



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - May 15, 2019

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:

- [May 2019 Lunch Menus](#)
- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)

- [RSD School Year 2018-2019](#) & **NEW!** [2019-2020 Academic Calendar](#)

- Friday, May 24 and Monday, May 27, RSD will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

- [11th Annual RSD River Ramble](#), Saturday, June 1 Registration is now open! Calling all runners, walkers, family fun walkers, volunteers, sponsors, and vendors. It's time once again to step up and out for RSD students, their families, and our great school. Come on Wildcats - Let's GO!

- **Save the Date:** Thursday, June 6, starting at 6:30 p.m. [RSD Sports Recognition Night & Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony](#), in the Westervelt Hall auditorium.

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** [The Wayne C. Mnich Leadership Scholarship Fund](#) honors the individual whose charismatic nature as a dedicated teacher, loyal colleague, and genuine friend to all, touched nearly everyone in the RSD family during his time as our long-term substitute High School Science Teacher. Your gifts to this fund will help support RSD 10th & 11th grade students who want to attend the NAD Youth Leadership Summer Camp. [Click here](#) to learn more about this special fund and how you can contribute to it. Thank you.

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: [Raising Kids to be Smart About Money](#)

- **NEW!** [Dangerous Signs presents: Man of La Mancha](#), May 30- June 2, 2019, [MuCCC, 142 Atlantic Ave, Rochester](#). Directed by Luane Davis Haggerty, Man of La Mancha is the musical story of Don Quixote. In this production Deaf and hearing will combine on stage. Questioning if it is madness to hope for the best of people, this triumphant production will leave you dreaming the impossible dream. [Tickets: \\$10 & \\$12](#).

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ONGOING

- **SHOWTIME!** [RSD Drama Club presents "CLUE"](#) the 2019 Spring Play, Wednesday, May 29 & Thursday, May 30 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Westervelt Hall auditorium. \$5 adults and \$3 students. "CLUE" adapted by Vicki Nordquist, is based on the popular board game. Come and help solve the mystery!

- [The American Society for Deaf Children \(ASDC\) presents: "ASL Weekend"](#) right here in Rochester, NY, at RIT/NTID; May 18-19. \$200/person includes breakfast and lunch both days. [Limited scholarships](#) are available for ASDC members. This unique event includes several workshops, small class and one-on-one attention that will focus on Deaf culture, ASL and much more. The event offers more than 7 hours of ASL class instruction. Space is limited. Register today!

- **Register soon!** [Palmer Youth Deaf Basketball Camp](#), June 21-23 at RSD. [Registration is now open](#). New format: Ages 5-7 (\$50), 8-11 (\$75), and 12-14 (\$75). 12 spots limit each group. 15% off multi-child

registration. First, you will have to pay-in-full then we will refund/give back 15% off.

- [Rochester Deaf Festival](#) (RDF), **Saturday, June 15, 2019**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in [Genesee Valley Park](#) - rain or shine. Save time and [register today](#). Want to be a festival vendor, volunteer or volunteer interpreter, [click here](#) for information. [Check out the long list of festival activities!](#) Saturday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. [Heidi & Hedy Show](#) on Saturday June 15th at 7 pm at RIT - [James E. Booth Hall - Webb Auditorium](#). Special performance by Avi! This is a show you do not want to miss!! Tickets is \$10 for adult / \$7 for youth 17 and under. [Buy your tickets today!](#)

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- Did you know that residents of New York State with disabilities can gain free or discounted access and admission to state parks, historic sites, and recreational facilities operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation? [Click here](#) to receive details on how to apply for a New York State Access Pass. Proof of citizenship may include a valid NYS Drivers License or [New York State Non-Driver Photo ID](#). For applicants under age 21 or for parents of children under age 16, a Statement of Identity by [Parent/Guardian \(pdf\) \(MV-45\)](#), birth certificate and Social Security Card. Apply for a New York State Non-Driver Photo ID at any NYS Department of Motor Vehicle office.

- [ECC ASL Storytime Videos](#) playlist on the RSD YouTube Channel has added several brand new stories recently complete with color illustrations, ASL narration, classifiers, vocabulary, and ASL

chants! **26 ASL Storytime Videos** to learn from and enjoy! [Check them out today!](#)

- [iGive.com](#) is donating \$3 for each new person supporting Rochester School for the Deaf through [iGive](#). No purchase necessary. Supporters shop at over 1,900 great stores. An average of 3 percent is donated to RSD via [iGive](#), and when you shop often that adds up quickly. The \$3 donation to RSD offer ends November 30. Thanks!

- 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.

- [TOPS in Education!](#) Shop at TOPS Friendly Markets and support RSD. Simply [register](#) your TOPS Bonus Plus card or key tag, select Rochester School for the Deaf as your school to support, and TOPS will contribute up to 5% of your TOPS brand items purchased to RSD. The more you buy, the more TOPS supports RSD.

- [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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