



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

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

### **[RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - September 12, 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:**

- [September 2017 Lunch Menus](#)
- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)
- [RSD Parent-Staff Association](#) (PSA) monthly meetings have changed to the first Tuesday of the month starting October 3rd; two exceptions are for January and April 2018. [Click here](#) to save the dates!

- **NEW! RSD PSA monthly meetings** will be held in the Zwick Conference Center (ZCC) Galloway Hall first floor. The first meeting is Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. The special guest is Brooke Erickson RSD's new K-12 Principal. [Go to the PSA Web page](#) for meeting details.

- **NEW! RSD PSA Homecoming Weekend Workshops** - Saturday, September 23rd from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center (LRC). Summer 2018 Summer Camp presentations; IEP Workshop; Bilingual Workshop; free dinner. [Go to the PSA Web page](#) for details and who to RSVP.

- **NEW! 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!**

- **Looking ahead:** Friday, October 6 - Fall Conference Day: No school for students. Monday, October 9 Columbus Day: RSD will be closed.

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## WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW! This week's Nibble:** [How to Talk to Your Child About the News.](#)

- **NEW! Save the Date:** Saturday, November 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at MCC, for the 2[1st 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!

- **NEW!** RIT/NTID Dyer Arts Center presents [Arte Del Corazon' Exhibition](#) opening ceremonies Friday, September 15th at 4:00 p.m. Meet the Artists; 5:00 p.m. Opening Reception; 7:00 p.m. Drago Renteria @ Panara Theater. Saturday, September 16th at 2:00 p.m. Art Workshop; 7:00 p.m. Gallaudet University's Latinx Student Union "The Glass Wall" @ Panara Theater. All events are free and open to the public.

- **NEW!** [Deaf Health Talk: What is Fibromyalgia?](#) Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. [RRCD, 1564 Lyell Ave., Rochester.](#) Presentation by Dr. Poduri of URM.

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## ONGOING

- [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 they sell out!

- [WISDO Meet Up in Rochester](#) with Sarah Snow & Annmarie Otis, Thursday, Sept. 14, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at [Equal Grounds Cafe, 750 South Ave., Rochester.](#) This is a free event. [Click here](#) to register.

- **Interpreted Tours:** [Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery, 1133 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester,](#) are offering ASL-interpreted tours: Saturdays at 11:00

a.m. - Sept. 30th and Oct. 14. Deaf and hard of hearing tour patrons must call 585-461-3494 in advance to request an interpreter. [Click here](#) for the full schedule of all Mt. Hope Cemetery guided tours.

- The [66th Annual WNY RSD Alumni Rally](#) is Sunday, October 1, at [Terry Hills Banquet in Batavia, NY](#). [Click here](#) for more information. The deadline to participate and pay is September 26th.

- **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.

- Advocacy Services for Abused Deaf Victims, Inc. (ASADV) has a new name - [IGNITE](#) - Visit their new [Web site](#) to learn more about what IGNITE is and what services it provides.

- [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.

- **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\*\*](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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- **NEW!** Follow RSD on Instagram:

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- **RSD Photos & Videos on**

**flickr:** [www.flickr.com/photos/rsdeaf/sets](http://www.flickr.com/photos/rsdeaf/sets) To get flickr apps for iPhone and Android devices [click here](#).

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

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