



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - May 16, 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:

- [May 2018 Lunch Menus](#) and Lunch Services at RSD information
- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#): Several new, open positions have been posted recently. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining RSD as a valued staff member please apply today.
- **NEW!** [RSD Parent-Staff Association](#) (PSA) monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m. in Westervelt Hall - Classroom 204. The next PSA meeting will be on Tuesday, June 5. RSD Board of Directors President Gary Behm will lead a discussion between the

Board and RSD PSA Board members and parents. Meetings are also streamed on the [RSD PSA Facebook page](#).

- The RSD School Year 2018-2019 Academic Calendar is out. You can download and print your copy from this [RSD Web page](#).

- **REMINDER TO REGISTER! [RSD River Ramble 2018!](#)** Saturday, June 2nd starting at 8:00 a.m. Hard to believe that this is our 10th Big Year for the classic River Ramble 5K Run, Walk, and Family Fun Walk event. This year we have [a new and very secure registration system](#) for participants, donors, *and* volunteers. Use these coupon codes at checkout to get 10% off your total individual or team registration: RSDStaff; RSDFamily; RSDAlumni; RSDSFA (no spaces). Let's make River Ramble the biggest and best ever! Check out our new [River Ramble Facebook event page](#) and banner video.

- **REMINDER! Memorial Day**, Monday, May 28. RSD will be closed.

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW! [RSD Drama Club presents their spring play "Only Time Will Tell,"](#)** Wednesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 24; 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium, [1545 St. Paul Street, Rochester](#). Adults: \$5; Students: \$3. Pay at the door. "Only Time Will Tell" is about a family celebrating at a 60th anniversary party in a very chaotic house.

- **NEW! [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](#)

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: [How to Improve Attention Spans.](#)

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ONGOING

- **STILL TIME TO GET YOUR TICKETS!** [RSD 5th Annual Family Night with your Rochester Red Wings Baseball Team](#), Wednesday, June 6 starting at 7:05 p.m. \$7/person. **Deadline for tickets is Wednesday, May 30.** Contact: Carah Taylor ctaylor@rsdeaf.org or RSD Main Office 585-336-5804; VP 585-286-2808. Checks payable to RSD. Tickets for this RSD Family Night are NOT available at the Red Wings Box Office.

- **The ECC ASL Storytime Videos** collection has added a brand new story. Jump over to [RSD on YouTube](#) and look for new ASL Storytime Videos on the playlist.

- **REMINDER!** [Wildcat Yearbook 2018 Pre-Order Form](#) We are now accepting advance 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 pre-order form. Thank you for supporting the 2018 Wildcat Yearbook. Contact Carrie Fisher in the Student Life Dept. cfisher@rsdeaf.org VP: 585-286-2804 if you have any questions.

- **Partners in Deaf Health** present: "Depression: What Is It and Why Do We Have It?" Presentation by: Outreach subcommittee from National

Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); Thursday, May 17, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., [RRCD, 1564 Lyell Avenue, Rochester.](#)

- **RSD High School Prom**, Friday, May 18 starting at 6:00 p.m. at [Burgundy Basin](#) Event Center.

- **ASL Interpreted performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Thespis or The Gods Grown Old"** Saturday, May 19, 8:00 p.m. Free Admission! [Click here to make a reservation for your seat\(s\)](#). Salem United Church of Christ, [60 Bittner Street, Rochester.](#)

- **Save the Date! RSD 51st Annual Sports Recognition Night**, Thursday, May 31 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the [school auditorium](#). All are welcome to come out and celebrate with your Wildcat student-athletes.

- **Save the Date! ASL Storytime @ the Irondequoit Public Library** is Saturday, June 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Story Room; [1290 Titus Ave. Rochester.](#) Recommended for children ages 1-5.

- **2nd Annual Palmer Youth Deaf Basketball Camp** at RSD, June 25-27; 9 am to 3 pm; \$105 Early Bird Special ends April 23rd. \$135 thereafter. The camp is for ages 10-16; Deaf, hard of hearing and CODA welcome. [Follow Palmer YDBC on Facebook.](#)
Contact: PalmerYDBC@gmail.com.

- **NTID 50th Anniversary Reunion, June 28 - July 1, 2018.** [Online registration is now open.](#)

- **2nd Annual Deaf Day at Darien Lake**, Saturday, July 14 - \$40 admission includes all-day park admission; Free Parking Voucher; Lunch meal; and private pavilion picnic area. Children age 2 and under - free admission and lunch meal. **Last day to get tickets is June 30** - No refunds - No exceptions. Tickets: <http://www.buffalodeafevents.com/shop>

- Save the date for **RDMC's 2018 KODA & Deaf Camp** - August 13 thru August 17. More details soon.

- **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, 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 Rochy**](#) - Your Link to Events in the Deaf Rochester Community

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

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