



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - February 6, 2018

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:

- Please note that the BBN will not be issued the week of February 19th - Presidents' Week Recess.

- [February 2018 Lunch Menus](#)

- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)

- The RSD school year 2017-2018 Academic Calendar is now linked to the school's [Web site home page](#). Look for the tab in the right sidebar under the lunch menu, newsletter sign-up and athletics tabs.

- [RSD Parent-Staff Association](#) (PSA) monthly meetings are back to first Monday of the month. The remaining exception is April 10th. **Tonight's (Feb. 6th) PSA meeting** is at 6:30 p.m. in Westervelt Hall, Classroom 204. It includes a presentation on the Characteristics of Successful Students Who Are Ready for Careers or College by Tim Albert, RIT/NTID Student Life Team Director. This meeting will also be live streamed on the [RSD PSA Facebook page](#). **Next Month's Meeting:** Monday, March 5, 2018, starting at 6:30 p.m. in Westervelt Hall - Classroom 204.

- **RSD PSA:** [Visit the RSD PSA Web page](#) to download and print the **2018 PSA Scholarship Fund Criteria and Application**. Find the link at the top of the center column. The deadline for completed applications and letters of recommendation is March 31, 2018. No late applications will be accepted.

This is [RSD Spirit Week February 5-9](#). Winter athletics Pep Rally is this Thursday, February 8 starting at 2:15 p.m. in the Main Gym, Westervelt. **GO WILDCATS!**

- **RSVP Reminder!** [ECC Times for January 2018 is now available](#) for ECC families and friends. Read about what EC-PBIS is and how it is designed to improve the overall well-being of our youngest students. Also read about **ASL Rhymes and Rhythms 101 for ECC Families**. It's on Wednesday, Feb. 28 with dinner at 5:00 p.m. and the interactive workshop at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to [Brenda J.](#) by Friday, Feb. 16. Thanks!

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW! This week's Nibble:** Download this free booklet for lots of tips to help your child succeed: [Parent Power - Build the Bridge to Success](#)

- **NEW! Signs for All (SFA) Spring 2018** ASL classes dates and RSD Family and Community members printable registration forms are now available on the [SFA home page](#). Online registration opens March 1st.

- **NEW! [Dyer Arts Center at RIT/NTID](#)** presents these events related to the current exhibit: **Ellen Mansfield Retrospective: Gallery Talk** by Ellen, Thursday, Feb. 8, 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. **Gallery Tour by Ellen**, Thurs. Feb. 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Learn about Ellen's artworks from the artist herself. **Artist reception**, Friday, Feb. 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. These three events are free and light refreshments will be offered. **Wine and Art Party with Ellen**, Saturday, Feb. 10, Wine & Mosaic Party led by Ellen Mansfield; \$50/person; space is limited to 30 people; E-mail Elyse: dyerartscenter@gmail.com.

- **NEW! [Painting with a Twist](#)**, Saturday, March 3rd from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$40/person with proceeds going the MCDHub's Rochester Heart Walk Team. This event is limited to 50 people, age 21 and older. Sign up by Feb. 23. E-mail Karen or Laura at Events@mcdhub.org.

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ONGOING

- **Back by Popular Demand - [ASL Storytime](#)** - Saturdays: Feb. 10; March 24; April 21; May 5; & June 2. 10:30 a.m. Irondequoit Public Library, [1290 Titus Avenue](#). Recommended for children ages 1 to 5. [Click here](#) to get the flyer and save the dates.

- **Dyer Arts Center presents: [Ellen Mansfield Retrospective](#)** and **[#De'VIACHallenge](#)** now through February 24, [LBJ Hall, RIT/NTID campus](#). Artist reception: Friday, February 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. Wine & Art Party with Ellen Mansfield, Saturday, Feb 10 from 5:15 to 9 p.m. Tickets now on sale. [Follow Dyer Arts Center on Facebook](#) for details.

- Coming to [Robert F. Panara Theater in LBJ Hall at RIT/NTID](#) "**[Agency](#)**" by Deaf Playwright Raymond Luczak; Directed by Luane Davis Haggerty; featuring Deaf professional actors like Monique Holt, Michelle Banks, Troy Chapman and others. March 1-3 at 7:30 p.m.; March 4 at 2:00 p.m. "Agency" is a humorous look inside an all-Deaf advertising agency and explores issues that involve diversity, audism, and working together. [Click here](#) for more information and access to tickets. Group rates available. Contact Joseph Fox jwfnpa@rit.edu to reserve seats now or buy tickets online at <https://rittickets.com>.

- **[Deaf Rochester BBQ, Inc. Spring Fever](#)** event, Saturday, April 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tickets limited to 100 people. Adults: \$10; under age 12 \$8. [Follow DRBBQ on Facebook](#) to get further details.

- **NEW! [Discovering Deaf Worlds \(DDW\)](#)** 8th Annual Rochester Benefit - Friday, April 27, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at [The Wintergarden by Monroe's, 1 Bausch and Lomb Place](#), in downtown Rochester. [Click here](#) to reserve your tickets or to join in the event sponsorship opportunities.

- **Save the Date!** Saturday, April 28, 2018 - [**IMAGINE RIT!**](#)

- **NTID 50th Anniversary Reunion, June 28 - July 1, 2018.** [Online registration is now open.](#)

- **TechGirلز and TechBoyz summer camps at RIT/NTID** for Deaf and hard-of-hearing students entering 7th, 8th or 9th grade in the fall of 2018. The camp will be held July 21 - July 26, 2018. Room, board, and other program expenses are included in the \$700 program fee. Register online today at www.rit.edu/NTID/TechGirلز or www.rit.edu/NTID/TechBoyz. All registration materials must be in by May 15, 2018. For questions, email TechGirلز@ntid.rit.edu or TechBoyz@ntid.rit.edu, or call 585-475-7695 (voice), 585-286-4555 (videophone) or text/FaceTime at 585-448-9651.

- [**540WMain Community Learning Academy**](#) has made a commitment to providing sign language interpreters for every class and event throughout 2018. [Click here](#) to learn more about 540WMain's art, education, Deaf & disability services, wellness classes, and events for children and adults.

- [**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.

- **Support RSD just by shopping locally and online** - [Introducing eScrip.com](#) where over \$400 million is given back to schools and nonprofits

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- **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 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.

- [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!

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- 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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