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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](#).

March 2010: The Lunch Menu for March is available [from this Web link](#). Also, there will be no classes for students on Friday March 19, Spring Conference Day.

Congratulations! to the RSD High School students who earned their place on the merit and honor rolls for the second quarter. To see who these hard working students are, [please follow this Web link](#).

Here come the Robots! Please come out to RIT March 5 & 6 to support our all-deaf high school student FIRST Robotics RoBoComm-X Team #3162, sponsored by Bausch & Lomb, CooperVision, Cross Bros. Co., The Z, Rochester Institute of Technology and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. [Please follow this link to get the competition schedule](#). This group of 20 deaf and hard of hearing high school students - with 15 of them from RSD, have been working very hard on their robot since December, with guidance and support from a dedicated group of mentors, community volunteers, and coaches. Please cheer them on to victory March 5 & 6 at RIT!

PROJECT D.E.A.F. Open House - RSD Physical Education Department and RASA @ RSD welcome one and all March 11. Dinner in the LRC starts 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.

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. We invite you and your child to participate in this year's Festival, April 1 in the RSD auditorium. All elementary students and many of the 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, 585-286-2819 VP or voice if you have any questions about the festival.

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.

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](#).

Advocacy for RSD and 4201 Schools - We Still Need Your Help! The Deficit Reduction Plan in New York State will reduce aid to our eleven 4201 Schools totaling \$7.7 million. Now more than ever, we as RSD families, staff, and former students must communicate to our elected representatives our strong opposition to these drastic cuts. [Please follow this Web link](#) for more information on how you can help. Thank you.

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.

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.](#)

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.

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.](#)

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.

There is alot of snow out there to enjoy and the US Deaf Ski & Snowboard Association Winterfest is on for March 5-7 at Gore Mt, near Lake George, NY. [Follow this Web link to get the event flyer.](#)

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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