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**The School of Imagination's Second Annual Halloween Parade and Celebration  
Hosted by City of Dublin and Mayor Janet Lockhart Set for October 31, 2008**

***Community Leaders to Welcome Students from the Award-Winning School as they  
Trick-or-Treat at City Hall in Celebration of their New Permanent Home***

**DUBLIN, Calif. – October 29, 2008** – The School of Imagination (SOI) today announced that it will hold its second annual Halloween Parade and Celebration on Friday, October 31, 2008. The event will honor Mayor Janet Lockhart for her hard work in championing the location of a new permanent home for the School of Imagination and its students.

“It is a tremendous honor to have the strong and loyal support of community leaders, partners and parents who continue to enable us to support the dynamic learning needs of our students here in the Tri-Valley,” said School of Imagination Founder, Charlene E. Sigman, M.S., CCC-SLP.

“Since our program began, we have moved more than seven times. It is due to the hard work of our champion Mayor Lockhart that we hope to soon have a permanent home. As a display of our gratitude, the students and parents of the School of Imagination are eager to share in celebration with everyone at Dublin City Hall during our annual Halloween Parade.”

“The School of Imagination is an educational inspiration to leaders throughout our community and at the national level,” said Mayor Janet Lockhart. “They continue to enrich the lives of hundreds of children and their families through compassionate programs for hands-on learning. I am honored to be able to share in the school’s Halloween celebration and to congratulate them on their continued success and new home.”

**SOI Second Annual Halloween Parade Celebration**

The second annual SOI Halloween Parade and Celebration will start on Friday morning, October 31, at 10:15 a.m. with a celebration at the school located at 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin. Students,

age 2 through kindergarten, will begin a parade walk to Dublin City Hall at 10:45 a.m. and commence trick-or-treating at City Hall at 11:00 a.m., returning to the school at 11:45 a.m.

The event will continue on Friday afternoon starting at 3:00 p.m. with a second celebration for students ages 3 through 5. The afternoon parade to Dublin City Hall will begin at 3:30 p.m., followed by trick-or-treating at 3:45 p.m. and the return parade which will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

### **About The School of Imagination**

The School of Imagination (SOI), located in Dublin, California, was founded to serve the child care, pre-school and kindergarten readiness needs of children with developmental disabilities and typically-developing children in the Bay Area. SOI is a non-profit education center built on the award winning methodology of the Happy Talkers program established in 2000. Since 2000, over 2,500 children with speech delays, developmental disabilities and autism have found our program to be a nurturing, home-like environment in which to learn. Here they thrive through curricula, which are adapted to their individual needs, capabilities and learning goals. SOI's mission is "to bring out the extraordinary in every child." Awarded 2007 Organization of the Year for Dublin, California, the School of Imagination is a national role model for inclusion programs.

Organizations including: Autism Speaks, California First Five, American Speech and Hearing Association, and the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation, have endorsed SOI for its ground-breaking approach to education to bring out the extraordinary in every child. For more information, or to reach our Parent Support Network, contact us at (877) KIDS-TLC or [www.schoolofimagination.org](http://www.schoolofimagination.org).