



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - April 17, 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:

- [April 2019 Lunch Menus](#)

- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#) **New positions are now posted.**

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

- April 15-19: Spring Recess - No school for students

- [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!

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **IMPORTANT!** During this school year, the following screenings will be required or completed at school:

- **Vision:** Distance and near acuity for all newly entering students and students in Pre-K or Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11. Color perception screening for all newly entering students.
- **Hearing:** Hearing screening for all newly entering students and students in Pre-K or Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.
- **Scoliosis:** Scoliosis (spinal curvature) screening for all girls in grades 5 and 7, and boys in grade 9.

Becky Kindelberger, RN, RSD Nursing Supervisor

- **NEW!** [ASL Hiking Meet Up](#) this coming Saturday, April 20 starting at 1:00 p.m. at [Chimney Bluffs State Park, 7679 Garner Rd, Wolcott, NY 14590](#). Rain or shine. It's a 2.5 mile moderate loop hike with dramatic views of Chimney Bluffs and Lake Ontario shoreline landscapes. [Watch the video](#) for this ASL Hiking Meet Up event.

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: [Strategies for Talking with Kids](#)

- **NEW!** Mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 24, when 13 WHAM-TV & Fox Rochester's Jennifer Johnson will feature RSD live on "Good Day, Rochester." Live segments from RSD will air starting at 6:05 a.m. and continue every half-hour through 8:30 a.m.

- **NEW!** [A Celebration of the Life of Wayne Mnich](#), RSD Long-Term Substitute Teacher & Senior Class Advisor in the RSD High School Dept., will take place on Thursday, May 9, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend and participate.

- **NEW!** RSD co-sponsor of the [Edmund Lyon Memorial Lectureship Series](#) welcomes RIT/NTID Graphic Media Publishing & Advertising alumnae Stephanie Vik, Wednesday, April 24 from 4-5 p.m. [CSD Student Development Center Room 1300](#). Stephanie Vik is Lead Web Designer, RYNO Strategic Solutions, Phoenix, Arizona. She will visit with RSD Middle & High School students Thursday, April 25 in the afternoon.

- **Survey!** [Thousand Acre Swamp Preserve](#) in Penfield plans to develop interpretive signs that offer an improved nature hiking experience for the Greater Rochester Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing community. We have put together a [brief survey](#) and would be grateful for your participation. The [survey](#) should take fewer than 15 minutes to finish. Your feedback will be essential in providing a richer nature experience for Rochester's Deaf and hard of hearing community. Thank you.

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ONGOING

- RSD Girls and Boys [Varsity Track & Field Teams](#) rosters and schedules are now available. GO WILDCATS!

- [Dyer Arts Center presents Three Masters: Hidden Gems](#), now through April 20, 2019. This exhibit features works by Deaf Artists: Igor Kolombatovic, Henry Newman, and Claire Bergman.

- [DeafHangOut](#) for Deaf and hearing people to mingle is back every 3rd Tuesday at [UNO in Henrietta](#). Deaf Trivia Night: Next: May 21.

- [ASL Interpretations of Lessons of the Hour \(27 mins.\) - Frederick Douglass](#), Thursday, April 18 from 7-9 p.m. (1/2 price admission after 5 p.m.) & Sunday, May 5 from 2-5 p.m. [Memorial Art Gallery \(MAG\), 500 University Ave., Rochester](#). Three ASL interpreters will bring to life this 10-screen multi-media visual artwork about the life of the famed African

American abolitionist, freed-slave, and social justice icon Frederick Douglass.

- [MCingo April Showers](#) at Moose Lodge, Saturday, April 27, [5375 W. Henrietta Road](#), near RIT Inn & Conference Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. Game starts at 7 p.m. \$15 at the door.

- [Imagine RIT!](#) Saturday, April 27, 2019. Over 407 exhibits. [Click here](#) to see the exhibits related to NTID and the Deaf and hard of hearing community. [Click here](#) to plan your day among the 25+ areas of interest.

- **Get you tickets and ASL hats & t-shirts today!** Sunday, April 28, 2019, for [Deaf Culture Day](#) with your Rochester Red Wings Baseball Team. 1:05 p.m. vs. Pawtucket. RSD is a co-sponsor of this special day. [Pre-order tickets and Deaf Culture Day merchandise here and use promo codeGOWINGS.](#) (Deaf Culture Day merchandise purchased with game day tickets online will be available for pick up at Frontier Field on April 28.)

- [Discovering Deaf Worlds](#) (DDW) 9th Annual Gala Celebration, Friday, May 3, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. [Hyatt Regency Rochester, 120 E. Main Street, Rochester.](#) [Tickets now on sale.](#)

- The Office of the President of NTID proudly presents: [Signing Times LIVE A Family Concert with Rachel Coleman](#), RIT/NTID student Leah Coleman and their friend Hopkins the Frog, 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 3, [RIT/NTID Hall, Panara Theater](#). This family-friendly event of signing and signing your

favorite "Signing Times!" songs is one-hour long. Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance by contacting Joseph Fox at jwfnpa@rit.edu.

- [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!

- **Save the Date:** [Rochester Deaf Festival](#) (RDF), **Saturday, June 15, 2019.** - **Show your Support!** [Click here](#) if you would like to support RDF (Rochester Deaf Festival in Genesee Valley Park).

- **Save the Dates:** June 20-23, 2019 - [Reach Out! Supporting Deaf Refugees Conference](#), [LBJ Hall, RIT/NTID Campus](#). This shared gathering hopes to develop an accurate understanding of the realities and needs of Deaf refugees, as well as vulnerable Deaf migrants nationally and globally.

- **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.

- Scholars, students, Deaf Cultural Studies and Sign Language teachers, artists, playwrights, filmmakers, poets, writers, ARTivists and more, will gather in Rochester, November 7-9, 2019, at RIT/NTID for the [ARTiculating Deaf Experiences Conference](#). Early bird registration is available May 1 - July 14.

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- **RSD OPPORTUNITY!** The RSD Custodial Department is in need of part-time sub as needed custodians to clean our buildings. Daytime hours 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Evening hours 2:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. Contact Mike Kaiser, RSD Facilities Director: 585-336-5829 (V); 585-286-2847 (VP); E-Mail: mkaiser@rsdeaf.org. Thank you.

- **WOW!** 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!](#)

- National Center of Deaf Health Research (NCDHR) [Deaf2 Informational Video Library](#) - Current video topics in ASL include Sexually Transmitted Infections, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and Safe Sex Practices.

- [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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