



**"Education is all a matter of building bridges."**

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

### **[RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - December 6, 2017](#)**

**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:**

- [December 2017 Lunch Menus](#)
- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)
- [RSD Parent-Staff Association](#) (PSA) monthly meetings have changed to the first Tuesday of the month. The two exceptions are for January and April 2018. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018, starting at 5:00 p.m. in Westervelt Hall Classroom #204. The agenda will be shared soon. This meeting will also be live streamed on the [RSD PSA Facebook page](#).

- **REMINDER - Thursday, December 14: RSD Parent-Staff Association Family Holiday Party**. Festivities start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner in the Forrester Hall Dining Room for those families and friends who RSVP'd and paid in advance. All are welcome to the RSD Scholastic Book Fair starting at 6 p.m. and RSD Drama Club Performance starting at 7 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW! Official RSD Logo and Mascot Emblem Apparel** is now available for purchase securely through the [Stylin' 66 / Route 66 online store](#). Long and short sleeve jerseys, t-shirts, hoodies, and sweaters in unisex, ladies/girls and youth sizes. Order by Dec. 14 to get your RSD wear by Dec. 25. The online store will remain open through January 5. Order today!

- **NEW! ZVRS presents Signing Santa** for point-to-point videophone chat on Wednesdays and Fridays through December 22. [Click here](#) to get Signing Santa's VP number and call schedule.

- **NEW! This week's Nibble:** [How to Teach Frustration Tolerance to Kids](#)

- **UPDATE: SFA! Winter 2018 Signs for All (SFA) Classes!** RSD Family and Community ASL classes are now forming. Secure online registration is now open and printable registration forms are available on the [SFA Web page](#). **Please note:** RSD Family members can register for classes using the printed registration form. [Click here](#) to download and print the RSD Family Winter 2018 SFA registration form. The deadline for RSD Family and community members to register is Dec. 27th. If your New Year's Resolution

is to become a better signer in 2018, register for Winter 2018 SFA class today.

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## **ONGOING**

- **[Deaf Refugee Advocacy is hosting: Ignite Workshop](#)**, Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. [Lake Ave. Baptist Church, 72 Ambrose Street, Rochester](#). Everyone is welcome.
  
- **FUN! [ROC THAT! ASL Improv Night](#)**, Friday, December 8 for age 18 and up; [RRCD, 1564 Lyell Avenue, Rochester](#). Happy hour: 5-7 p.m.; Show time: 7-9 p.m. No voice interpreters provided. Tickets: \$12 in advance; \$14 at the door if available. 80 seat limit.
  
- **[MCDHub Holiday Party](#)**: Saturday, December 9 [Moose Lodge, 5375 West Henrietta Road](#), near RIT Inn. Doors open: 6:00 p.m.; MCingo starts at 7:00 p.m. \$15/admission. E-mail: [info@mcdhub.org](mailto:info@mcdhub.org). Proceeds to benefit Families-in-need.
  
- **NTID 50th Anniversary Reunion, June 28 - July 1, 2018**. [Online registration is now open](#). Early bird rates apply through January 31, 2018.
  
- **Geva Theater 2017-2018 Season: [Accessibility options](#)** for mobility, assistive listening, ASL Interpretation dates, audio description, and Open Captioning dates.

- **Rochester Broadway Theater League (RBTL) 2017-2018**

**Season:** [Accessibility Services](#): Assistive listening, audio description, ASL Interpretation dates, Open Captioning dates, and handicap access.

- **Support RSD just by shopping locally and online** - [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 thru 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 - Double Win! **When you #StartWithaSmile**, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Rochester School for the Deaf. Bookmark the link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0761231> and support RSD every time you shop. Thank you.

- **If you give to 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.

- [MCDHub Community Family Interpreting Fund](#) - Funds raised at MCDHub events support this special fund for families with Deaf and hard of hearing members seeking ASL interpreting services. [Click here](#) to access the request form and interpreting guidelines.

- **[Dyer Arts Center at RIT/NTID Featured Events and Exhibitions](#)**
- **[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, web site 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!
- **[Sign 1 News](#)**, a free service powered by CNN, provides daily national and international news summaries in American Sign Language on your computer or smart device. **[Click here](#)** to check out Sign 1 News.
- **[The Silent Network](#)**, a former cable TV service that provided original programming in American Sign Language, is reissuing several series of programs online. After a 7-day free trial, unlimited access to Silent Network programs is just \$5 a month. **[Click here](#)** to start your free trial subscription.
- 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.
- **[Deaf Rochy](#)** - Your Link to Events in the Deaf Rochester Community!

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