

## September Student of the Month

I am pleased to announce Helmwood Heights September Student of the month, Mr. Brennen Holt. Benny, as he prefers to be called, is a 5th grade student in Mr. Cody Bridges Homeroom. Benny has been a student at Helmwood since 1st grade and many staff members remarked of how we all have watched him grow up in the halls of Helmwood. Benny says he loves to play video games and football is his favorite sport. Many teachers were eager to share wonderful words about Benny.

Mr. Bridges said that Benny is the definition of a model leader for Helmwood Heights. He constantly presents a smile on his face and is welcoming to all his classmates and students throughout the building. He is the first one to participate in classroom activities and shows extreme perseverance when work becomes challenging. He uses manners to teachers and staff and shows a respect for others that is unmatched. Benny is an awesome student, and I am so excited for him to be winning student of the month for September..

Mrs. Kremzar said, I am so ecstatic and proud of Benny. He is an incredible young man! Benny enters the classroom and you can feel his brightness and warmth. Benny makes me smile, then makes me laugh, and then makes me feel blessed to be a teacher. He is a student who remembers that his actions and words have an effect on those around him, and he works each day to do what he knows is right, even when no one is watching. I always appreciated and respected the efforts he put forth to show honesty and integrity, even when it's not the easiest choice to make. He is empathetic and content in being considerate of others. This quiet leadership not only was noticed by his peers, but also set the tone for the classroom and the day. He is a steady and committed student, day in and day out. He is full of energy and positivity. He takes on every day with an open attitude which helps him build his knowledge and investigate new ideas. Throughout his years at Helmwood, he continues to exemplify outstanding citizenship by respecting and supporting his school, educators, and classmates. Congratulations on student of the month, Benny!! You deserve it!

Ms. Goodpaster, his math teacher, stated, "Benny, your heart is kind and your positive attitude is contagious!"

"As a student in my 4th grade science class last year, Benny epitomized the heart of a true scientist with his great questions, perseverance, and desire to lead. I am beyond proud of him, and even though he says Mrs. Kremzar is his favorite teacher, he's my favorite Benny", said Mrs. Parker.

Mrs. Swiney stated, I was blessed to work with Brennen in speech therapy during his first/second grade years. Brennen always worked so very hard in speech and always with a smile and positive attitude. He is an amazing young man and a wonderful role model for his peers. Congrats to Brennen on being student of the month!

Mrs. Ingram, his art teacher, had this to say about Benny. Benny Holt is the type of student that every teacher dreams of having. He is kind, slow to speak, quick to listen to others, always leads by example, quick to help those that need him, and always an all-around amazing person. He has an amazing personality and sense of humor. You can always see him smiling. Benny truly is a boy of great character and a panther through and through. I can't wait to see all the great things waiting for him in the future. Proud of you, Benny!!!

We at Helmwood look forward to seeing his accomplishments as a panther in the years to come.

