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Carolina Armenta

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HVNM would like to congratulate 8-year-old Carolina Armenta on her Hip Hop Dance competition May 20th, at the ABQ convention center. Carolina wears hearing aids for her bilateral hearing loss. She enjoys dancing with her sister and other peers on her team!

Upcoming HVNM Events

July 15
BIG SUMMER EVENT - Family Fun Day (Water Activities + BBQ)
Location: North Domingo Baca Park, ABQ

August 12
Board Meeting - Open meeting 10:30 am - 12:00 pm in ABQ Flying Star Cafe Corrales
We our Looking for more Parents to join our board!

September 9
Back2School Event Location: TBD

"What works for your child is what makes the choice right!"
If you want your child featured in our next quarterly newsletter, please submit a picture of your child along with a bio, accomplishment and/or activity showing why you are proud of your child to parentgroup@hvn.org.

**Topic of the quarter:** Communication Considerations - Classroom Acoustics

Children who have hearing loss experience the greatest challenges in acoustically inappropriate classrooms; quiet rooms allow them to use hearing aids and cochlear implants far more effectively. But research shows that all children will benefit from classrooms with low background noise and short reverberation times. Even children with hearing in normal ranges can miss as much as one-third of the words in a teacher’s message when they are listening in noise.

Please add your questions comments to our Facebook chat https://www.facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm

What is the ‘classroom acoustics’ initiative about?

Parents and education professionals across the country have been working hard to ensure that America’s classrooms are not subject to unnecessary noise that interferes with our children’s education. One of the most important steps in this effort was the establishment, in June 2002, of a new standard for classroom acoustics. ANSI/ASA S12.60-2002, developed by the Acoustical Society of America working with the US Access Board and other stakeholders -- parents, teachers, and organizations like SHHH and AGBell, ASHA, EAA, and AAA -- was published by the American National Standards Institute for the use of parents, school systems, and school planners and designers. It sets maximum levels for background noise and reverberation to insure good speech intelligibility in learning environments. Designing to meet these criteria will provide room conditions that enable all children to hear and understand. Many parents have found the new standard useful in obtaining acoustic accommodations under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

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If you would like to get more information about our Parent Guides, or the GBYS Program please call Carmen Armenta

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**In the Community**

**ASL Immersion**
Session 1 July 18th – 21st
Session 2 July 25th – 28th
Hosted by NMSD CECT Dept.
http://www.nmsd.k12.nm.us/outreach/classesworkshops.php

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