



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - March 13, 2019

RSD Building Bridges e-Newsletter (BBN): 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:

- [March 2019 Lunch Menus](#)

- [Lunch Services at RSD](#) has posted the School Year 2018-2019 Letter to Parents, Application form, a new policy regarding Meal Charges & Prohibition Against Meal Shaming and the current RSD Wellness Policy. [Click here](#) to review this information.

- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)

- [RSD School Year 2018-2019 Academic Calendar](#)

- March 22, 2019: Superintendent Conference Day - No school for students.

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: [Boredom Isn't a Bad Thing for Kids](#)

- **NEW! Congratulations!** The RSD Academic Bowl Team earned 3rd-place last weekend in the Gallaudet University East Regional Academic Bowl competition, held March 8-11 at Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, in Pittsburgh. Our Wildcats now advance to the National Academic Bowl, April 11-15, at Gallaudet University - Good luck! Hunter, Courtney, Emma and Ben!

- **Fun!** Sunday, April 28, 2019, for [Deaf Culture Day](#) with your Rochester Red Wings Baseball Team. 1:05 p.m. vs. Pawtucket. RSD is a co-sponsor of this special day. [Pre-order tickets and Deaf Culture Day merchandise here and use promo code GOWINGS.](#)

- **NEW!** [Middle School Volleyball](#) is now underway. The schedule of matches and locations with team roster and coaches contact are posted to the RSD Web site.

- **NEW!** Congratulations to Courtney Gentzke and Thomas Coates, who have been selected to participate on the [USA Deaf Basketball](#) Girls and Boys High School All-Star Basketball Teams, April 10-13, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

- **NEW!** [Heritage Sign Language Rochester](#), Saturday, April 6, 2019, [Henrietta Library, 455 Calkins Road](#). 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Parent-led and child-led activities and play-time in ASL for kids ages 2-6. Questions: e-mail HeritageSignRochester@gmail.com

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ONGOING

- **[The Danny Murphy Show!](#)** Friday, April 12, 2019, from 7-9 p.m. [MCC Theater, 1000 E. Henrietta Road](#), Rochester. Danny is a 15-year-old Deaf British performer well-known on Facebook with his humorous videos & skits. [Click here](#) for ticket and more information.

- **LEARN ASL!** [RSD Spring 2019 Signs for All](#) community class members dates have been announced and registration is now open by mail, phone call, and online. Also, the [RSD Family members printable registration form](#) has also been posted. Registration deadline for community and RSD Family members is March 27. Classes start April 9.

- **UPDATE!** **Nyle DiMarco** will be at the U of R Saturday night March 23. Tickets for the general public are now available at <https://rochester.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=2029&p=1>

- [Travel Abroad Program \(TAP\) 2020 to England & France](#) students are selling delicious Leo's Bakery Pies, Cakes, Cookies, Monk's Breads & \$25 Leo's Bakery & Deli/Cafe gift cards, perfect for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day or any day! [Click here](#) for details.

- **Show Your Support!** RSD Jr. NAD Chapter produced an ASL music video to compete in [FUND DUEL](#) against other Schools/Programs for the Deaf to benefit Jr. NAD and the Jr. NAD National

Conference that RSD will be hosting on-campus in November 2019. [Click here](#) and find RSD to watch our ASL music video and to donate. Thanks!

- [Rochester's Rich History Series presents "19th Century Rochester Deaf History"](#) a presentation by Dr. Mary Beth Kitzel, Saturday, March 16, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Central Library of Rochester & Monroe County, 115 South

Ave., Rochester. Free to attend. This talk will explore Rochester's earliest deaf social history and explores the earliest community and the multiple synergistic forces that culminated in the creation of the Rochester School for the Deaf.

- **DeafHangOut** for Deaf and hearing people to mingle is back every 3rd Tuesday at UNO in Henrietta. Deaf Trivia Nights: March 19; April 16.

- **NEW!** "Sesame Street LIVE! "Make Your Magic" Thursday, March 21, 2019, Blue Cross Arena; 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Special Pricing: \$20 & \$15. Call: 866-248-8740 and choose Option #1. Deadline to order is Tuesday, March 12.

- The National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House in Rochester will be offering an ASL Tour on Sunday March 31 starting at 1:00 p.m. and included with the price of museum & house admission. Reservations for this ASL Tour must be made in advance and by 5:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the scheduled ASL Tour. E-mail: programs@susanb.org or call 585.235.6124 ext 1 to make an ASL Tour reservation. If an ASL Tour is canceled a 48-hour notice will be provided to those holding an ASL Tour reservation.

- Rochester Deaf Rotary "Sip & ASL Sign!" Wine Tasting Fundraiser to benefit Miracle Field, Webster, NY; Sunday, April 7; ASL lesson 2-3 p.m.; Food, wine, beer, raffles & auctions 3-6 p.m. RIT Inn & Conference Center, 5257 W. Henrietta Road. \$30/person early bird until March 25; \$35 after March 25; \$50 VIP; \$25 no wine/beer ticket.

- [NTID Performing Arts presents "Fences"](#) April 11-14, 2019, Robert F. Panara, RIT/NTID, LBJ Hall. "Fences" is about a former Negro Baseball League player whose dashed aspiration to play ball in the Major Leagues negatively affects his family relationships, including his son, who has a dream to also play ball in the big leagues.

- [ASL Storytime at the Irondequoit Public Library](#); Sundays at 1:15 p.m. - April 14; and, May 19. The [IPL is located at 1290 Titus Ave., Rochester](#), next to the Town Hall.

- [Discovering Deaf Worlds](#) (DDW) 9th Annual Gala Celebration, Friday, May 3, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. [Hyatt Regency Rochester, 120 E. Main Street, Rochester](#). [Tickets now on sale](#).

- **NEW!** [The American Society for Deaf Children \(ASDC\) presents: "ASL Weekend"](#) right here in Rochester, NY, at RIT/NTID; May 18-19. \$200/person includes breakfast and lunch both days. [Limited scholarships](#) are available for ASDC members. This unique event includes several workshops, small class and one-on-one attention that will focus on Deaf culture, ASL and much more. The event offers more than 7 hours of ASL class instruction. Space is limited. Register today!

- **Save the Date:** [Rochester Deaf Festival](#) (RDF), **Saturday, June 15, 2019**.

- **Save the Dates:** June 20-23, 2019 - [Reach Out! Supporting Deaf Refugees Conference](#), [LBJ Hall, RIT/NTID Campus](#). This shared gathering hopes to develop an accurate understanding of the realities

and needs of Deaf refugees, as well as vulnerable Deaf migrants nationally and globally.

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- **RSD OPPORTUNITY!** The RSD Custodial Department is in need of part-time sub as needed custodians to clean our buildings. Daytime hours 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Evening hours 2:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. Contact Mike Kaiser, RSD Facilities Director: 585-336-5829 (V); 585-286-2847 (VP); E-Mail: mkaiser@rsdeaf.org. Thank you.

- **[ECC ASL Storytime Videos](#)** playlist on the RSD YouTube Channel has added several brand new stories recently complete with color illustrations, ASL narration, classifiers, vocabulary, and ASL chants! **24 ASL Storytime Videos** to learn from and enjoy! [Check them out today!](#)

- National Center of Deaf Health Research (NCDHR) [Deaf2 Informational Video Library](#) - Current video topics in ASL include Sexually Transmitted Infections, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and Safe Sex Practices.

- **[iGive.com](#)** is donating \$3 for each new person supporting Rochester School for the Deaf through [iGive](#). No purchase necessary. Supporters shop at over 1,900 great stores. An average of 3 percent is donated to RSD via [iGive](#), and when you shop often that adds up quickly. The \$3 donation to RSD offer ends November 30. Thanks!

- If you give to the **United Way of Greater Rochester** consider directing your gift to support students at Rochester School for the Deaf. The Designation Number for RSD is **1162**. Thank you for your generous and thoughtful support.

- **[TOPS in Education!](#)** Shop at TOPS Friendly Markets and support RSD. Simply [register](#) your TOPS Bonus Plus card or key tag, select Rochester School for the Deaf as your school to support, and TOPS will contribute up to 5% of your TOPS brand items purchased to RSD. The more you buy, the more TOPS supports RSD.

- [Introducing eScrip.com](#) where over \$400 million is given back to schools and nonprofits like Rochester School for the Deaf. [Sign up securely today](#), get the app and start shopping. As you shop locally or online or dine out you make a difference when you choose to support Rochester School for the Deaf. [Watch this quick video](#) to learn more.

- Shopping on Amazon Smile can also be a bonus to RSD, and we have made it easy. [Just click here](#) to go to the "Shopping Supports RSD" page and shop through Amazon Smile or eScrip. You get what you want easily and conveniently and RSD gains additional funds to enhance and enrich educational programs for our students.

- [The American Society of Deaf Children \(ASDC\)](#) is constantly seeking diverse families with Deaf and hard of hearing children and young adults who are empowered to embrace full access to language-rich ASL and English environments. Individual and family memberships to ASDC are free and include: The Endeavor news magazine, information about conferences for families, free Described and Captioned Media Program membership,

website and social media channels with links and resources, monthly e-mail blast for members, and more. RSD families who are not yet members of the ASDC can [click here for a free, membership](#). RSD member families of ASDC can also use this form to extend your free membership yearly. Please join or renew today!

- To honor the life and volunteer service to RSD of the late Gilman Perkins, great-grandson of RSD's founders, Gilman and Caroline Perkins, Gil's children have established [The Gilman Perkins Fund for RSD Student Needs](#). This fund is intended to help RSD students overcome financial obstacles that may impede them from achieving academic, social or career success. [Click here](#) to learn more about The Gilman Perkins Fund and how you and others can contribute to it towards the success of all RSD students. Thank you.

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