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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.

Technology: love it, hate it, learn more about it!

The more we learn about hearing disorders, the more we encounter technological advances aimed at best treating each. Keeping up with the ever changing hearing assistive technology can be daunting even for us audiologists!

Please visit the following link (<http://tinyurl.com/EARSVideosPlaylist>) or QR code to access our YouTube channel. We have created informational videos ranging from how to replace batteries to performing listening checks for hearing aids, bone anchored implants, and FM/DM devices. More videos will be added Spring 2017 featuring cochlear implants and a new bone conduction device. Email us at ears@archildrens.org if you have suggestions for future videos.



FYI: Testing Accommodations for College Entrance Exams

An updated process now exists for students with an IEP/504 plan who are seeking testing accommodations for college entrance exams. Read more at the link below.

<https://www.collegeboard.org/releases/2016/college-board-simplifies-request-process-for-test-accommodations>

Cared to Share

We have recently found the following resources helpful and think you might too! Happen upon something too good to keep to yourself? We want to know! Email us at ears@archildrens.org and mention Cared to Share.

⇒ Hearing Loss Simulators

Audiograms are good visual representations of hearing loss, but sometimes we just need to hear it [the impact of the hearing loss] for ourselves. Hearing loss simulators may be one of our most underutilized tools when explaining a student's hearing loss and speech and language implications to a parent or teacher. Some of our favorite simulators are linked below.

<http://www.starkey.com/hearing-loss-simulator>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ar1Dq-M2ok4>

[*http://www.hearinglikeme.com/hearing-loss-simulator/](http://www.hearinglikeme.com/hearing-loss-simulator/)

**only simulates mild/moderate hearing losses*

⇒ Bi-monthly Update at Success for Kids With Hearing Loss

<https://successforkidswithhearingloss.com/subscribe-for-email-alerts/>
The Early December update titled "Function in the Classroom: Observation" outlined a few different "lenses" one might use while conducting an observation and questions one might ask from each "vantage point". The update also provided examples of how to get specific when noting behaviors of the child in the classroom.