



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - June 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:

- **NEW!** [June 2018 Lunch Menus](#) and Lunch Services at RSD information
- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)
- The RSD School Year 2018-2019 Academic Calendar is out. You can download and print your copy from this [RSD Web page](#).

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** [ECC Natural Playground & Outdoor Classroom Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony](#), Thursday, June 14, starting at 10:00 a.m. on the west-side of Denton Hall. All in the RSD Family are welcome to attend this momentous occasion.

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: [SUMMERTIME: READY OR NOT, HERE IT COMES!](#)

- **NEW!** [Westside Farmers Market](#) opens for the season on Tuesday, June 12, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the parking lot of [St. Monica Church, 831 Genesee Street, Rochester](#). An ASL interpreter will be provided, courtesy of [MVP Health Care](#), for D&C reporter Patti Singer's "Walk & Talk with a Doc" [Facebook Live interview segment](#) from the market from 5:30-5:45 p.m. The ASL interpreter also be available to assist shoppers from 5:45-6:15 p.m.

- **NEW!** [SWANS at Geva Theater ASL Interpreted Performance](#), Sunday, June 23, 7:30 p.m. SWANS is a tender exploration of a local family torn apart by abuse. It is a world premier show by Rochester playwright Maria Brandt. The show runs 90 mins. with no intermission. Staff from IGNITE will lead a panel discussion following the show. [Click here](#) to buy tickets.

- **NEW!** [Calling all Rochester Deaf Teens! Deaf Lens: A Filmmaking Workshop](#), hosted by Stacy Lawrence every day from Monday, July 9 to Friday, July 27 from 12:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$470 per student; limited to 12 students. Where: Writers & Books, [740 University Avenue, Rochester](#). Filming at sites around Rochester and then editing and post-production. All in ASL guided by skilled artists. Camp includes a Deaf Eyes! challenge, a friendly competition where films are judged by a distinguished panel of individuals from Rochester's Deaf Community. [Register today!](#)

- **NEW! RSD River Ramble 2018 is one for the annals of RSD history!** Our 10th annual event attracted as many as 400 people to campus. BIG Wildcat Paws of Thanks to the runners and walkers, volunteers, families and students, and all of our great sponsors, vendors, and donors. BIG Wildcat Paws pat on the back to the RSD Maintenance and Housekeeping staff for their hard work before, during, and after the event. Race results and event photos are posted to the [River Ramble Web page](#). Thanks one and all and we will see you right back here for RSD River Ramble 2019!

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ONGOING

- **STILL TIME TO ORDER! [Wildcat Yearbook 2018 Pre-Order Form](#)** We are now accepting advance orders for our 45th Big Edition of your 2018 Wildcat Yearbook, complete with a hard cover and full-color pages. Copies cost \$55.00. Free to pick-up at school or \$7 each to ship to family members and friends. The form also has a check box for generous RSDfamily members to donate a yearbook to a student. [Click here](#) to download the pre-order form. Thank you for supporting the 2018 Wildcat Yearbook. Contact Carrie Fisher in the Student Life Dept. cfisher@rsdeaf.org VP: 585-286-2804 if you have any questions.

- **GET ONE NOW!! [RSD P.B.I.S. \(Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports\) T-Shirt Order Form](#)**: Support your child's P.B.I.S. program by pre-ordering your Elementary - P.A.W.S. or Middle/High School - R.O.A.R. T-Shirts. All shirts are \$15. Cash or checks payable to "RSD" Attention: [Paul Holmes](#)

- **WORTH A LOOK!** RSD is the topic of a brand new, 4-page, full-color article in upcoming editions of Blue Cross, Blue Shield's *Community Health* magazine. [Click here](#) for a preview of the article.

- **Kids of Deaf Adults (KODA) & Deaf Camp is back!** This year's co-directors are Kieran Sommer and Dara Doane. The camp will be held during the week of Aug. 13th to 17th from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Powderhorn Lodge within Powder Mills Park. Open to Deaf, hard of hearing and KODA kids. Fees are \$195 for the first sibling, additional sibling(s) are \$175. Secure your child(ren)'s spot and register at <https://tinyurl.com/KDCamp2018>. **Rochester Deaf Mother's Club (RDMC) Camp Grant REMINDER:** Grant applications for financial assistance to help your child attend camp (KODA & Deaf or CM7) this summer is due June 20th. E-mail rocdeafmomclub@gmail.com for an application and instructions. **KODA & Deaf Camp Chipotle Fundraiser:** Tuesday, June 12th from 5 to 9 p.m. at Pittsford location. Address: [3349 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618](#)

- **The ECC ASL Storytime Videos** collection has added two more brand new stories. Jump over to [RSD on YouTube](#) and look for new ASL Storytime Videos on the playlist.

- **2nd Annual Palmer Youth Deaf Basketball Camp** at RSD, June 25-27; 9 am to 3 pm; \$135 per camper. The camp is for ages 10-16; Deaf, hard of hearing and CODA welcome. [Follow Palmer YDBC on Facebook](#). Contact: PalmerYDBC@gmail.com.

- **NTID 50th Anniversary Reunion, June 28 - July 1, 2018.** [Online registration is now open](#). [Click here](#) for the complete schedule of reunion events.

- **2nd Annual Deaf Day at Darien Lake**, Saturday, July 14 - \$40 admission includes all-day park admission; Free Parking Voucher; Lunch meal; and private pavilion picnic area. Children age 2 and under - free admission and lunch meal. \$20 includes park admission only. **Last day to get tickets is June 30** - No refunds - No exceptions.
Tickets: <http://www.buffalodeafevents.com/shop>

- **STATE FAIR FUN! Deaf Day at the Great New York State Fair**, Monday, September 3 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. \$1 admission and \$5 parking. NO coupons needed. ASL interpreters will be provided throughout the day.

- **15% off all Sonic Alert** products for all RSD Wildcats friends & fans Use code: RSDWildcats18 when you order from the Sonic Alert Catalog <https://goo.gl/T3xpcg> Stay safe & Live better with quality & reliable Sonic Alert altering & hearing products. This offer applies to all 4201 Schools.

- 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.

- **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 thruAmazon 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, 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!

- 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 Events - Rochester](#) on Facebook

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