



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

[RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - November 8, 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:

- **[November 2017 Lunch Menus](#)**
- **[RSD Employment Opportunities](#)** **New job openings posted recently**
- **Parent/Teacher Conference Day** - The Parent-Teacher Conference Planning Committee would like to inform you that officers from the Rochester Police Department (RPD) will be here for the day on Friday, November 17th. They will be working with our students in Kindergarten through 8th grade while their teachers attend Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students will spend the day meeting different members of the RPD

departments and learning while engaging in hands-on activities. Due to space limitations, this is an RSD student-only event. There will be a large police presence here on this day. We want to assure you that officers will be here for community outreach workshops. If you have any questions, please call the main office: 585-336-5805; VP: 585-286-2808. Thank you.

- [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](#).

- **RSD will be closed Friday, November 10** in observance of Veterans Day. School for students resumes on Monday, November 13.

- **November 22-25:** RSD will be closed for Thanksgiving Recess.

- **Tuesday, December 5:** No Parent-Staff Association meeting will be held.

- **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. Stay tuned for further details.

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** [RSD Wildcats Hoops!](#) Middle School and Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball schedules are out, with game dates and times and home and away locations/map links. Fill in your calendar and get ready to support your Wildcats this basketball season.

- **NEW!** [Congratulations RSD Varsity Soccer Team](#) selected earlier this week as the <http://deafdigestsports.com/> 8-Man Soccer Team of the Year!

- **NEW!** Your local and online shopping can 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 education programs for our students. Thank you.

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: [Parenting Tip: Allow Children to Make Mistakes They can Learn from!](#)

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ONGOING

- **Annual RSD Thanksgiving Food Drive** for the Eastern Service Workers Assoc. (ESWA): Hello Generous RSD Families! Please join your Jr. NAD and Wildcat Team Biz now thru Friday, November 17, to ensure that low-income service workers in Monroe County are able to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with their families. Donation boxes are located all around the RSD campus. We need boxed mixes and meals, canned foods, dry goods, cooking supplies and more. Thank you for supporting your neighbors in need!

- [Pickleball Tournament](#) to benefit the RSD Travel Abroad Program; Saturday, November 11, starting at 8:00 a.m., RSD Main Gym, [1545 St. Paul Street](#); \$30/person; Double Elimination Format; Teams drawn randomly; Limit: 16 men and 16 women. **Reserve by Nov. 10th:** info@MCDHub.org or text-only to Mickey Helmick: 585-698-0228.

- **Screening of the German Deaf 1932 Silent film** "Verkannte Menschen" with RIT Librarian Joan Naturale and RIT/NTID Faculty Patti Durr, Thursday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m., [RRCD, 1564 Lyell Ave., Rochester.](#)

- [The Story of Beauty and the Beast](#), in dance, sign language and melody, November 9-11 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and November 12 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. [Robert F. Panara Theater at RIT/NTID LBJ Hall.](#) [Purchase tickets through RIT University Arenas.](#)

- [ROC THAT! ASL Improv Night](#), Friday, November 10; Social 5-7pm; Show 7-9pm. \$12/person limited to 80 seats. Age 18+ / No voice interpretation provided. [RRCD, 1564 Lyell Ave., Rochester.](#)

- **RIT College of Imaging Arts and Sciences** - [CIAS Honors Winter Portraits](#), Sunday, Nov. 12 and Sat. Dec. 2, **from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** RIT Gannett Hall, Neblette Conference Room, Building 7B, Room 1104. Portraits 6-10 images; pricing per 1-2 people, 3-4 up to 8+. Walk-in or by appointment. Photo on CD for pick-up. Payment by cash or check with ID and phone number. [Click here](#) for details. E-mail: dlkpgd@rit.edu

- **The Life and Times of T.H. Gallaudet**, by Edna Edith Sayers, retired Gallaudet faculty member, Saturday, November 18, 2:00 p.m. [RIT Barnes & Noble, Jefferson Rd. @ Park Point](#)

- **Disney Live! presents Mickey & Minnie's Doorway to Magic**, Sunday, November 19; 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for RSD families and friends. [Blue Cross Arena, downtown Rochester](#). [Click here](#) for discount ticket information. Some restrictions and a processing fee apply. Order by Nov. 15th.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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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