Birney Program will help Classmates Learn to Listen and Talk after Cochlear Implants

What: Meet two young classmates in Birney Elementary’s deaf and hard of hearing program who are learning to listen and talk after cochlear implants

When: Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018
8:30-9:30 a.m.

Where: Birney Elementary School
3034 E. Cornell Ave. (93703)

Two classmates and friends in the deaf and hard of hearing program at Birney Elementary School are starting an exciting journey together: learning to listen and talk with their new cochlear implants. Avery Castellanos, 3, and Charli Santoyo, 2, have profound hearing loss and recently underwent cochlear implant surgery. Cochlear implants are designed to mimic the function of a healthy inner ear cochlea. They replace the function of damaged sensory hair cells inside the cochlea to help provide clearer sound than hearing aids can provide. Now, the girls are ready for habilitation and early intervention services through Birney’s deaf and hard of hearing special day class for listening and spoken language.

“We are privileged as a district to be part of this journey with Avery and Charli as they work with the staff at Birney following their cochlear implants. I am proud of the services that our deaf and hard of hearing program will be able to provide the girls,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.
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