

Judson & Brown students again capture Redlands Bicycle Classic School Duel trophy

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REDLANDS, Ca – Judson & Brown Elementary School captured the [Redlands Bicycle Classic School Duel](#) trophy — for the third year in a row.

Classic officials delivered the award to the school Tuesday, delighting team participants and the entire school community at an early morning assembly.

“It is such an important part of a school community to not only have students be active academically but physically as well,” said Camille Dahnke, a Judson & Brown kindergarten teacher and committee chair of the school’s School Duel team. “I think this shows how our students and families rallied around a common goal. And I think it’s neat to see how motivated they were in setting a standard of winning the trophy again.”

According to school and race officials, 122 Judson & Brown students joined the School Duel on May 6 during the public races at the cycling competition. Each year, a trophy is awarded to the school with the most participants, and the Judson & Brown classroom with the most participation won a recess supervised by school Principal Jennifer Hosch.

Dahnke’s class was determined the winner with 20 out of 26 students racing along Citrus Avenue during the event.

“We definitely have a community of parents who want to see their kids be active,” Dahnke said. “And to have 122 kids (at the Classic), that’s a lot of families making a pact to be healthy.”

It also made for some healthy competition schoolwide, she added.

Each grade level made posters and hung them around campus as a way to encourage students to register for the race.

A bulletin board of golden race tickets hangs in the multipurpose room for all to see.

Judson & Brown will keep the trophy until the next Classic, though students have high hopes they’ll capture it once again in 2018.

“This is a new experience” for our kids, said Brian Zander, Classic public race director and a Judson & Brown educator. “And perhaps we might foster future Olympians or Tour de France winners. We hope all of those things will become a possibility with our students.”

The [Redlands Bicycle Classic](#) began May 3 and concluded in downtown Redlands on May 7.

The last two days of competition took place in downtown Redlands.