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Parent Newsletter

**6444 Sierra Ct.
Dublin, CA 94568**

Important

Calendar Update

School of Imagination and Happy Talkers will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

We will be open on Tuesday, January 20th.

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

The Parent Advisory Council meets on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Happy Talkers offices.

**Happy Talkers
7567 Amador Valley Blvd.
Suite 101
Dublin, CA 94568**

We invite new and returning parents to attend.

(925) 829-9552 ext. 705 or
parents@schoolofimagination.org

Breaking Ground at Schaefer Ranch

After seven moves in five years, December 2, 2008 marked the beginning of a new phase for School of Imagination and Happy Talkers at the groundbreaking ceremony at Schaefer Ranch in Dublin.

Our groundbreaking dignitaries were Jackie Seeno and Albert Seeno III, Discovery Builders; Mayor Janet Lockhart, City of Dublin; Kate Ann Scholz and Kasie Hildenbrand, Dublin City Council; our very own Charlene and Mitch Sigman, School of Imagination; Dominic Pipitone and Bill Wheeler, Pleasanton North Rotary; Congressman

Jerry McNerney; Honorable Judge Ron Hyde (ret.) and Frank Hanna, Pleasanton North Rotary. They were soon joined by our wonderful staff of therapists, teachers, assistants and kids who helped break ground for SOI and HT's new, permanent home.

You can read more about this incredible day in SOI-HT history in the Nov. 9 issue of the *Valley Times* and Dec. 18 issue of the *Pleasanton Weekly* at <http://www.schoolofimagination.org/news>



Charlene and Mitch Sigman's dream of finding a permanent home for School of Imagination and Happy Talkers comes true at the Schaefer Ranch ground breaking on December 2.

DVDs4VETS

We would like to give sincere thanks to our many generous donors who have contributed to our "DVDs4VETS" project. We have well exceeded our goal of 1,000 DVDs for our injured veterans and we could not have done so without your generous support.

All of your contributed DVDs will serve the men and women who have served us, while in their recovery and rehabilitation process. Thank you again for your overwhelming support! We are planning to do this again next Holiday Season and will again look forward to your kind support.

Ron Hyde-co-chair- Pleasanton North Rotary

Mitch Sigman-co-chair- School of Imagination and Pleasanton North Rotary

Thank You, Parents

Thank you so much to the parents for their kind words of appreciation for our therapists and teachers. It meant the world to them that you took the time to write up such wonderful letters. Thank you to the parents for their generous holiday gifts! You made all of our holidays brighter!

Charlene Sigman and Azi Gamez

Important Reminders

Happy 2009! To make this semester another great one, it is imperative for your students to arrive to class on time and ready to participate. To avoid disruptions, please arrive at least 5 minutes prior to class so your child has a moment to say good-bye and prepare for a new day of learning and having fun.

PLEASE NOTE: Classroom doors open 5 minutes before class so that teachers have adequate time to set up the classroom and prep the days activities. Please wait outside the classroom if you arrive too early.

Also, there is a 5-minute grace period after class for parents to pick up their children. After the 5-minute grace period, parents will be charged \$1 per minute.



Upcoming Events at School of Imagination

JANUARY 2009

Thursday, January 1
SOI CLOSED for New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1
Tuition Due

Monday, January 5
Late Fee applies after 5pm

Thursday, January 8
Parent Advisory Council Meeting at 6:30pm

Monday, January 19
SOI CLOSED for Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 20
UPDATE: SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN

FEBRUARY 2009

Sunday, February 1
Tuition Due

Thursday, February 5
Late Fee applies after 5pm

Thursday, February 12
Parent Advisory Council Meeting at 6:30pm

Friday, February 13
Valentine's Celebration

Saturday February 14
School of Imagination Gala

Monday, February 16
SOI CLOSED for President's Day

Saturday, February 28
Commitment Fee for FALL 2009 is due.