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RSD Building Bridges: a once weekly digest of news and information for RSD families and friends, about our school and the Deaf community. [Follow this link for a PDF version](#) of this edition of Building Bridges. Find past issues in the [RSD Web site Newsletters Center](#).

Parent Staff Association: Mark your calendars! The next PSA meeting is March 1 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please attend and help us plan future PSA events! This meeting will be held in the LRC and will be interpreted! Future PSA meeting dates: April 5 and May 3.

Let's Get Physical! Please mark your calendar for another very important date: March 11, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. RSD Physical Education Department and RASA @ RSD invite RSD families to a Project D.E.A.F. Open House, Healthy Family Dinner and Fitness Night. Dinner will be provided but please RSVP by March 4. For complete details [please follow this Web link](#).

Library Chat with Margaret Jennings

Need books to read with your child but the public library is closed? Or, perhaps your child prefers reading books electronically? Now you can get books for your child without having to leave your home! Simply visit the Web site for the [International Children's Digital Library](#). The ICDL provides outstanding children's books from around the world online for free. You can read any of the books from cover to cover right through your computer at home! Go to:

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/> and have fun exploring this awesome reading resource!

RSD Early Childhood Programs newest edition of the ECC Times newsletter is now available. [Follow this link](#) to the February 2010 edition of the ECC Times or visit the [RSD Newsletters Center](#) and look under ECC.

Community Basketball at RSD! RSD and the Rochester School for the Deaf Alumni Association invite one and all to participate in community basketball, Fridays from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Westervelt Hall gym. All are welcome. [Follow this Web link for details.](#) RSDAA Community Basketball will not be held on February 19 and March 19.

FIRST Robotics

The FIRST Robotics RoBo Comm-X Team #3162, sponsored by Bausch & Lomb, CooperVision, Cross Bros. Co., The Z, and Rochester Institute of Technology and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, is a hard working group of 19 deaf and hard of hearing high school students, with 15 of them from RSD. Since December, these students have been working with a dedicated group of mentors, community volunteers, and coaches to design and build a robot for the regional competition to be held at RIT March 4-6, 2010. To learn more about the FIRST Robotics RoBo Comm-X Team, [please follow this Web link.](#)

News from the [Wildcat Den](#). The [RSD Martial Arts Club](#) returns February 22. Please consider this activity for your child/children. For more information about the after-school program in Martial Arts at RSD please contact [Mr. Chris Bradley](#), Director of Student Life Programs: 585-336-5876, 866-340-7760 (videophone).

ASL classes for RSD parents and family members are also offered on Monday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Lyon Hall

Conference Room #101. Ms. Terri Mertz is the ASL instructor. Please contact Terri in advance if you would like to attend these classes. Contact Terri at TMertz@rsdeaf.org. Unfortunately due to lack of attendance, the Wednesday morning class from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Lyons Hall Conference Room #101 has been canceled.

Here's a special treat for mothers from the Rochester Deaf Mothers Club - a Chocolate Tasting Party! It's March 6 and \$5/person and limited to just 30 ladies. [Follow this link](#) for the details on how to participate.

RSD Signs for All: Spring SFA session is right around the corner. Spring is a great time to sharpen your ASL skills, so that you and your family can have a fun and enjoyable summertime. For all of the details about SFA Spring 2010 classes, [please follow this link](#).

Advocacy for RSD and 4201 Schools - We Still Need Your Help! The Deficit Reduction Plan in New York State will reduce aid to our eleven 4201 Schools totaling \$7.7 million. Now more than ever, we as RSD families, staff, and former students must communicate to our elected representatives our strong opposition to these drastic cuts. [Please follow this Web link](#) for more information on how you can help. Thank you.

Rochester After School Academy at RSD is free and is open to all deaf and hard-of-hearing students living and attending schools in the Rochester and Monroe County area. RASA @ RSD provides high-quality academic, recreational, and social after-school activities. [Please follow this Web link](#) for more information, including contacts, the link to download the RASA@RSD registration form, and a new link to the RASA @ RSD annual calendar.

Deaf Health Talk topic: "Depression and Anxiety- How to Beat the Winter Blues." All are welcome to attend. February 18, 2010,

from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Rochester Recreation Club for the Deaf, 1564 Lyell Avenue. [Please follow this link](#) for more information.

The Rochester Broadway Theatre League and the Hearing Loss Association of American Rochester Chapter present open-captioned stage shows at the Auditorium Theatre. Captioned performances include: Grease, Sunday, March 21, 2:00 p.m. and Wicked, Sunday, April 18, 2:00 p.m. For information about tickets and special seating arrangements please contact Stephen Rapp at 325-7760 x3101 or srapp@rbtl.org

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