



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

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

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

#### **- September 2018 Lunch Menu**

- **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 Parent Night** is **Thursday, September 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** All parents - ECC to Westervelt Hall K-12 - will start the evening in the Learning Resource Center (LRC) 2nd floor of Westervelt Hall at 6:00 p.m. After 6:30 p.m. ECC parents and K-12 parents will follow separate schedules. [Click here](#) to request childcare services. Please R.S.V.P. for childcare by calling 585-286-2808, e-mail to [etodesco@rsdeaf.org](mailto:etodesco@rsdeaf.org) or return

the form to Eileen Todesco in the Main Office by Monday, September 17.  
Thank you.

- RSD Superintendent Antony McLetchie posted 2 new videos on [RSD YouTube](#) <https://youtu.be/RZx7CGbMP5k> Welcome Back to School Year 2018-2019 & <https://youtu.be/MePTfBO41E8> is about the new Strategic Planning Process for RSD in this school year. Come to the Vision Summit <https://goo.gl/f2ruhe>

- **[Vision Summit](#)**, Saturday, September 22 from 8 a.m. to Noon, RSD Auditorium, [1545 St. Paul Street, Rochester](#). RSD needs you > Current families and their students, school staff, graduates, supporters, and individuals in the community at large, who are cordially invited to attend a [Vision Summit](#). This important event is part of the 2018-2019 RSD Strategic Planning Process that will create a new mission and vision statements to guide RSD in the next 3 to 5 years. Your attendance and input at this summit is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

- **[RSD Employment Opportunities](#)**

- **[RSD School Year 2018-2019 Academic Calendar](#)**

- **School Picture Day, Monday, October 1 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in the school auditorium. School Picture Make-Up Day, is Tuesday, November 6.

- **[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.

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**WHAT'S NEW?**

- **Tonight on A&E Network at 8:00 p.m.** (check local channel listings in your area) **"Born Like This Presents: Deaf Out Loud,"** featuring the day-to-day lives of all Deaf or predominantly Deaf families. Learn how they raise their children in a hearing world. With many differing opinions about how deaf children should be raised swirling in the social consciousness, these families work to forge their own paths forward and combat the daily social stigmas many deaf people face. A documentary by Executive Producer Marlee Matlin.

- **NEW! ASL Storytime is back at the Irondequoit Public Library,** Saturdays at 10:15 a.m.; September 15; Oct. 27; Nov. 17; and Dec. 15. Recommended for children ages 1-5.

- **NEW! Save the Date: RSD Day at Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Greece Ridge Mall; Saturday, September 29;** Time: to be announced. Show your special voucher coupon and RSD will receive a portion of all purchases that day to help enhance and enrich education programs for RSD students. More details soon!

- **NEW! Rochester Deaf Awareness Week (RDAW)** Sunday, September 29 through Saturday, September 29. Events and celebrations all around the Rochester, NY, community.

- **<http://deafrochy.com/>** is Back and Better than ever! Events - Calendar - Job Postings - Advertising! Check it out!

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: **[Helping Your Teen With Homework.](#)**

- **NEW! 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](mailto:events@cdrnys.org); 585-546-7510.

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## ONGOING

- **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.

- Deaf/ASL Performers Dangerous Signs will team up with Masquers Drama Club, Friday, Sept. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. for "**Beyond Words**," an evening of original poetry, dance, humor and music pieces done in their signature Deaf/hearing ASL/spoken and sung English style. [The Little Theater, 240 East Ave., Rochester](#). **FREE admission!**

- **Partners in Deaf Health, Inc., of Rochester on Facebook** is a resource-rich blog with information about where and when the next Deaf Health Talk in ASL is and what the topic will be; where, when and how you as a Deaf person can participate in various deaf health research projects and get paid for your time; where and when the **4th Finger Lakes Deaf Health Fair will be (Sept. 22 at RIT/NTID and it's Free!)** and much more. [Go to Partners in Deaf Health on Facebook](#) and see for yourself what healthy living is all about.

- **REI Co-op in Rochester**, [450 E. Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY](#)

14620 free seminar in ASL: [Backpacking Basics in ASL](#), Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Pre-registration is required.

- **RSD Alumni Event - 67th Annual Western NY RSD Alumni Rally**, Sunday, October 7. Terry Hills Banquet, Batavia, NY. \$25/person; 11:00 a.m. Brunch buffet followed by a meeting. Deadline to sign up and pay is Sept. 26, 2018. [Click here](#) to download and print a sign up form.

- **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.

- **The ECC ASL Storytime Videos** collection has added five (5 + 6 = 11) more brand new stories. Jump over to [RSD on YouTube](#) and look for new ASL Storytime Videos on the playlist.

- 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 is in your hands. [Take the survey today!](#)

- **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/T3xpcg> 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, 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.

- [Deaf Events - Rochester](#) on Facebook

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