

The Hunt School Board Humanity Initiative



FOREVER FURBUSH! What does Forever Furbush mean to you? To me, Forever Furbush charges me to always remember and honor my friend, Coach Steve Furbush. When I see Coach Furbush in my mind, I always see more than a person. I see an energy, a smile and a set of ideals. We all easily remember his smile, his energy, his support and his motivating words. It's a little harder to remember the things he stood for because he was a quiet leader in this respect: everyone getting a chance, everyone doing their best, everyone contributing, everyone supporting each other and everyone giving to each other. To best honor Coach Furbush, we want to make sure his memory lives on in our actions.

Our humanity is marked by our ability to treat others with compassion, sympathy and consideration. Coach Furbush did that with energy and love for everyone, regardless of their abilities, regardless of whether they were recognized or not. For all of us, one of our missions in life should be to passionately make the most of our own unique abilities, so that we can serve our community with our own individual strengths and help others make the most of their lives. Forever Furbush. Through the Hunt School Board Humanity Initiative, the Students of Hunt ISD should have the skills, motivation, confidence and support to make an ongoing, positive impact on all those around them - their families, friends and community.

The Dash, by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of his friend.
He referred to the dates on his tombstone, from the beginning to the end.
He noted that first came his date of birth and spoke the following date with tears.
But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that he spent alive upon the earth.
And now only those who loved him know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not how much we own; the cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...are there things you'd like to change:
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real
and always try to understand the way other people feel.

And Be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile...
Remembering that this special dash will only last a while.

So, when your eulogy's being read, with your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

Our humanity is our gift and our responsibility - it is what we as citizens of this community use to fill our dash. Go work on an honorable dash! Forever Furbush!

~ Blake Smith, President, Hunt School Board

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The Hunt Middle School Humanity Award "THE STEVE FURBUSH MEMORIAL TROPHY"

In addition, the Board will Sponsor the Hunt Middle School Humanity Award. We feel that the Hunt School Humanity Award is a great way to honor the life and contributions of Steve Furbush by teaching and rewarding those qualities dearest to his heart by nurturing them in all our hearts. Each year, starting in May 2007, the Board of Trustees will honor the Middle School Student who most fully embodies one of the ideals of Humanity that Steve Furbush's life embodied: i.e. service, compassion, optimism, perseverance, integrity, support, enthusiasm, determination. The annual winner will receive permanent inclusion on the Furbush Trophy and will help make a sizable cash contribution to the charity of their choice in memory of Coach Furbush.

Each Spring applications will be gathered. As pure humanitarians act for the sake of action and not recognition, you'll have to tell us about your achievements were likely not celebrated already. In order to maximize the opportunity for nominations, applications will be encouraged from students, peers, family and the community. Important traits will be gathered on an application in the form of a nominating paragraph written to explain one or many of following:

- ◆ how did you show courage in the face of adversity
- ◆ explain how you embody optimism in the face of challenge
- ◆ when did you exhibit perseverance to overcome obstacles
- ◆ do you consistently demonstrate compassion for others
- ◆ how do you support your friends and classmates - academically, personally?
- ◆ tell us how you celebrate enthusiasm for the underdog
- ◆ when did you have the opportunity to provide inclusion for everyone
- ◆ what are some examples of community service
- ◆ explain what your volunteer work means to you, to the community
- ◆ are you a person of integrity. how were you tested and stayed true
- ◆ how do you lead others in a humane direction
- ◆ tell us how you work to be a moral, good community member
- ◆ when did you set the proper example for your classmates or younger friends

If you volunteer at the animal shelter, we're looking for insight on why and what it means to you and the community. Do you push yourself to try new things? How did it feel? Give us an example of positive things you do to encourage your friends to be strong? Have you ever coached the Special Olympics? Walked the Relay for Life? Emptied your closet of old toys and donated them to the Salvation Army? Taken a name from the Angel Tree. **We want to know!**



"Love your neighbor as yourself" Jesus of Nazareth

"A generous heart, a kind speech and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity" Buddha

"Life's most urgent question: What are you doing for others?" Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Our character is what we do when no one is looking" H. Jackson Browne

Humanity Award

Timeline of Significant Events

Fall 2006 - inform students of humanity initiative and award

February 2007 finalize selection committee and paperwork
solicit donations

March 2007 remind middle school students of award

April 2007 Solicit and Gather Nominations

May 1 committee meets to review nominations

May 15 committee selects winner

May 26 end of school - ceremony at graduation or final assembly to announce winner

Middle School Humanity Award

Nominating a Worthy Candidate



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The Hunt School Humanity Award is a great way to honor the life and contributions of Steve Furbush by cultivating and rewarding those qualities dearest to his heart by nurturing them in all our hearts. In short, **WHAT ARE THEY DOING FOR OTHERS**. Each year, the Board of Trustees will honor the Middle School Student who most fully embodies one of the ideals of Humanity that Steve Furbush's life embodied: i.e. service, compassion, optimism, perseverance, integrity, support, enthusiasm, determination. The annual winner will receive permanent inclusion on the Furbush Trophy and will help make a contribution to the charity of their choice in memory of Coach Furbush.

This application/nomination form shall serve the purpose of celebrating the contributions of worthy middle school students to their peers and/or the community. Applications/Nominations may be submitted by and are encouraged from students, peers, family and the community. Students may submit their own accomplishments or those of a peer. Any Hunt Middle School student can be nominated. The nominating essay will be the only criteria for selection.

Please use the back side of this document, or attach a sheet with the necessary information.

The application/nomination process is in the form of a nominating letter written to explain one or many of following:

- ◆ how did you show courage in the face of adversity
- ◆ explain how you embody optimism in the face of challenge
- ◆ when did you exhibit perseverance to overcome obstacles
- ◆ do you consistently demonstrate compassion for others
- ◆ how do you support your friends and classmates - academically, personally?
- ◆ tell us how you celebrate enthusiasm for the underdog
- ◆ when did you have the opportunity to provide inclusion for everyone
- ◆ what are some examples of community service
- ◆ explain what your volunteer work means to you, to the community
- ◆ are you a person of integrity. how were you tested and stayed true
- ◆ how do you lead others in a humane direction
- ◆ tell us how you work to be a moral, good community member
- ◆ when did you set the proper example for your classmates or younger friends

Please take time in your essay to highlight not only **what they've done for others**, but how it effects the community or those otherwise influenced. For example, if they volunteer at the animal shelter, we're looking for insight on why and what it means to you and the community. If they donated their 4H earnings so that another student could purchase livestock, tell how that happened and the impact. Give us examples of positive things they do to encourage their friends to be strong? Have they ever coached the Special Olympics? Walked the Relay for Life? Emptied their closet of old toys and donated them to the Salvation Army? Taken a name from the Angel Tree. **We want to know what they have done for others!**



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The Hunt School Board Humanity Initiative Middle School Humanity Award aka "The Furbush Trophy"



As a way to remember the life of Hunt Middle School Coach and Elementary School P.E. Teacher Steve Furbush who passed away this past August, the Hunt School Board has created the Hunt School Board Humanity Initiative and Middle School Humanity Award. Our goal is to cultivate the character traits in our students that best mark our humanity and honor Coach Furbush's spirit of optimism and enthusiasm for all Hunt Students and the Community.

The Humanity Award seeks to develop and reward the following ideals in our Hunt Students:

- ◆ courage in the face of adversity
- ◆ optimism in the face of challenge
- ◆ perseverance to overcome obstacles
- ◆ compassion for others
- ◆ support of friends and classmates - academically, personally?
- ◆ celebrating enthusiasm for the underdog
- ◆ provide inclusion for everyone
- ◆ community service
- ◆ volunteer work in the community
- ◆ are you a person of integrity. how were you tested and stayed true
- ◆ how do you lead others in a humane direction
- ◆ how do they work to be a moral, good community member
- ◆ setting the proper example for your classmates or younger friends

Recipients of the Humanity Award, aka The Furbush Trophy will receive a three-fold award. In addition to their name on a permanent trophy at the school and a personal plaque they will enjoy the opportunity of delivering a cash donation in honor and memory of Steve Furbush. **This is where we need your help.** We would like for you to consider making a cash donation to the Hunt Humanity Initiative in memory of Steve. In May, the honoree will select a non-profit organization to pass along the collections. We would like to collect and then donate at least \$1000.00 annually in Steve's honor. Please consider a donation. Checks can be made out to The Hunt School Humanity Initiative and mailed or dropped at the Hunt School. Your donations are 100% tax deductible.

Thanks, and God Bless

Tear off and return with your donation

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount ___\$20.00 ___\$50.00 ___\$100.00 ___\$500.00 \$_____

Please make checks out to the Hunt School Humanity Initiative

and send or deliver to The Hunt School
P.O. Box 259
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