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Three weeks ago I was in Spokane at the school director's conference. Nancy Merrill and I chose to walk from our hotel to a restaurant just north of Gonzaga University. It was about 1.5 miles. As we approached the Gonzaga campus, I saw a familiar bridge and started to chuckle. The bridge had a ramp above a roadway so it did have some slope. The reason for my chuckle was that just a few years ago, I arrived on this bridge at mile #25 of my first marathon. At that point in the race this "slight slope" looked like a daunting hill! :)

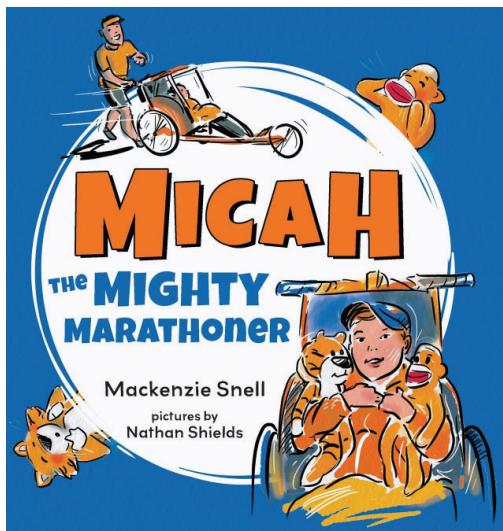
Running a marathon was a reflective process for me as while preparing (running), I had a lot of time to just think. This may sound strange, but I felt it gloriously selfish as it was

such an individual process of preparation. There were moments particularly during the race in which I needed a lot of self talk to keep going.

It's funny how things connect in your life but during this same time I was introduced to the book, *Micah the Mighty Marathoner*. This book was written by Mackenzie Snell, the daughter of Jeff Snell, superintendent in Camas School District. I have had the opportunity to spend several professional development days with Jeff and have admired his leadership in Camas.

Micah is Mackenzie's brother. Her book tells the story of Micah being born seven and a half weeks early and how one side of his brain does not talk well to the other side of his brain making moving, speaking and play hard. The family realized quickly that Micah loved being outdoors and as a result, he began running marathons with his dad, Jeff. They conquered marathons with the help of his wheelchair "Orange Crush!" Together they have raised money for organizations/causes that make a difference for others during their 26 marathons!

I have shared my marathon journey several times, and in particular, the moment of seeing "that daunting hill" during mile #25. Reading Micah's book gave me greater perspective and empathy for others. I am in awe at Jeff's grit and stamina to push Micah the entire 26.2 miles and loved to read of Micah's enjoyment of running with his dad. Talking



about my little hill seems silly after reading this story.

These holiday-filled months can be very stressful for our students, families and staff members. We may hear different language or see different behaviors as a result of stress. May we all be given greater perspective and seek greater empathy during this incredibly busy time. May we be the ones to "push the chair" for others in order to help them experience greater joy.

In partnership with you,

JOIN US!

For event details, visit www.enumclaw.wednet.edu or contact the school.

DEC 17 School Board Meeting

DEC 20 NO SCHOOL
WINTER BREAK DEC 20 - JAN 1

JAN 2 Welcome back!

JAN 4 Early Release Friday

JAN 7 School Board Work Study
at WESTWOOD & THUNDER MTN

JAN 10 READY! for Kindergarten
at BIRTH TO FIVE CENTER AT JJ SMITH

JAN 11 Early Release Friday

JAN 21 NO SCHOOL
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY

JAN 22 School Board Meeting

JAN 24 STATE OF ED ADDRESS

JAN 25 Child Find

JAN 25 Early Release Friday



WEATHER & COMMUNICATIONS

When road conditions might be a challenge, we deploy our crew around 4:30AM to drive the roads on which our buses travel. We aim to have a decision regarding school delays or closures and transportation changes by 5:30AM each morning. If the start of school will be delayed or closed, we communicate the change through:

- FlashAlert :: <http://flashalert.net>
Sign up to have any school delay or closure alert delivered to your email
- District website :: www.enumclaw.wednet.edu
News is updated on the home page
- District Facebook page :: www.facebook.com/EnumclawSchoolDistrict
We also update social media when we alter schedules
- Phone call :: via SchoolMessenger before 6:00AM
If the weather conditions shift after 6:00AM, a decision will be made at the earliest time possible and communications will be sent as soon as possible
- Radio and television stations

Media typically rely on FlashAlert and will publish on the news (usually a rolling ticker for all local districts)

Each winter we prepare a bulletin to update our families about winter weather communications, including emergency bus routes. If you need to review the information, please visit our website at <https://goo.gl/nVePCK>.



CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Enumclaw High School's Phase 2A is well underway and cruising right along in order to expand the spaces used by health and physical education plus add a music education suite. FORMA Construction continues their work of coordinating the many subcontractors working on site. In early December, crews accomplished a significant amount of progress:

1. 12" Sub Base placement completed
2. Underslab Plumbing – Inspected and Backfilled
3. FPS Stem Walls and Thickened Slab Footings poured on November 6th
4. Perimeter Rigid Insulation placement began
5. UnderCap Electrical is complete and was inspected on December 7th
6. Wall Framing/Sheathing of 1st and 2nd floor began

Photos below feature the footings and prefabricated walls going into place.



WWII VETERAN GRADUATES

We had the honor to present Mr. Joe Zumeck, a World War II veteran, with an Enumclaw High School diploma on December 3rd. School Board President Bryan Stanwood proudly announced Joseph Zumeck's name and presented him with his diploma. The crowd's standing ovation helped mark this momentous occasion along with speeches, cake, flowers and congratulatory cards.

Joe enlisted in the military to serve our country just before his graduation. Upon his return to Washington, Mr. Zumeck and his brothers owned and operated Black Diamond's Modern Market and Grocery and also served



as a volunteer firefighter. Recently he shared with Sherrie Evans, during an interview with Black Diamond Historical Museum, that he deeply regretted not earning his diploma. Thank you to Sherrie who reached out to us to coordinate this amazing evening!

MISTER NELSON'S NEIGHBORHOOD

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Mr. Nelson & Mr. McBeals are ready for a special evening!



STATE OF ED ADDRESS

Please join us for an evening focusing on education with a fun twist!

Enumclaw SCHOOL DISTRICT
all students achieving at high levels

January 24, 2019
EHS Auditorium
at 6:30PM

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Few children learn to love books by themselves.
Someone has to lure them into the wonderful world of the written word; someone has to show them the way.
Orville Prescott
A Father Reads to His Children

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Your favorite book that someone read to you



#ESDReads

JOIN THE MOVEMENT.

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE.

Post a picture along with the hashtag #ESDReads each month for a chance to be featured on our feed!
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