



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

[RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - October 11, 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:

- [Adventures in Education 25th Anniversary Edition](#) welcomes to Rochester and RSD **Katie Leclerc**, star of the popular ABC Family's "Switched at Birth" Thursday, October 19. [Click here](#) for more about Katie. [Online registration is now open](#). ***Get your tickets before this special event sells out!***
- [October 2017 Lunch Menus](#)
- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)

- [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. [Click here](#) to save the dates! **PSA monthly meetings** will be back in the Learning Resource Center in the LRC Conference Room. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. A meeting agenda will be announced shortly.

- **RSD 2017 Wildcats Fall Athletics**: Bookmarks these links for [Varsity Soccer](#), [Varsity Volleyball](#), and [Middle School Soccer](#). Results, if available, will be posted. New matches may be added, so check back often and **GO WILDCATS!**

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW! This week's Nibble: [Parenting Tip](#)**: How Daniel Tiger Helps Teach Social Skills to Preschoolers.

- **NEW! [MCDHub Upcoming Events](#)**: ; October 27, 2017 – MCDHub Adult Halloween Party; November 4, 2017 – MCDHub Euchre Tournament; December 9, 2017 – Mcingo Holiday Event. [Click here](#) for event flyers and details.

- **NEW! [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.

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ONGOING

- **Travel Abroad Program (TAP) Trip to Italy 2018** has launched an exciting fundraiser through Charleston Wrap. Please check out this link <https://goo.gl/8ZY8BE> to order personalized and other quality items and support the students. Everything raised through this online link <https://goo.gl/8ZY8BE> will be split equally among the students traveling. If you order directly from a TAP student, the profit will go directly to that specific student's TAP fundraising account. If you have any questions, please let me know! Thanks! Jess Meissner, one of the RSD TAP Staff Chaperones jmeissner@rsdeaf.org 585-336-5870.

- **Interpreted Tour:** [Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery, 1133 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester](#), are offering ASL-interpreted tours: Saturday at 11:00 a.m. - Oct. 14. Deaf and hard of hearing tour patrons must call 585-461-3494 in advance to request an interpreter. **This is the last ASL interpreted tour of Mt. Hope Cemetery for this year.**

- **[Rochester Deaf Rotary Breakfast](#)**, Saturday, October 21 from 10 a.m. to Noon at [RRCD, 1546 Lyell Avenue, Rochester](#). \$5/person with funds raised going to Puerto Rico hurricane survivors. Stay for Poker from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$20/player or \$5/fan.

- **[Accessible Trick-or-Treat](#)**, Thursday, October 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. [Center for Disability Rights, 497 State Street, Rochester](#). Free for children up to age 10 with and without a disability. Adult supervision is required. Contacts: events@cdrnys.org 585-546-7510.

- **[We the Deaf People, Inc.](#)** (WTDP) Events: Saturday, October 28: Halloween Party for Deaf Kids and Kids of Deaf Adults (KODA) at [RRCD, 1546 Lyell Avenue, Rochester](#), from 1-4 p.m. Free admission but [online](#)

[registration](#) is required. Same day: 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Italian Feast Night, \$10/person AND "Haunted Clubhouse" \$15/person; Dinner and Haunted Clubhouse combo \$20/person. [Click here](#) to register in advance (required for all 3 events) and to buy tickets online. Tickets will be available at the door but only for those who registered but didn't buy tickets online.

- [**Dyer Arts Center at RIT/NTID Featured Events and Exhibitions**](#)

- Saturday, November 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at MCC, for the [**21st Annual Rochester Children's Book Festival**](#). [ASL interpreting services](#) will again be provided by RIT/NTID Interpreting Education students in all three presentation rooms. Help spread the word about ASL interpreting again this year at the Rochester Children's Book Festival. Thanks and we'll see you there!

- [**Fundraising pasta dinner, Saturday, November 4 for Kraidien Bumbala**](#), son of RSD alumnae Jennifer (Clupper) Alka, [RRCD, 1564 Lyell Ave., Rochester](#). Kraidien is one of 100 youth soccer players selected to attend the Football Club All-Soccer Team in England, November 17-27. \$10/person for an authentic Italian rice ball dinner. \$5/raffle for a 50-inch Toshiba 4k Chromecast TV. Contact Jennifer: 917-312-1533.

- **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.

- [**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.

- **Rochester City Council** passed a new ordinance requiring businesses in the city with TVs for customers to watch must now keep closed captioning turned on during business hours. [**Click here**](#) for more about this.

- 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.

- **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.

- [Deaf Rochy](#) - Your Link to Events in the Deaf Rochester Community!

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