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RSD Building Bridges: a digest of news and information for families and friends of [Rochester School for the Deaf](#), about our school and the Deaf community.

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We at RSD BBN apologize to those subscribers who did not receive the January 4 and January 11 editions of BBN due to technical difficulties. We believe that those issues have been resolved. If it happens that the BBN is not delivered to your e-mail, you can always find it linked to the RSD Web site under the "News" column and also in the Newsletters Center. Remember, BBN is free and available to anyone who would like to receive it. To join the Building Bridges distribution list, update your e-mail address or to opt out, contact Lauren via e-mail: lashworth@rsdeaf.org

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Important links, dates and information:

- January 2012 [Lunch Menu](#)
- January 2012 [Wildcat Zone Calendar](#)
- **RSD Athletics:** [Girls](#) Basketball, [Boys](#) Basketball - Thanks for supporting your Wildcats!
- **New York State Regents/RCT exams** will be administered January 24 - 27. If you have questions regarding NYS Regents/RCT exams for RSD High School students, please contact [Ms. Gwen Conklin](#),

Guidance Counselor, or [Mrs. Nancy Heaney](#), Director of RSD High School and Speech Programs. The end of the Second Quarter is January 27, 2012. [Follow this link](#) to receive the schedule for Regents/RCT exams.

- The next, monthly [Parent-Staff Association](#) meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 starting at 5:30 p.m. in Room 134, Westervelt Hall.

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- **Signs for All** special class for adult RSD family members (parents, guardians, grandparents): We are looking into setting up a class for adult RSD family members who want to learn American Sign Language in a way that is more in line with their deaf/hard-of-hearing infant to 8 year old child's communication needs. We need sufficient enrollment to hold this special class. [Please fill out this brief survey](#) and return it to your child's teacher by Friday, January 20. If you have questions please [e-mail Terri Mertz](#). Thank you!

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- Greetings and Happy New Year from the [American Society for Deaf Children](#)! ASDC staff and Board members invite you to read and enjoy the [January 2012 ASDC newsletter](#).

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- **GOING ON 13 Film Screening and Discussion - ASL/English Interpreted** - Thursday, February 2, 6 to 8 p.m., University of Rochester Campus, Dewey Hall, Room 1-101. Free and open to the public. Parking on campus is \$3.00. This award-winning documentary is about four girls and their joys, hopes, humor, and dreams, as they mature from childhood to young adulthood. Families and school staff are encouraged to attend. Following the film, experts in the fields of human development and adolescence will lead a conversation about the developmental pathways of these four spunky and insightful girls. Please enter the U of R campus from Elmwood Ave. and stop by the information booth on Wilson Blvd. for parking information. A sign language interpreter will be provided for this event. For more information, please [visit this Web link](#) or contact the Warner School Academic Support Office at 585-276-5405 or help@warner.rochester.edu. - Denise Stappenbeck, Director, Elementary and Middle School Programs

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- **Early Childhood Programs present "Nibbles for Health":** Trying to make our grocery dollars stretch further while eating healthfully can be a challenge. [Here are some ideas](#) to help you when planning your weekly menus!

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- "[Deaf Health Talks](#) **Thursday, January 19**, Rochester Recreation Club for the Deaf, 1564 Lyell Avenue, Rochester. 6-7 p.m. participants can take the healthcare survey. 7-8 p.m. Dr. Michael McKee will present in ASL on Deaf Health Care Access. If anyone missed taking the survey they can do so from 8-9 p.m.

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- NTID Dyer Arts Center, in the LBJ building on the RIT campus: **Paintings by Francis Marion Tuttle (1839-1910), more than 40 paintings by a 19th century deaf artist from Geneva, New York.** Exhibit dates: January 19 - March 2, 2012. Exhibit discussion and reception Wednesday, February 8, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Interpreters provided. For an event flyer [follow this link](#).

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- **Matt Hamill**, a Rochester Institute of Technology Hall of Fame wrestler who is the subject of the recently released movie, "The Hammer," is expected to attend the RIT premiere of the film on [Monday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. in the Clark Gym](#). Tickets will be sold at the door for \$7. To reserve tickets, visit www.RITtickets.com or call 585-475-4121.

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- **ASADV 2nd Annual Conference:** "Community Prevention & Participation Smorgasbord," **Saturday, January 28, 2012, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Open to all. Interpreters will be provided. [Please follow this Web link](#) for program details and early registration discounts.

- [ASADV "Hot Pot Dinner"](#) fund raising event. February 10 and 11 presented by AmateurDeafChef@gmail.com. \$60 per person with 100 percent of all proceeds donated to support ASADV. Send e-mail to reserve your seat!

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- [Deaf Rochy](#) - Your Link to Events in the Deaf Rochester Community!

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