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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](#).

Happy St. Patrick's Day! May the luck of the Irish shine upon you!

There will be no classes for students on Friday March 19, Spring Conference Day.

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](#).

Come one, come all! RASA @ RSD presents the first-ever SPRING BREAK CAMP! April 19 - 23, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily at the RASA Center on the RSD campus! Many fun and interactive activities await your children! Please RSVP and register on or before April 8. To get the Spring Break Camp [flyer and registration form](#), [follow this Web link](#).

The 2010 Wildcat Yearbook is almost here! RSD families and friends can support the yearbook by making a donation to include an advertisement or personalized message in our yearbook. Now is the time also to pre-order your copies of the yearbook. Send in your order today to reserve your limited edition of the 2010 Wildcat Yearbook! [Please follow this Web link](#) to receive information about yearbook sponsorship opportunities and the yearbook pre-order form. For assistance regarding yearbook sponsorships and pre-ordering [please contact Vicky Gutierrez](#) in the RSD Student Life Office. Thank you.

Week of the Young Child - WOYC - is an annual celebration to honor young children and to thank their families and teachers who make a difference in young children's lives. The theme for WOYC, April 11-17, is: Early Years Are Learning Years. To celebrate WOYC the Early Childhood Center at RSD is hosting a kick-off breakfast for children and their families on Friday, April 9 from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Again this year also the ECC is recruiting family members to come to school during the month of April and share their talents with us. [Please follow this Web link](#) to read more about WOYC at RSD, to get the April 9 breakfast attendance slip and the flyer on leading an activity in the ECC during April.

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. 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 or videophone: 585-286-2807.

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.

RSD Signs for All: 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. Deadline to register is April 9th. For all of the details about SFA Spring 2010 classes, [please follow this link](#).

Free ASL classes for RSD parents and family members are also offered on Mondays from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Thursdays 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.

Congratulations and Good Luck! to RSD Middle School Students Allison Higgins and Madi Smith. Their team science project on "The Effects of Hand Sanitizing Products on Bacteria" was chosen to compete in the [National Science Fair for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students](#), March 26-28, at Rochester Institute of Technology. The science fair is free to attend and open to the public on Saturday March 27 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at RIT. Please be sure to look for Allison and Madi there and show your support for these future scientists!

Community Basketball at RSD is on through June 18! The Rochester School for the Deaf Alumni Association (RSDAA) invites one and all to participate in community basketball, Fridays from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Westervelt Hall gym. [Follow this Web link for details.](#) Please note that RSDAA Community Basketball will not be held on March 19 or April 2 and 23.

Your Wildcat Track and Field Athletic Team is back in action this spring at RSD! Student athletes will start practicing next week and we have a couple of track meets already scheduled. [Go to the Track and Field Team page](#) in the Wildcat Den online.

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. 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.

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@rbttl.org

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