



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - October 10, 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:

- [October 2018 Lunch Menus](#)

- [Lunch Services at RSD](#) has posted the School Year 2018-2019 Letter to Parents, Application form, and new policies regarding Meal Charges & Prohibition Against Meal Shaming. [Click here](#) to review this information.
- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)
- [RSD School Year 2018-2019 Academic Calendar](#)
- **School Picture Make-Up Day**, November 6 in the school auditorium - more information to come.

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** [RIT Brick City Homecoming](#) welcomes the 2018 RIT Student Government Distinguished Speaker: Mayim Bialik, Ph.D., who plays Dr. Amy Farrah Fowler on the CBS-TV hit comedy The Big Bang Theory, Saturday, Oct. 20 at 2:00 p.m. RIT Gordon Field House; Tickets \$10-\$20. [Purchase tickets online](#). Dr. Bialik's presentation will be ASL interpreted and real-time captioned.
- **NEW!** [22nd Annual Rochester Children's Book Festival](#), Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at [MCC, R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center, 1000 East Henrietta Rd., Rochester](#). #Read365 Free admission, free parking, and free craft activities. Volunteer ASL Interpreting services provided by students in the ASL/English Interpretation Program at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf / RIT.

- **NEW!** [Winter 2019 Session Signs for All \(SFA\)](#) classes information and a printable registration form is available for community members. RSD family member classes and registration information will be available shortly. Registration, class, and book payment deadline is January 2, 2019.

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: [Here comes flu season!](#) Is your family ready?

- **NEW!** [Deaf Hang Out \(DHO\)](#) Deaf Go-Kart Day at RPM Raceway in Marketplace Mall, Rochester, Sunday, October 28 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. \$25/person

- **NEW!** National Center of Deaf Health Research (NCDHR) [Deaf2 Informational Video Library](#) - Current video topics in ASL include: Sexually Transmitted Infections, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and Safe Sex Practices.

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ONGOING

- **RSD Homecoming October 12-13:** [click here for the schedule](#). RSD Spirit Week is October 9-12 and the Fall Athletics Pep Rally is Thursday, October 11 at 2:15 p.m. in the main gym, Westervelt Hall. GO WILDCATS!

- [RSD Adventures in Education 2018](#) proudly welcomes trailblazing British adventurer Dave Cornthwaite, Founder of SayYesMore and the

YesTribe, Thursday, October 25th; 5:00 pm Hors-d'oeuvres, Wine & Dessert Reception; 7:00 p.m Presentation in the RSD Auditorium. [Online registration is now open](#) for reception & presentation-only tickets, and underwriter / patron / sponsor opportunities. Save the date: Thursday, Oct. 25th for the 26th Annual Adventures in Education with guest presenter Dave Cornthwaite. [Share our Facebook event](#) with your friends and family.

- Our Travel Abroad Program (TAP) students and advisers going to England and France in 2020 invite all in the RSD Family to support their first fundraiser - Charleston Wrap. Go to: www.charlestonwrapstore.com and click on the big, Red "**Shop Now**" button. Enter Student Code: 383947. TAP adviser Jess Meissner's name will appear. This is normal for all online orders. Profits from all sales will be divided evenly among the 11 TAP 2020 students. Finish your holiday shopping early and support TAP 2020 students at the same time. [Please share with your friends and neighbors on RSD Facebook](#). Thank you!

- TAP 2020 students and advisers have another fundraiser underway called "**Shoes with Heart.**" From now until June 1, 2019, TAP students are collecting gently worn, used and new shoes that are clean and dry and still have some life left in them. "Shoes With Heart" collection stations will be found around RSD. Don't throw out your old shoes. Give them to TAP students to support their trip to England and France in 2020. Thanks again!

- Deaf Hang Out, where Deaf and hearing mingle - [Fall Deaf Trivia Night every 3rd Tuesday](#) at Uno Pizzeria & Grill, [1000 Hylan Dr, Henrietta, NY 14623](#); Oct. 16; Nov. 20; Dec. 18.

- [ROC That! Halloween Special](#) - ASL Improv Night, Friday October 12; 5-9 p.m. [RRCD, 1564 Lyell Ave., Rochester](#). This is an age 18+ ticketed event with no voice interpretation provided. Halloween costume contest to win tickets to a future ROC That! night. Tickets limited to 80 adults.

- [NTID Alumni Association \(NTIDAA\) Tailgate Party](#), Saturday, October 20, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Exchange Sports Pub, Exchange Sports Pub, 251 Exchange Blvd., Rochester. Food and non-alcoholic drinks provided by NTID. [Click here](#) to register. Then, it's a short walk to the Blue Cross Arena for the 7:05 p.m. Division 1 RIT Tigers Men's Hockey Game vs. Colgate. [Click here](#) to get tickets.

- **Accessible Trick-or-Treat**, Thursday, October 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Center for Disability Rights (CDR), [497 State Street, Rochester](#). Free for children up to age 10 with adult supervision required. events@cdrnys.org; 585-546-7510.

- [ASL Storytime](#) is back at the Irondequoit Public Library, Saturdays at 10:15 a.m.; Oct. 27; Nov. 17; and Dec. 15. Recommended for children ages 1-5.

- RIT/NTID Dyer Arts Center [6X6 Deaf Pride Exhibition](#), November 2 - December 15, 2018. Submissions accepted now through October 15. Artists must be Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Interpreter, or allied with the Deaf community. Two artworks per artist. All artworks will be sold to benefit the Dyer Arts Center. [Click here](#) for more details.

- [MONSTER JAM](#) at the War Memorial, Friday, Nov. 16 and Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018, Discount tickets for all in the RSD Family! [Download this flyer](#) for details. Deadline to order is Friday, November 9 at Noon (ET). Special event tickets: \$17 & \$13. Pit Party: Saturday & Sunday, November 17 & 18; \$10 Pit Pass with an event ticket required purchase.

- [RIT/NTID Performing Arts 2018-2019 Theatrical Season](#) includes four stage productions - three on the Robert F. Panara stage and one in the new MAGIC Spell Studio. All shows will be fully accessible using captions, ASL or ASL interpretation.

- **National Center on Deaf Health Research (NCDHR)** of the University of Rochester has launched a New York State-wide [Deaf Health Survey online in ASL](#). The survey is for Deaf NYS residents and all data collected is kept secure and confidential. Your participation will help the Deaf community know about its own health. The survey will help set health priorities in the Deaf community. And, data from the survey will support the need for health-related services in the Deaf community. The future health of Deaf communities in New York State is in your hands. [Take the survey today!](#)

- 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 through 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.

- [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, website 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.

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