

# GODDARD SCHOOL EYES GUINNESS RECORD

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*Kids, parents and teachers at the Goddard School in Ladera Ranch play Simon Says Friday.*

LADERA RANCH – Nearly 80 kids, parents and teachers from the Goddard School in Ladera Ranch Friday teamed up with about 370 Goddard Schools nationwide to play the world’s largest Simon Says game in an attempt to make the Guinness Book of World Records. The game in Ladera Ranch went on for 11 minutes before Eden Meissner, 3, was the last one standing.

Michael Smithers, owner of Goddard School in Ladera Ranch, acted as Simon in front of the kids.

“It has been so dark and heavy in the news lately so we needed something fun and silly,” he said. “It brings me joy to see the kids happy.”

The record-breaking event finished off a week-long focus on The Goddard School’s teaching method Power of Play, which included activities for children and their families in fitness, nutrition and education.

Smithers anticipates it will take about three weeks for the attempt to be certified and, hopefully, make its way into the Guinness Book of World Records.



*Eden Meissner, 3, won the Simon Says game. Michael Smithers, owner of Goddard School in Ladera Ranch, acted as Simon during Friday’s world record attempt.*