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RSD Building Bridges: a once weekly digest of news and information for RSD families and friends, about our school and the Deaf community. [Follow this link for a PDF version](#) of this edition of Building Bridges. Find past issues in the [RSD Web site Newsletters Center](#).

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March 2010: The Lunch Menu for March is available [from this Web link](#). The Student Life Activities/Wildcat Zone calendar for March is available [from this Web link](#). There will be no classes for students on Friday March 19, Spring Conference Day.

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First Robotics Regional Competition Update: Wow! What a Wild Weekend! It's hard to believe that 6 weeks of hard work of designing and building a robot has come to an end! To read more about the entire robotics competition experience and to view many photos in three photo galleries, [please visit the RSD Photos & Videos Center](#).

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Please join us tomorrow evening, Thursday March 11 for a PROJECT D.E.A.F. Open House - RSD Physical Education Department and RASA @ RSD welcome one and all to dinner in the LRC starting at 6:00 p.m. At 6:45 p.m. you can tour the Fitness Room and see all of the new gym and PE equipment - even try it out yourself! [Please follow this link to get the event flyer](#) for more information.

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The Patrick A. Graybill Storytelling Festival at RSD is April 1 from Noon to 3 p.m. This year's Festival promises to be a rich learning experience for your child. Students who participate can build language skills and gain self-confidence as they experience the thrill of telling a story to an audience. All elementary students and many of our middle school students will participate. And, we are very fortunate that [Patrick Graybill](#), our Deaf Artist-in-Residence, is working with our students on

their storytelling skills this year. [This important Web link leads to the Festival booklet](#). Please review it with your children. You may contact me, Margaret Jennings, School Librarian, [mjennings@rsdeaf.org](mailto:mjennings@rsdeaf.org), 585-286-2819 VP or voice if you have any questions about the festival.

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RSD Travel Abroad Program: Parents whose students will participate in the Travel Abroad Program have two options to make payments. You may send personal checks or money orders, payable to RSD - Travel Abroad Program, to Shirley Mostyn in the RSD Business Office, Perkins Hall. The other option is to pay securely by credit card online. Online single monthly, total amount or automatically scheduled monthly payments by credit card will include a small transaction fee. The link to follow for online Travel Abroad Program payments is: [www.rsdeaf.org/TravelAbroad](http://www.rsdeaf.org/TravelAbroad). Please note: Payments must be made by the end of every month beginning in this month of March. If you have any questions, please contact Susan C. Searls, Director of Instructional Support/Professional Development at [ssearls@rsdeaf.org](mailto:ssearls@rsdeaf.org) or videophone: 585-286-2807.

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Parent Staff Association: Future PSA meeting dates: April 5 and May 3. RSD PSA is now on Facebook. To join us there [please follow this Web link](#) and click on the Facebook banner at the top of the page.

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What's going on after school at RSD? How about Hip Hop Dance and Martial Arts instruction! Information flyers and parent/guardian permission slips are now available. Please consider either or both of these activities for your child/children. [Follow this Web link](#) for Hip Hop Dance and for Martial Arts [please follow this Web link](#).

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RSD Signs for All: ASL classes for RSD parents and family members offered on Monday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Lyon Hall Conference Room #101. Ms. Terri Mertz is the ASL instructor. [Please follow this Web link to get the registration form](#). Sign up before April 9. Monday classes start April 12 and Thursday classes start April 15. Contact Terri at [TMertz@rsdeaf.org](mailto:TMertz@rsdeaf.org).

Spring SFA session is right around the corner. Spring is a great time to sharpen your ASL skills, so that you and your family can have a fun and enjoyable summertime. For all of the details about SFA Spring 2010 classes, [please follow this link](#).

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Rochester After School Academy at RSD is free and is open to all deaf and hard-of-hearing students living and attending schools in the Rochester and Monroe County area. RASA @ RSD provides high-quality academic, recreational, and social after-school activities. [Please follow this Web link](#) for more information, including contacts, the link to download the RASA@RSD registration form, and a new link to the RASA @ RSD annual calendar.

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Edmund Lyon Memorial Lectureship Series welcomes Brenda Brueggemann, Ph.D. "What Deaf Studies and Disability Studies Do," March 11 at 7:00 p.m. at RIT/NTID/ For details [please follow this Web link](#).

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Community Basketball! RSD and the Rochester School for the Deaf Alumni Association invite one and all to participate in community basketball, Fridays from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Westervelt Hall gym. All are welcome. [Follow this Web link for details](#). RSDAA Community Basketball will not be held on March 19.

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He's hilarious, irreverent, heart-touching and the hearing child of deaf adults. Welcome back to Rochester CODA comedian Alan Abarbanell, Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m. in Hoyt Auditorium at the University of Rochester. [Please follow this Web link to get the event flyer](#). \$7 for non-U of R attendees. Tickets may also be reserved by e-mailing the U of R ASL Club: [aslclub.ur@gmail.com](mailto:aslclub.ur@gmail.com). Reservations will be accepted until March 24. Tickets must be paid for and picked up by 6:40 p.m. on March 25 (the night of the event), after which time they will be sold to other guests.

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The Rochester Broadway Theatre League and the Hearing Loss Association of American Rochester Chapter present open-captioned stage shows at the Auditorium Theatre. Captioned performances include: Grease, Sunday, March 21, 2:00 p.m. and Wicked, Sunday,

April 18, 2:00 p.m. For information about tickets and special seating arrangements please contact Stephen Rapp at 325-7760 x3101 or [srapp@rbtl.org](mailto:srapp@rbtl.org)

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