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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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Important links, dates and information:

- February 2012 [Lunch Menu](#)

- February 2012 [Wildcat Zone Calendar](#)

- **RSD Athletics:** [Girls](#) Basketball, [Boys](#) Basketball - Thanks for supporting your Wildcats!

- The next, monthly [Parent-Staff Association](#) meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 7** in Room 134, Westervelt Hall. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate. The agenda will include progress on and preparation for Family Fitness Night, Staff Appreciation Week, Summer Camp & Graduation Scholarship preparation, and other unfinished business. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact us at: rsdpsa@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you there!

- **Eat at Denny's, 2890 W. Ridge Rd., on February 29**, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and the restaurant will generously contribute 20 percent of the total of each and every patron's pre-tax

receipts to RSD! No coupon necessary. Everyone is welcome to participate and support RSD!

- **Congratulations Mr. Steven Morse!** This RSD parent, member of the Board of Directors and Past Board President is the 2012 recipient of RIT's prestigious Four Presidents Distinguished Public Service Award. To read more about why Mr. Morse was selected for this honor, [please follow this Web link](#).

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- The **3rd Annual Patrick A. Graybill Storytelling Festival** will be bigger and better this year! Our in-school, RSD only competition will happen on **Thursday, March 15**. Then on **Thursday, March 29**, St. Mary's School for the Deaf and Monroe #1 BOCES will join us for the storytelling "main event" competition. In addition, we hope to have mini workshops focusing on storytelling skills for the students to attend before the competition. More details will be forthcoming but for now please save these two dates and encourage your students to prepare well for this exciting activity. The theme for the festival this year is "Reading Takes You Anywhere" focusing on multicultural folktales. If you have any questions, please see or e-mail me, [Margaret A. Jennings](#), School Librarian. Thank you.

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- **RSD Snowsports Club News:** It's not too late to enroll RSD students in 4th grade and up in the Snowsports Club. Families can go to the [Snowsports Club section](#) in the Wildcat Den online to download and print the sign-up form, permission slips and waiver form. **RSD Snowsports Day is Friday, March 16**, Conference Day, at Bristol Mountain Resort. This is an RSD family fun day, with transportation for RSD students only. To receive details about this all-day outing on March 16, please find the link to forms and waiver in the [Snowsports Club section](#) in the Wildcat Den online.

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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":** Does your family eat vegetarian style sometimes - or all the time? Here's how to make smart food choices that will help your child get all the nutrients he or she needs! [Follow this link](#) to learn more.

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- **Shrek - The Musical, open-captioned performance, Sunday, February 5** - 2:00 p.m. Auditorium Theater, 885 East Main Street, Rochester. Special seating area provided to see the text display of a simultaneous translation of dialogue and lyrics, as well as a description of any sound effects on stage. Seating in view of the captioning screen can be reserved by phone at 585-222-5000, by e-mail at info@rbtl.org or in person at the Auditorium Theater Box Office. Upcoming open-captioned shows (2:00 p.m.): Jersey Boys - Sunday, April 8; South Pacific - Sunday, May 20.

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- **"Off The Wall" by RIT/NTID Dance Company** - Thursday, February 9 through Saturday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, February 12, at 2:00 p.m. Panara Theatre, NTID, RIT Henrietta Campus; \$5 students with ID - \$7 general admission. Reservations can be made at ntidtix@rit.edu.

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

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