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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](#).

IEP Writing Days: February 26 - No classes for Middle and High School students; March 1 - No classes for Preschool and Elementary School students.

Parent Staff Association: 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.

RSD PSA is now on Facebook. To join us there [please follow this Web link](#) and click on the Facebook banner at the top of the page.

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](#).

A Winter Party, co-sponsored by Monroe #1 BOCES Deaf/ASL Education Dept. and GRAPEN, will be held on Saturday, March 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. [Follow this link](#) to get the event flyer with all of the details on it. Please RSVP by March 2. Save these dates: Swimming Party - April 10; Bowling Party - May 22.

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 20 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](#).

ASL classes for RSD parents and family members offered on Monday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Lyon Hall Conference Room #101. Ms. Terri Mertz is the ASL instructor. [Please follow this Web link to get the registration form](#). Sign up before April 9. Monday classes start April 12 and Thursday classes start April 15. Contact Terri at TMertz@rsdeaf.org.

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.

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.

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.

News from the [Wildcat Den](#). The [RSD Martial Arts Club](#) is back! 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).

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.

Edmund Lyon Memorial Lectureship Series welcomes Brenda Brueggemann, Ph.D. "What Deaf Studies and Disability Studies Do," March 11 at 7:00 p.m. at RIT/NTID/ For details [please follow this Web link](#).

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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