



Judge Mary Elizabeth Dorsey, Rotary Club of Florissant president, is shown reading to kindergarteners at Walker Elementary School in the Hazelwood School District.

Community Leaders Serve As Readers to Students

Elected officials and other community leaders volunteered to read across the Hazelwood School District on March 6. The Hazelwood Board of Education proclaimed Friday, March 6, as Read Across Hazelwood Day in the District, to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, inspire young readers, and encourage adult involvement.

Read Across America is an annual reading program usually held on Dr. Seuss's Birthday, March 2, but since that date fell on a Monday this year, schedules were more hectic. Therefore, the District created an alternate program. Community leaders took part in the event by visiting one of eight participating elementary schools and reading to pre-assigned classrooms. The overall impact resulted in more than 60 volunteers reading Dr. Seuss books to nearly 1,400 students.

Olympic hopes for Hazelwood West's Robinson paused by pandemic



Hazelwood West senior Justin Robinson had arranged his training to make a run at qualifying for the Olympics this year in Tokyo after tasting some international success last summer. Robinson's plans are adjusting with the Summer Games postponed until 2021 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

If he's not careful, yogurt will be Justin Robinson's undoing.

A senior at Hazelwood West High and the fastest Under-18 quarter miler in the world, Robinson finds himself like many in the area — stuck in his house with a refrigerator that promises to cure his boredom. He can resist the chips and candy, but yogurt and fruit sing a siren's song.

"I have to watch the snacking," Robinson said.

A 5-foot-8 and 150-pound bolt of lightning, Robinson had plans this spring.

Big plans.

Make Team USA and run at the Olympics in Tokyo this summer kind of plans. It would be his fourth time competing for his country in international competition.

Robinson had goals.

Big goals.

Take down Usain Bolt's Under-20 200-meter world record type goals.

All of that now is on hold as the coronavirus pandemic has postponed the Olympics, forced millions of Americans to stay in their homes and left Robinson debating whether or not he really needs that cup of strawberry Greek yogurt.

"We're sitting back and waiting," Robinson said. "I still have to be ready for outdoor (competition)."

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