

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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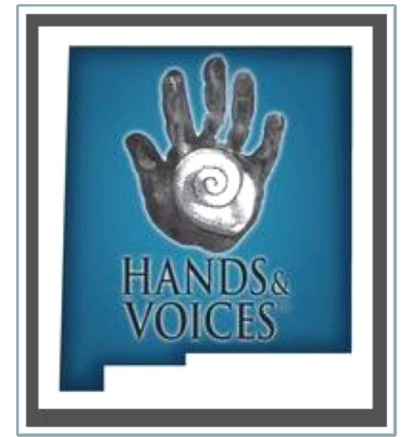
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“Spot Light” Is on **Carolina Armenta**



“Spot Light”

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 are 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

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>

you are proud of your child to parentgroup@hvn.org.

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



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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Applications for 2017-2018

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