



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."
- Ralph Ellison, American Author

RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - June 5, 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:

- [June 2019 Lunch Menus](#)

- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)

- [RSD School Year 2018-2019](#) & **NEW!** [2019-2020 Academic Calendar](#)

- **Save the Date:** Tuesday, June 25, is the last day of school for students. The Class of 2019 Commencement Ceremony starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Westervelt Hall auditorium. All in the RSD family are encouraged to attend. **NEW!** The Class of 2019 Commencement Speaker will be [Claudia L. Gordon, Esq.](#), the first Deaf African American to graduate law school and pursue a career as a lawyer devoted to helping individuals with disabilities.

- July 4-5: RSD closed for the Independence Day holiday

- July 8: First Day of Summer School

- August 16: Last Day of Summer School

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: [If your fairy godmother came to grant you one wish for your kids, what one thing in life would you want to give them?](#)

- **NEW!** RSD River Ramble 2019 [Photos](#) & [Race Results](#)

- **NEW!** [Congratulations Thomas Coates & Alex Michalek](#) for earning the first-ever NDIAA Track & Field All-American Team honors for RSD

- **TONIGHT!** Wednesday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. RSD Auditorium, 1545 St. Paul Street, [RSD Strategic Plan - Update with Superintendent Antony McLetchie](#). All in the RSD family are welcome to attend.

- **This Thursday, June 6**, starting at 6:30 p.m. [RSD Sports Recognition Night & Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony](#), in the Westervelt Hall auditorium. [Live Streamed on RSD Facebook!](#)

- **NEW!** [The Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery, 1133 Mount Hope Avenue Rochester](#), are offering ASL interpreted tours June 2, July 7, and September 29. These are the general tours on Sunday at 2pm with the addition of several sites that are important to Rochester's rich Deaf history/heritage. \$10/person; tours are free to SNAP recipients, and to children under age 16 when accompanied by a paying adult. Tours are ~90 mins. and include walking on and across paved roads, sidewalks, gravel trails, steps and grassy areas.

- **NEW!** [Deaf Health Talks: Stress & Anxiety](#), Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, [CDR/RCIL, 497 State St, Rochester](#); presented by Dr. Donna Guardino & Lori DeWindt. Free admission. All are welcome.

- **NEW!** [KODA & Deaf Camp Chipotle Fundraiser](#), Monday, June 10, 2019 at 5 PM – 9 PM; Chipotle Mexican Grill (Pittsford Plaza) [3349 Monroe Ave, Rochester](#). Hosted by Deaf Events Among Families Circle.

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ONGOING

- [Rochester Deaf Festival](#) (RDF), **Saturday, June 15, 2019**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in [Genesee Valley Park](#) - rain or shine. Save time and [register today](#). Want to be a festival vendor, volunteer or volunteer interpreter, [click here](#) for information. [Check out the long list of festival activities!](#) Saturday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. [Heidi & Hedy Show](#) on Saturday June 15th at 7 pm at RIT - [James E. Booth Hall - Webb Auditorium](#). Special performance by Avi! This is a show you do not want to miss!! Tickets is \$10 for adult / \$7 for youth 17 and under. [Buy your tickets today!](#)

- **Register Today!** [Palmer Youth Deaf Basketball Camp](#), June 21-23 at RSD. [Registration is now open](#). New format: Ages 5-7 (\$50), 8-11 (\$75), and 12-14 (\$75). 12 spots limit each group. 15% off multi-child registration. First, you will have to pay-in-full then we will refund/give back 15% off.

- [Heritage Sign Language Rochester](#), Saturday, June 22 from 2-4 p.m. at [La Petite Ecole, 90 Office Parkway, Pittsford, NY](#). Please join our play group for Heritage Sign Language users age 2-6. If you use ASL at home, this is a great opportunity for your Deaf, Hard of Hearing & Hearing children to come together and play in ASL while working on their ASL skills.

- [MCDHub Summer Euchre Tournament](#) - Saturdays: June 22 & August 24 at [Bowl A Roll Lanes, 1560 Jefferson Road, Henrietta](#). 6 p.m. open; 7 p.m. Tournament starts; please arrive early. \$12/person. All are welcome.

- [Entertainment & Art Performances](#) to benefit Rochester's Deaf Refugee Advocacy, Saturday, June 22, at 7:00 p.m. Robert F. Panara Theater, RIT/NTID campus, LBJ Hall. \$15/General admission; \$10 Student w/ID; \$5 Refugee admission. Performances by Avi Pryntz-Nadworny - dancer, choreographer, and circus artist and Maya June Dwyer - an emerging interdisciplinary artist, director/choreographer, and community activist. [Click here for tickets](#).

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- Did you know that residents of New York State with disabilities can gain free or discounted access and admission to state parks, historic sites, and recreational facilities operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation? [Click here](#) to receive details on how to apply for a New York State Access Pass. Proof of citizenship may include a valid NYS Drivers License or [New York State Non-Driver Photo ID](#). For applicants under age 21 or for parents of children under age 16, a Statement of Identity by [Parent/Guardian \(pdf\) \(MV-45\)](#), birth certificate and Social Security Card. Apply for a New York State Non-Driver Photo ID at any NYS Department of Motor Vehicle office.

- [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! **26 ASL Storytime Videos** to learn from and enjoy! [Check them out today!](#)

- [The Wayne C. Mnich Leadership Scholarship Fund](#) honors the individual whose charismatic nature as a dedicated teacher, loyal colleague, and genuine friend to all, touched nearly everyone in the RSD family during his time as our long-term substitute High School Science Teacher. Your gifts to this fund will help support RSD 10th & 11th grade students who want to attend the NAD Youth Leadership Summer Camp. [Click here](#) to learn more about this special fund and how you can contribute to it. Thank you.

- [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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