



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - March 7, 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:

- [March 2018 Lunch Menus](#)

- [Lunch Services at RSD](#) is an informative collection of new Web pages on the RSD Web site designed to guide our families and their students towards a tasty, well-balanced, and nutritional lunch each school day in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere. [Click here](#) to access lunch menus, free and reduces-priced lunch information, unpaid meal charge policy, My School Bucks login, and the RSD Wellness Policy.

- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)

- [RSD Parent-Staff Association](#) (PSA) monthly meetings are back to first Tuesday of the month. The remaining exception is April 10th, starting at 6:30 p.m. in Westervelt Hall - Classroom 204. The agenda will be shared shortly. Meetings are also streamed on the [RSD PSA Facebook page](#).

- **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.

- **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 is open as well.

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW! This week's Nibble:** [Values Matter](#): Using your values to raise caring, responsible, resilient children.

- **NEW! ROC That! ASL Improv Night**, Friday, March 9; [RRCD, 1564 Lyell Ave. Rochester](#). Happy Hour: 5-7pm; Show Time: 7-9pm. This event is for age 18+. Limited to 80 tickets. <https://rocthat.ticketspice.com/mar2018> This month the "Whose Sign Is It Anyway?" features: Johnnie Duarte, Perseus Max, Vicki Nordquist (of RSD!) and Maya Penn. Tickets are going fast. Get yours before they are sold out!

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ONGOING

- **RSD families and school staff for cordially invited** to a free screening of the Oscar-nominated British Short Film "[The Silent Child](#)" Thursday, March 8 at 4 p.m. in [RIT's Gosnell Science Building auditorium](#). The 20-minute film will be open captioned and all are invited to stay for an ASL interpreted post-show discussion and the film and its important themes. The film tells the story of a deaf 4-year-old girl named Libby who lives in a world of silence. Her family struggles with the right type of school for Libby. A caring social worker teaches Libby to use sign language to communicate and changes her life.

- **[RSD Gear 2018!](#)** Wildcat Hoodie Sweatshirt, Sweatpants, and Polo Shirt. [Click here](#) to get the order form. Completed order form and cash or check made to RSD due to [Mary Cook](#) in the PE and Athletics Office by March 9.

- **[RSD Middle Electronics Recycling Program](#)**: 7th and 8th grade students have partnered with "Imagine It" to collect and properly recycle old and unused electronic components, devices, ink and toner cartridges, batteries, cords and chargers, gaming devices - you name it! RSD will get paid to collect and recycle these and all other items. Proceeds will be used to support students' special activities and/or to buy educational materials. Families are asking to bring their items for recycling to the main office with a permission note that it;s okay to have these items recycled. For more information about this program, please [click here](#) to get the letter and recycling chart that students created. 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.

- **Back by Popular Demand - [ASL Storytime](#)** - Saturdays: 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.

- **[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.

- **[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.](#)

- **[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. Ticket sales open March 1. Last day to get

tickets in June 30 - No refunds - No exceptions.

Tickets: <http://www.buffalodeafevents.com/shop>

- **TechGirlz and TechBoys 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/TechGirlz or www.rit.edu/NTID/TechBoyz. All registration materials must be in by May 15, 2018. For questions, email TechGirlz@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.

- 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/T3xpcq> Stay safe & Live better with quality & reliable Sonic Alert altering & hearing products. This offer applies to all 4201 Schools.

- **[540W Main 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 540W Main'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 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.

- [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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- RSD **YouTube** Channel: <http://goo.gl/zmj0JP>

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