contributed to widening the scope of my son's exposure to different musical genres and styles. Thanks to Mr. Smith's dedication and commitment to the NRMS Band program, my son has attended various university campuses, festivals and competitions throughout this year. I feel these are valuable experiences and provide a foundation for many musical years ahead.
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Nominee: Kimberly Shipley

Campus/Department: Smithfield Middle School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?
Ms. Shipley goes above and beyond the call of duty in helping her Art students realize their potential. She spends countless hours outside of the school day getting their art work transported to shows etc. She has been a great role model for my child and has instilled in her a love of the arts. You can tell by her actions that she truly cares about her students and has a passion for what she does.
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Nominee: Vanessa Seale

Campus/Department: Watauga Middle School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?
Vanessa is a solid foundation for our girl's athletics program here at WMS. She is very knowledgeable in the areas she coaches in and she has the ability to translate that knowledge to the middle school brain. That's not an easy task sometimes. Our athletes respect Vanessa and always respond in a positive way to her. She gets the best out of her kids. Coach Seale, we are lucky to have you as a part of our Warrior coaching staff. Thanks for all you do.
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**Date Submitted:** 4/17/2010

**Nominee:** Jeff Funderburgh

**Campus/Department:** Green Valley Elementary

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

Green Valley Elementary is very fortunate to have Jeff Funderburgh as head custodian. I had not met Jeff until the April 17th ALT Sharefest day, and he was so friendly and helpful in assisting me get equipment ready for a videoconference with Spicer Elementary. He had the equipment set up and connected in the cafeteria when I arrived and was able to quickly assist with various needs that we had. His help was very much appreciated!
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Date Submitted: 4/30/2010

Nominee: Becky McBride

Campus/Department: Holiday Heights Elementary

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?
Mrs. McBride is an amazing Science teacher! She consistently works hard to provide lessons which engage students and allows them to connect with their learning! She presents the curriculum in a fun and enjoyable manner. The students are excited to be learning about Science! Many thanks to Mrs. McBride for being an astounding Science teacher!!!!!
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Campus/Department: Jack C. Binion Elementary

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Nominee: David Gerabagi

Campus/Department: Planning & Resource Development

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?
Dr. Gerabagi, Cindy Stovall, Angie Bicknell and Orlando Speaks assisted Haltom High School with acquiring Aspire Grant funds. These funds helped sponsor Buff Nation Celebration III. Over 900 students, parents and community members attended this multi-cultural event showcasing the diversity of Haltom High School. We could not have done it without these individuals. We are greatly appreciative! You have helped bond our campus in a big way!
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Nominee: Lisa Hankins

Campus/Department: The Academy at West Birdville

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?
I am so glad you came to West. You have truly been a blessing to all of us. From doing whatever is asked with a smile, leading a recycling program like I have never seen here before, to our wonderful Earth Day butterfly release celebration. You have truly made lasting memories for us all. You have really made a difference!
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Nominee: James Viator

Campus/Department: The Academy at West Birdville

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?
Mr. Viator is the consummate professional. While ensuring that all of our "extra" technology is ready and available for teachers and students to use, he goes far above and beyond the "call of duty." He is an encouraging leader in the technology field. His commitment to teaching technology goes beyond the regular school day as evident in his participation in our ASPIRE program. It is an absolute joy to work with such a professional. I appreciate Mr. Viator and his commitment to quality.
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Date Submitted: 4/28/2010

Nominee: Ramon Dagnino

Campus/Department: Transportation

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?
Our first graders visited the Clothes Connection as part of our Service Learning Project. We brought a lot of donations. Bags and bags full of clothes had to be loaded on to the bus. We also had coolers, lunches and snacks for all of our kids. He was SO VERY HELPFUL. We didn't have to ask, he was just there to help us out in any way needed. We were lucky to have him as our bus driver today and Birdville is lucky to have him on our TEAM!!!
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Date Submitted: 4/15/2010

Nominee: Teresa Carrillo

Campus/Department: Transportation

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?
We want to thank Teresa Carrillo for a remarkable job of driving on our field trip to the zoo. We could tell that we were in good hands. You're an awesome driver, Teresa!
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Date Submitted: 4/14/2010

Nominee: Kirsten Caldwell-Autrey

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

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

Kirsten Caldwell-Autrey and Amber Beranek work tirelessly to inspire our students each day. Not only do these ladies go out of their way to recognize the endeavors of our students like at our recent art show, but they selflessly and continuously provide recognition to our staff members. Earlier this year, they nominated well-deserved, but often under-appreciated educational assistants for their service to the school by presenting them with A Touch of Class award. More recently, the two created an artistic display to honor a member of our support staff, Gilda Warren. Furthermore, Amber serves on our campus WOW team and has helped facilitate engagement opportunities with district leaders and our students. To hear students speak of the impact she has made on their lives is incredible! Kirsten continues to inspire me on daily basis. Her recent recognition of an at-risk student’s achievements touched everyone’s heart. These ladies’ altruistic spirit makes me proud to be a Buffalo!
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Nominee: Susan Walker

Campus/Department: Haltom High School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?
Susan Walker is the substitute for Ann Hale. I have never seen a substitute take such a vested interest. She has listed out every student that has missing work and is actively helping them get caught up. Despite the difficulties of having a broken computer and very little resources, she has been using her own time and money to create the best possible learning opportunities. She has been staying at the school late preparing materials for the next days classes and is working entirely, because she wants to have a positive impact on her students.
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Nominee: David Bowman

Campus/Department: Richland High School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?
Mr. Bowman serves as the RHS bowling coach. He is the most positive coach my son has ever had for any team sport. I have never heard him make a disparaging remark to any student. Instead, he focuses on the positive, and encourages each and every member of his team. He is committed and enthusiastic. It is obvious that he has a passion for his sport and his students. He is their biggest supporter and head cheerleader, always in the thick of things during a match with high fives. We could all learn a great deal from watching Coach Bowman.
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Nominee:  Sherry Duncan

Campus/Department:  North Richland Middle School

Tell us how this person has positively touched the life of you or your child?  
Sherry is in her first year at North Richland Middle. Sherry and her team make ice tea for the teachers and staff everyday. She has worked really hard to make eating in the cafeteria a positive experience. She always has a smile on her face and a kind word to say to students or faculty. She truly takes pride in her job. Sherry makes special treats for the teachers lounge. She is so caring and thoughtful. She has been a wonderful addition to our school.