

HEARSAY is a quarterly newsletter generated
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Summer Edition

- Housekeeping Ideas
- Summer Activities for Students/Families

Message from the Editor

HEARSAY is a newsletter for school professionals in Arkansas who are educating students who are deaf/hard of hearing. Each issue will include information, resources, and tips for working with this unique student population. We'd love to hear from you and address topics you suggest. Please email your questions/suggestions to ears@archildrens.org.

School's Out For Summer!!

We've all survived another school year and Summer is finally here! Do your next-year self a favor by doing the following:

- ◆ Store School-Owned Hearing Assistive Technology:
 - * Dust off those soundfield/classroom amplification systems, turn the dials to "off", bundle the charging cords together with a rubberband, remove the rechargeable batteries (replacing with new if needed), and box/bag for safe keeping.
 - * Collect all components of a student's personal FM/DM/Roger system, charge the transmitter one last time, clean the contacts on the audio shoes and receivers to remove dust/corrosion, and send items in for service/repair over the summer, if needed.
- ◆ Order Supplies:
 - * If you are out of hearing aid/cochlear implant (disposable) batteries, be sure to place your order this summer. Be sure to store/lock up extra batteries. Recycle expired batteries with your local electronics store or recycling center.
 - * As you learn about new students that may be coming to your district next school year, consider purchasing a hearing aid check kit. The Educational Audiology Association offers a fairly comprehensive kit in the EAA Store. Visit the link below for pricing and ordering.
<http://edaud.org/product/hearing-aid-checker-kit/>
- ◆ Communicate:
 - * With appropriate information releases on file, take the time to call/email your students' managing audiologist and/or other key medical providers for any updates on the student's hearing status, amplification, etc. This will allow you time to research any newly identified conditions/newly recommended technology before you encounter it at school.
- ◆ Support:
 - * Provide parents with activities to complete with their children over the summer.
 - * Consider hosting a summer networking event within the district/community for your D/HH students to connect with one another, invite their families!

Summer Activities!!

Have parents looking for ways to connect their child with other D/HH students? Here's a handout listing activities going on in /around Arkansas this Summer! The handout also includes a Summertime Check List for parents!

<https://tinyurl.com/EARS-Summer-2017-Checklist>