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*Harold M. Mowl, Jr., Ph.D., Superintendent*



# Building Futures

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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE ROCHESTER SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

## Unearthing the Mysteries of the Dinosaurs

Adventures in Education features Jack Horner, Renowned Paleontologist

Here's something you'll really dig! This year's Adventures in Education program takes you below the earth's surface and back millions of years. On Thursday, October 12, 2006 at the RSD Auditorium, Paleontologist Jack Horner will present "Cool New Stuff About Old Dead Dinosaurs," the title of his fascinating presentation that sheds fresh light on prehistoric times.

Dr. Horner will share stories from his many dinosaur digs around the world and the discoveries he has made that are helping to shape our knowledge of the earth's ancient inhabitants and their environment. Considered one of



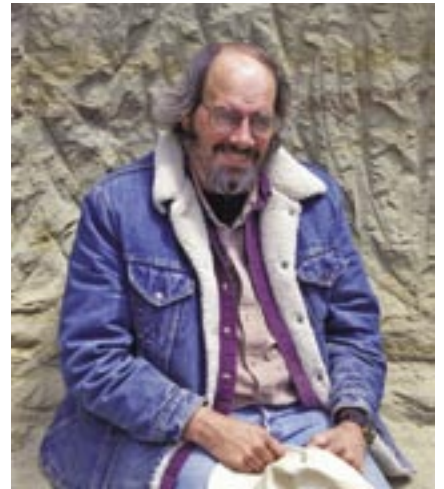
America's preeminent paleontologists, he has written numerous books and articles, and even served as the technical advisor for the Jurassic Park films and the inspiration for the lead character, Dr. Alan Grant.

Now in its 14th year at RSD, Adventures in Education is a six-week program that fosters student learning and exploration in enriching and exciting ways. RSD

students have been "boning up" on the subject through activities, reports and craft projects related to dinosaurs and paleontology.

To kick off the event, an hors d'oeuvre and dessert reception will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center, followed by the 7:00 p.m. presentation. Interpreters and real-time captioning will be provided. Following the presentation, a book sale and signing session with Dr. Horner is planned. Tickets for the reception and presentation are \$45 (\$80 for patron level support and \$250+ for underwriting support).

Also part of this annual event, the Perkins Founder's Award and the Lyon Founder's Award will be presented to the recipients for 2006. The Perkins Founder's Award, which recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding service to RSD as benefactor, volunteer, board member, or community leader, will be presented to Dr. Jerry Walter. Dr. Walter is a long time member of the RSD Board of Directors and recently retired after many years of service to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID). The Lyon Founder's Award will be presented to Dr. Carol Padden for her professional contributions to the education of the deaf. Dr. Padden,



Paleontologist Jack Horner

Professor of Communications at the University of California at San Diego, is well-known for her scholarly work with the reading and language development in deaf children and deaf culture.

Proceeds from Adventures in Education are used to further RSD's educational programs and other exciting learning opportunities for our students. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the school at (585) 544-1240 (V/TTY).

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## “Bound” for the Mountains

### RSD GROUP TRAVELS TO COLORADO FOR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

While most Americans were celebrating our nation's independence, students from RSD were learning valuable lessons in leadership and team building in the mountains of Colorado. From June 1st to 8th, 2006, an RSD contingent of nine students and two staff spent the holiday week in Leadville, Colorado as part of Outward Bound, an adventure-based education program.

The students -- Steven Alianell, Cory Behm, Scarlet Bishop, Chad Evringham, Gavin Gutierrez, Joshua Johnston, Matt Poe, Barbara Spiecker and Abigail Worek -- along with RSD outdoor education advisors Mary Cook and Scott Lipitz flew into Denver on July 1st. They then traveled about 100 miles west to Leadville, the base camp for Outward Bound and the highest established community in the U.S. at over 10,000 feet above sea level. The town was a frontier mountain outpost for gold and silver seekers in the 1800s, yet is graced with a charming Victorian flavor.

The students and staff were impressed with the beauty and immensity of the Colorado Rockies, a far cry from the likes of Allegany State Park where some of the students had visited prior to this trip to hone camping and backpacking skills. During their Outward Bound experience, the RSD adventurers participated in rock climbing, a high ropes course and backpacking -- even conquering the 14,000-foot Homestead Mountain. Many of the activities revolved around team and trust building, as well as the development of leadership skills.

“The group really supported each other,” said Mary Cook. “When it came to climbing the high peak, it was quite difficult at times and people struggled. But we all stuck together and all made it to the top of the mountain.”

On the final day, the RSD group went for a wild white water rafting excursion down the Arkansas River. It was a fitting finale to the action-packed week, as students enjoyed a thrilling ride through the waters.

### ADVENTURE



Top photo: RSD student, Abby Worek, rock climbing on a beautiful day. Middle photo: Students working together to conquer the “Spider Web.” Bottom photo: RSD students and staff begin their adventure in Leadville, CO. Left photo: At base camp, RSD students conversing after a long day of hiking.



## Summer Bright Spots at RSD

This summer, like others at RSD, students kept busy and readied themselves for another fun-filled and educational school year.

There was an abundance of projects, activities and crafts pertaining to dinosaurs and related topics, all in preparation for this fall's Adventures in Education presentation, “Cool New Stuff About Old Dead Dinosaurs” by well-known paleontologist Jack Horner.

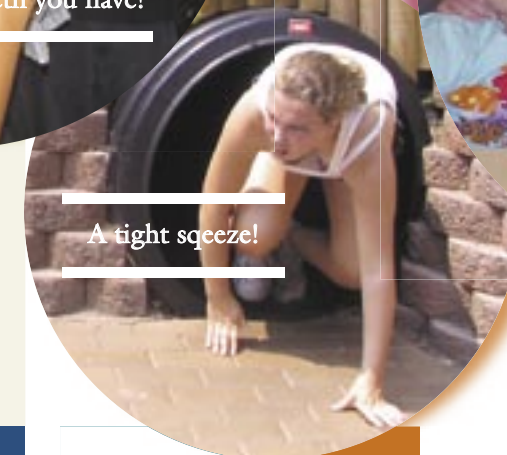
Students in the younger elementary grades traveled to the Rochester Museum and Science Center to see an exhibit on dinosaurs, learned about their habits and habitats, and even learned how to dig for fossilized bones. They read stories, made their own dinosaur eggs, built a model of a Tyrannosaurus Rex, and played the board game, Dinopoly.

Some of the older elementary students researched and developed a poster with information about different dinosaurs and where they lived. One class made a six-foot dinosaur nest to help them conceptualize and learn about how the animals care for their young, and used math to figure the massive size of dinosaurs. A 6th grade class created a PowerPoint presentation to report on what they had learned.

The high school work experience students built dinosaurs



Oh my! What big teeth you have!



A tight squeeze!

models and displays in preparation for the Adventures in Education visit from Dr. Horner.

In other summer activities, the Early Childhood Center (ECC) students studied boats and traveled to Ontario Beach State Park to view some boats in action. They also participated in a sailing adventure at the Sodus Bay Yacht Club with retired High School Principal Pam Hatch.

As part of RSD's focus on literacy, 5th graders visited various libraries in the Rochester area to compare and contrast facilities and resources paired with a variety of literacy activities.

It was a hot summer with plenty of fun and learning for our RSD Summer School students. But when the heat got to be too much during the six-week program from July 10 through August 18, 2006, the RSD pool helped our students survive with a nice, cool splash in the water. Many thanks to the faculty and staff of RSD who provided an assortment of wonderful learning opportunities that have helped make our students' summers shine!



“Water” was the summer school theme for these scuba divers.



Frogs are cool!



Summer school friends.



Practice shopping... it all adds up.

## RSD Newsbriefs

### WE'LL MISS YOU

RSD extends its best wishes to the staff who retired this summer:

- Gail Boorum – Administrative Assistant to Superintendent/CEO (34 years)
- Vicki Hurwitz - Director of Outreach Center (4 years)
- Margie Kingston - Secretary (30 years)
- Becky Mruczek - Teacher (32 years)

Your commitment to RSD has given our many students the opportunity to excel. Thank you and congratulations!