



BROADVIEW HEIGHTS GODDARD SCHOOL PLAYS 'SIMON SAYS'

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Broadview Heights Goddard School children Evan Mazanec, Carson Horvath, Anna Toman, Ashley Shefferly, Nathan Henegar, Danny Russo, Holden Kubitz, Samantha Derhman and Halle Lint attempt to help the school set a world record Sept. 23. Ashley, of Hinckley, won the game at the Broadview Heights location.

Attempting to break world records and apply first lady Michelle Obama's fitness and nutrition goals are child's play for the preschool students at Goddard School of Broadview Heights.

The children tried Sept. 23 to break the Guinness World Record for the largest game of Simon Says, and also used the event to learn more about exercise and proper food choices.

The Goddard School Block Party helped children learn through play to incorporate lifelong healthy lifestyle habits through The Goddard School FLEX Learning Program.

Goddard School Director Tricia Wise said as soon as the first lady's initiative for nutrition and exercise was extended to preschool programs, she suggested including this curriculum with the nationwide Goddard School Simon Says contest to Goddard School Owner Theresa Camloh.

There is science-based research on the importance of play for preschoolers to learn critical life skills, said Camloh.

Three hundred Goddard Schools nationwide participated in the Simon Says game in an attempt to beat the record of 12,215 people. We want to achieve the largest venue of simultaneous games, said Camloh.

All of the children who participated were winners, and Ashley Shefferly, 4, of Hinckley, won the school's game of Simon Says.

The game was officiated by Broadview Heights Economic Development Director Dave Schroedel along with Broadview Heights Fire Department firefighters Brian Summers, Cameron Coleman, and Dan Erker. Each child was issued a ticket that he or she had to turn in to participate.

There is real community spirit in Broadview Heights, said Camloh.

Schroedel said The Goddard School is a great business with good citizens. They really have given back to the community, he said. They are a great asset, and it is a pleasure to have them.



Broadview Heights Economic Development Director Dave Schroedel, Broadview Heights Goddard School Owner Theresa Camloh, Goddard School director Tricia Wise, and seated Jacob Merheb, Trace Pooch and Goddard School teacher Kerrie Riegel watch the game of "Simon Says" play out.

At the Goddard School Block Party beforehand, the children learned about nutrition in the pizza shop, bakery, and grocery store. Romeo's Pizza, of Broadview Heights, donated dough and boxes for the children to create their own pizzas with tossed dough.

At the bakery, students had bagels with low-fat cream cheese, and learned to make proper food choices at the grocery store. They also created various meals using pictures of healthy foods to build a healthy plate.

Through this program, along with children bringing in healthy lunches, Camloh finds the children are incorporating healthier foods as the preschoolers eat together and view each other's lunches. The children go home and teach the parents! said Camloh.

According to several students, the children had fun creating their pizzas and playing Simon Says together. We love this event, said Camloh.