



January 25, 2012

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:

- 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** continue be administered through January 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** in Room 134, Westervelt Hall. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at 7:00 p.m. All our 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!

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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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- With heartfelt thanks, the **Giving Tree**, a holiday tradition at RSD, stood tall again in our proud circle of students, staff, their families, and community supporters, who volunteered and gave what they could to support our students and their families this past holiday season. To read more about the impact of your generosity and support, [please follow this Web link](#).

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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, Mach 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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- **4201 Schools Association News:** After more than ten years of effective guidance and leadership provided by RSD Superintendent Dr. Harold Mowl, the 4201 Schools Association of NYS has elected Superintendent Timothy Kelly of St. Mary's School for the Deaf as chairman of the association. Please [follow this Web link](#) for more on this news from the 4201 Schools Association.

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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":** Studies show that spending meal times together is beneficial in many ways. Need some ideas on how to make it a great and healthy experience? [Click here](#) to see this week's "Healthy Nibbles" newsletter. Enjoy

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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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- 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,** on now through March 2. 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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