

*April 20, 2010*

Dublin, CA – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) announced today that he will attend the upcoming “Happy Talkers” autism outreach fair hosted by the School of Imagination on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> in Dublin.

The outreach fair, which will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., will provide free autism detection and developmental screenings, as well as referrals to resources provided by local agencies. Pediatricians, speech language pathologists and child development specialists are expected to be on hand for the event.

“The School of Imagination has touched the lives of so many children in our community by providing them the skills and confidence they need to succeed in all educational settings,” said Congressman McNerney. “The School is also reaching out to families in our area by partnering with advocates and practitioners to hold the Happy Talkers Community Outreach Fair. This important event will raise awareness and provide education and support for children on the autism spectrum.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), an average of 1 in 110 children in the United States has an autism spectrum disorder.

Event details:

“Happy Talkers” Community Outreach Fair

Saturday, April 24, 2010  
Schaefer Ranch Model Homes  
7625 Ridgeline Drive  
Dublin, CA  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To register or learn more about the event, the School of Imagination can be reached at (877) KIDS-TLC or at <http://soi4kids.org/outreach.html>.