



# Auditory Outreach News

## Spring is in the Air!



The start of 2024 brought new equipment, new forms and our first virtual equipment fair. We are currently working to renew the agreements between our program, the five provincial health regions, and the school districts within each region. We are so grateful for the wonderful relationships we have with you, our community partners, and look forward to ongoing collaboration.

Auditory Outreach is open during spring break (March 18-29) but with limited staffing. We appreciate your patience with longer than normal processing/ response times. If equipment is being shipped to a school during spring break, please confirm that someone will be at the school to receive it, or let us know on the request when it should be delivered. Happy spring everyone!

## What's New?

- Roger ON transmitters are now available for loan to middle and high school students.
- All Auditory Outreach Forms have been updated and posted on our website. We appreciate seeing the new forms being used!
- The first ever Auditory Outreach Virtual Equipment Fair was a huge success! Thank you to those who were able to attend. Slides are available on our website. Please email [lora.baker@sd47.bc.ca](mailto:lora.baker@sd47.bc.ca) for the recording.
- The Equipment loan library list with descriptions has been updated and posted on our website. This document has a photo and description for each piece of equipment that we have available for loan.

## Did you Know?

February 26 was  
International Cochlear Implant day!

The American Cochlear Implant Alliance website <https://www.acialliance.org/> has fantastic resources, including [What is a Cochlear Implant? - American Cochlear Implant Alliance \(acialliance.org\)](#) advocacy resources and a newsletter.

This year their annual conference is in Vancouver, on July 10-13. Please visit their website for more information about registration. Auditory outreach will have a representative at the conference, so we will be sure to share new learning with you in the fall.



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## qathet School District



We are proud to share that our host school district (SD 47) has changed its name to the qathet School District as an act of reconciliation and recognition that we learn, work and play on the traditional territories of the Tla'amin peoples. The district was formerly named "Powell River" after BC's first Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Dr. Israel Wood Powell. Powell's policy decisions most notably led to the creation of several Residential Schools and banning the Potlatch, which is key in Northwest Coast governance, culture, and wealth redistribution. Tla'amin and other Indigenous peoples still feel the harmful impacts of his legacy to this day. Our district is humbly grateful to have been gifted the name qathet, from the Tla'amin Nation, which means "working together".

## What's Next?

- Auditory Outreach will be sending loan reports with current loans to every school district in the spring. We hope this will assist teams to confirm loans, check for any losses and identify any equipment that is due for return.
- We appreciate receiving prompt notification and paperwork when equipment loaned from AO-PRP is lost.

## Did you Know?

March 3 is World Hearing Day!

The World Health Organization launched its World Hearing Day campaign <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-hearing-day/2024> that includes many resources including tip sheets and advocacy initiatives.



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