



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

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

### **RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - March 27, 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:**

- [March 2019 Lunch Menus](#)
- **NEW!** [April 2019 Lunch Menus](#)

- [Lunch Services at RSD](#) has posted the School Year 2018-2019 Letter to Parents, Application form, a new policy regarding Meal Charges & Prohibition Against Meal Shaming and the current RSD Wellness Policy. [Click here](#) to review this information.

- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)

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

- April 8: Superintendent Conference Day - No school for students

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

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## WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** Here's a tasty way to support this year's Rochester Deaf Festival (RDF - Saturday, June 15 in Genesee Valley Park). [Eat at Naan-Tastic](#), 100 Marketplace Drive, Thursday, March 28, from 4-8 p.m. Mention RDF and the restaurant will donate 20% of each patron's bill to RDF. If you can't make it Thursday, [click here](#) for another way to support RDF.

- **NEW!** This week's Nibble: [Encourage Kids to Eat Healthy Food](#)

- **NEW!** [SUNY Oswego](#) ASL Club will welcome to campus [ASL Storyteller Dack Virnig](#) on Monday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m., in Marano Campus Center auditorium. Dack's appearance is free and open to the public.

- **NEW!** [RSD Class of 2019 Senior Thomas Coates](#) #444 recently competed in the 2019 Syracuse Stadium Cross, an indoor motocross competition. RSD Coach and Teaching Assistant Charles Palmer attended the event, March 23-24 at the NYS Fairgrounds, and produced [this video](#) of Thomas riding and racing his dirt bike in the competition. Hands Waving for Thomas Coates!

- **NEW!** 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.

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

- **NEW!** 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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## **ONGOING**

- **ORDER NOW!** [RSD Wildcat Spirit Apparel Sale](#) now in progress. Deadline to order is March 28. [Order online](#) and your items will be shipped to RSD for distribution - pick up items at school or sent home with students; items will not be shipped to buyers via USPS, UPS or FedEx.

- [Middle School Volleyball](#) is now underway. The schedule of matches and locations with team roster and coaches contact are posted to the RSD Web site.

- [The National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House](#) in Rochester will be offering an ASL Tour on Sunday, March 31 starting at 1:00 p.m. and included with the price of museum & house admission. Reservations for this ASL Tour must be made in advance and by 5:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the scheduled ASL Tour. E-mail: [programs@susanb.org](mailto:programs@susanb.org) or call 585.235.6124 ext 1 to make an ASL Tour reservation. If an ASL Tour is canceled a 48-hour notice will be provided to those holding an ASL Tour reservation.

- [Heritage Sign Language Rochester](#), Saturday, April 6, 2019, [Henrietta Library, 455 Calkins Road](#). 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Parent-led and child-led activities and play-time in ASL for kids ages 2-6. Questions: e-mail [HeritageSignRochester@gmail.com](mailto:HeritageSignRochester@gmail.com)

- [Rochester Deaf Rotary "Sip & ASL Sign!"](#) Wine Tasting Fundraiser to benefit Miracle Field, Webster, NY; Sunday, April 7; ASL lesson 2-3 p.m.; Food, wine, beer, raffles & auctions 3-6 p.m. [RIT Inn & Conference Center, 5257 W. Henrietta Road](#). \$35 / person; \$50 VIP; \$25 no wine/beer ticket.

- [NTID Performing Arts presents "Fences"](#) April 11-14, 2019, Robert F. Panara, RIT/NTID, LBJ Hall. "Fences" is about a former Negro Baseball League player whose dashed aspiration to play ball in the Major Leagues negatively affects his family relationships, including his son, who has a dream to also play ball in the big leagues.

- [The Danny Murphy Show!](#) Friday, April 12, 2019, from 7-9 p.m. [MCC Theater, 1000 E. Henrietta Road](#), Rochester. Danny is a 15-year-old Deaf British performer well-known on [Facebook](#) with his humorous videos & skits. [Click here](#) for ticket and more information.

- [ASL Storytime at the Irondequoit Public Library](#); Sundays at 1:15 p.m. - April 14; and, May 19. The [IPL is located at 1290 Titus Ave., Rochester](#), next to the Town Hall.

- **DeafHangOut** for Deaf and hearing people to mingle is back every 3rd Tuesday at [UNO in Henrietta](#). Deaf Trivia Night: April 16.

- **Fun (hopefully in the sun)!** 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 code GOWINGS.](#)

- **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 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.**

- **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.

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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](mailto:mkaiser@rsdeaf.org). Thank you.

- **[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! **24 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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