

# kids with character

This recognition showcases students who have made a difference by accepting responsibility, showing kindness, valuing others' concerns, helping resolve conflicts and honoring their commitments.

**E**than Holbrook, 13, was nominated to be a Chronicle-Telegram Kid With Character for demonstrating great maturity and leadership who is helpful and caring.

He was nominated by his science teacher at Avon Middle School, Brittany Brasseur. She said he stands out at an extraordinary, mature boy at the school.

"Ethan is a wonderful student who goes the extra mile and is a very determined student, helping others and demonstrating servant-leadership qualities," Brasseur said.



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Avon Middle School

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"In class, he's always very kind to his classmates. He always makes his classmates feel included," she said. "We do different activities in class and he's always making sure everyone has a chance to participate."

She added that he's a pacesetter in the classroom and is a good decision-maker.

"He chooses to always do the correct thing or the best fit for the situation," Brasseur said.

Ethan's language arts teacher, Lauryn Zehner, called him a role model.

"(He's) an exemplary student of high character, caring (and) helping others in need, always quick to lend a helping hand," Zehner said.

Outside of school, Ethan plays basketball, participates in a youth group and volunteers during outreach opportunities.

His math teacher, Ben Cable, said that as long as he can remember, Ethan has volunteered at football games, including bringing water to players, helping officials and cleaning up the stadium after games.

"He attends most of if not all the Avon sporting events," Cable said. "He's a very engaged athlete as well as a very engaged student."

Ethan lives with his parents, Sue and Scott Holbrook, and his younger sister, Amelia.

