



**"Education is all a matter of building bridges."**

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

### **RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - July 11, 2018**

**Please Note:** During summer school the BBN will be sent only as needed. No BBN will be sent the week of July 16.

**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:**

- [July 2018 Lunch Menu & Lunch Services information at RSD](#)
- [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](#).

- **REMINDERS:** Friday, August 17, last day of summer school. September 3: Labor Day - RSD will be closed. Wednesday, September 5: First Day for Students.

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## WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble:

[7 Ways for Kids to Learn Empathy Through Acting](#)

- **STILL TIME TO ORDER!** [Wildcat Yearbook 2018 Order Form](#) (use the Pre-Order Form) We continue to accept 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 RSD family members to donate a yearbook to a student. [Click here](#) to download the order form. Thank you for supporting the 2018 Wildcat Yearbook. Contact Carrie Fisher in the Student Life Dept. [cfisher@rsdeaf.org](mailto:cfisher@rsdeaf.org) VP: 585-286-2804 if you have any questions.

- **NEW!** [ROC That!](#) This coming Friday, July 13 at [RRCD, 1564 Lyell Avenue, Rochester](#). For ages 18+. Happy Hours: 5-7 p.m.; Show: 7-9 p.m. [Click here](#) for ticket information.

- **Mark Your Calendar:** [Amazon Prime Day for RSD starts Monday, July 16 at 3:00 p.m. \(ET\) and runs through July 17.](#) This is one of the biggest online shopping events of the year and it supports RSD in many important

ways. [Click here](#) to shop Amazon Smile for the things you need for yourself or your family and support RSD at the same time. ***Thank you!***

- **NEW!** [Official NTID 50th Anniversary Reunion T-Shirts](#) are available to anyone who would like to buy one (or more). These Ts come in Unisex, Womens', and Youth sizes in a variety of colors. Use "NTID10" Promo Code and get free shipping. You know they are great because they are made by Route 66 Promotions, a Deaf-owned company. Get your NTID 50th T-shirts today!

- **NEW!** [MCingo / Community Appreciation Picnic](#), Saturday, September 15; picnic starts at 5:00 pm. and MCingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$15  
Tickets: [www.mcdhub.org](http://www.mcdhub.org). MCingo only: \$15, at the door. [Moose Lodge, 5375 West Henrietta Road](#). Read the flyer carefully regarding free picnic food for the first 100 picnic tickets sold. Deadline: September 1.

- **NEW!** [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.

- **NO KID HUNGRY this summer!** Nearly 4 million children in the United States face hunger in summer months <https://goo.gl/KWcpJP> Parents Grandparents Caregivers Text FOOD (Spanish: COMIDA) to 877-877 FREE breakfast & lunch near your address or zip code NO KID HUNGRY is a free program available across the country.

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## ONGOING

- **SIGN UP!** [Fall 2018 Signs for All ASL community member classes](#) - information, online registration is open and a printable registration form are now posted on the RSD Web site.

- **\$\$ Opportunity!** Are you a Deaf or hard-of-hearing woman who had a baby in the last 5 years? Do you want to earn \$50? Are you able to come to RIT/NTID for an interview? We need YOU!! We are doing research to learn about your experiences with pregnancy, labor and delivery, and post birth care. You will be paid \$50 for approximately 90 minutes of your time. Your participation would include an individual interview and background questionnaire. To participate in our study, email us at: [DeafHealthLab@rit.edu](mailto:DeafHealthLab@rit.edu) Location for individual interviews: [Rochester Institute of Technology \(RIT/NTID\), Rosica Hall](#)

- National Center on Deaf Health Research (NCDHR) of 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 are in your hands. [Take the survey today!](#)

- **STILL AVAILABLE!!** [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

- **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.

- **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>.

- **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/T3xpcq> 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 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.

- [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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