

# DHH SoundOff! December 2016 Edition



Dear Teachers and Staff,

Welcome to the Holiday Edition of DHH SoundOff!

With the Holidays around the corner, special class activities, assemblies, and class parties are sure to happen. In this edition of DHH SoundOff we'll explore some ways to help your Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH) student to be fully included in all of these activities, which can present challenges.

## **Movies**

Watching holiday movies at school is a special treat adored by students! Make sure you turn on the closed captions to ensure your DHH student is able to catch all of the words.

## **Assemblies**

Does your school have a big, LOUD holiday assembly? Help your student be a full participant by letting him or her sit up toward the front (with a classmate or two!), having the person speaking wear the student's FM transmitter, or even giving the student a copy of the script to follow along if possible.

## **Class Parties**

Parties can be noisy, which makes it hard for DHH students to enjoy the festivities. If you catch your DHH student goofing off, check in with them because what looks like misbehaving may be a miscommunication or missed instruction. Help this class tradition be a happy one for all of your students by limiting the amount of noise in the classroom. Keep background music soft during conversation, make sure to use the student's FM system whenever possible, and let your student's group go to a quieter spot if needed.

## **Singing**

Singing holiday songs can be fun for everybody! Make sure your student has a copy of the words. If they've mis-heard the same lyric year after year, you could be the first to teach them that Rudolph's nose glows instead of grows!

## **Decorations**

If your students have decorated their desks or tables fabulously, make sure they can still see each other from across the table! Many DHH students rely on visual cues in addition to listening while having a conversation, especially while its noisy.

## **Lighting**

Festive lighting is fun, but make sure it is bright enough for your student to see what's going on in the classroom and help follow along during conversation.

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## Thanks for Tuning In!

That's all for the December Edition of DHH SoundOff! We hope you enjoy the Holidays with your students! They're lucky to have you as their teacher this Holiday season. If you have any questions, we're all ears!

Amanda Levy and Linda Dye - NCCSE Educational Audiologists

P.S. To see previous newsletters and access tons of resources for using and troubleshooting DHH equipment, please visit the NCCSE Resource Page Website: <http://www.nccse.org/resources/resources-home/audiology-resources>

## Calling All Teachers!

**Have you come up with a stellar way to support your DHH student in the classroom? Send us an email about it and you could be featured in the next DHH SoundOff!**

## Contact Information

The two NCCSE Audiologists, Dr. Linda Dye and Dr. Amanda Levy, along with Audiology Aide Tara Thompson, serve all of the districts in North County. See below to find out which Audiologist is assigned to your district, and how to contact them.

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