

Lacing Us Together

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This mornign I received an email from a 6th grade teacher whose letter I will quote:

During our reading of your book, Number the Stars, we also researched the causes and effects of the Holocaust, watched a very powerful documentary called, "Paper Clips", and perhaps you'll recall that we decided to take on a project of our own. Since October we have been collecting shoelaces, measuring them, and tying them together with the goal of collecting 6,000,000 centimeters of laces to represent the 6,000,000 Jews who were killed in the Holocaust. We have collected over 5,000,000 centimeters so far (that's just a little over 30 miles of laces) and hope to meet our goal by mid April. Our plan it to build large shoes that we will wrap the laces around and then have displayed at the Minnesota State Fair in August. I've attached a couple of photographs of the project for you to see of some of our progress. Our goal is that this monument will honor the victims of that horrible event, and will serve as a statement to the world that intolerance, prejudice, racism, and hatred have no place in our world if we are to have any chance of living in peace with one another.

I just wanted to share this project with you because I thought you might mention it in your travels and conversations with others who might like to send shoelaces to us. We are at:

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