



You'll be hearing from us!

# March 2020 E-newsletter

## We Appreciate Our Community During This Time

Child's Voice remains closed, along with all other schools in Illinois, through April 7. Although we are not on site, staff is hard at work preparing lessons, communicating with students, and continuing with event planning. We are so grateful for your continued compassion and enthusiasm during this time.



*Child's Voice staff has been keeping in touch with students and each other during the COVID-19 closures.*

Teachers, therapists, and teaching assistants have been working together to develop e-learning opportunities for our students at home over the next few weeks. Information and updates about plans through April 7 and any further closures will be sent to parents.



Truly, we cannot thank you enough for your support. As the world events continue to change daily, we are monitoring the situation and working to best ensure the health and safety of our students, their families, and our staff.

We thank you again and wish you safety and good health.



### Visionary Voices: Words from Dr. Michele

Late afternoon on Friday, March 13, Governor Pritzker ordered all public and non-public schools to close from Tuesday, March 17 through Monday, March 30 in the wake of the COVID-19 virus. Then the closures were extended through April 7.

[Read more here.](#)



# Learning Activities

## Links to Learning During the Quarantine

[For Early Intervention Families](#)

[For Primary I students](#)

[For Primary II students](#)

**Streamer** automated captioning can be added to your remote learning opportunities as an accommodation for students with hearing loss and for students who are not fluent in English. A secure trial can be set up for FREE for 30 days for one person, a group, or a whole school. The monthly price for Streamer has been dropped to \$9.97/month or \$99/year for an individual account or \$8.87/month or \$89/year per account for blocks of 10 accounts.

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## Resources to Know

You may find these helpful at this time:

**People's Resource Center** offers DuPage County residents nutritious food and other basic necessities like clothes and rent assistance. Cook County residents can find food pantry, soup kitchen, mobile food distribution or shelter at the **Greater Chicago Food Depository**. **The Northern Illinois Food Bank** has links to more than 800 centers.

Other helpful links:

The federal **Centers for Disease Control**

The **Illinois Department of Public Health**

The **Illinois State Board of Education**

The ISBE has also listed free internet access opportunities from AT&T, Spectrum, and Comcast at [www.isbe.net/keeplearning](http://www.isbe.net/keeplearning).

This might be a great time to catch up on our **All Ears At Child's Voice podcast**, featuring staff of Child's Voice sharing information, support, and interviews with the goal of helping families of children with hearing loss.

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## Golf Outing Postponed Until Sept. 22

Our annual Golf Outing has been postponed to Tuesday, September 22. [You can still register here.](#)

The Golf Outing represents over \$150,000 in funds

needed to support our families every single year. We will be sharing updates and details as things progress over the next few days and weeks.

But one thing remains certain ...we thank you so much for your continued support and dedication to our students and families. Your past generosity has absolutely made a difference and now, more than ever we need partners like you.



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## Cochlear Implants Approved for Younger Children



Cochlear Limited, a company that makes cochlear implants, obtained U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval to lower the age of cochlear implantation from 12 months to 9 months for children with bilateral, profound sensorineural hearing loss.

[Read more here.](#)

According to our Director of Audiology Dr. Dawn Violetto: "Research shows us that early access to sound translates into speech and language development which can put kids with hearing loss on par with their hearing peers. Earlier access to a cochlear implant minimizes the "language delay" kids may experience before getting good access to speech and sound. Not only that, but having the devices on very early means the child is used to wearing them before they can pull them off. It's their normal!"

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## Upcoming Child's Voice Events

Please remember that these events were scheduled before the COVID-19 outbreak and may be affected by any further need for quarantining.

# MED<sup>9</sup>EL

### MED-EL Parent Education Series

April 16, 6:30 p.m.

Parents of children learning to listen are invited to this workshop series. Each night will cover a different topic that will enhance your understanding.

### Golf Outing

September 22

(new date)

Arrowhead Golf Club, Wheaton



## Are You Following Us?

Be sure you're following our social media sites to see the latest news, photos and fun updates from Child's Voice, including updates on our programs and wonderful photos of our students!



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