

Hamden Heroes for 2020

Bethel Desta- 5th grader:

At school she sees the positive in everything. She is always smiling. She sets an example for others. She has a growth mindset and doesn't shy away from challenging work. She's the first to help clean up the classroom or offer assistance to someone in need. Bethel is always compassionate and kind to others. She helped collect toiletries for the homeless and deliver them. She has participated in school cleanups.

Outside of school she helps her brother with his homework and her mom with preparing meals. When her neighbor's lacrosse balls fly out of the yard, she collects them up and returns them. She helped create a Little Free Library outside of Paul and Eddy's Pizza.

Ms. Shelby Irwin- grade 5 teacher:

Ms. Irwin started the Invention Convention District wide including Take -Apart Night. She leads the 5th Grade Community Service Student Volunteer group. She attended and promotes Seedlings Educators Summer Workshop on Science and Nature topics (Hopkins) Ms. Irwin wrote a grant for an integrated Math Project – (the incredibly popular) Cooking with Fractions. She is also a member of the PBIS team and volunteers at all school wide events including Art Night, Math/Literacy Night, and Kids Night Out.