



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison, American Author

[RSD Building Bridges Newsletter - May 17, 2017](#)

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:

- [May 2017 Lunch Menus](#)
- [RSD Employment Opportunities](#)
- [RSD Parent-Staff Association](#) monthly meeting, Monday, June 5, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Westervelt Hall [Learning Resource Center \(LRC\)](#). The agenda will be announced soon. The meeting will also be live streamed on the RSD PSA Facebook page. [Click here](#) to join the live stream of the meeting. All RSD parents and staff are welcome and

encouraged to join the monthly PSA meetings. Any questions,
email: mikekane83@gmail.com.

- **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!** [9th Annual RSD River Ramble 5K Run/Walk](#), Saturday, June 3rd. Save the date! Gather your team to fund raise for RSD. [Registration is now open](#). Want to volunteer?
Contact: RSD5K@RSDeaf.org

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WHAT'S NEW?

- **NEW!** With the end of the school year fast approaching, you'll want to [click here](#) to get a comprehensive list of dates, time and locations for exams and testing, special events, picnics, awards and moving up ceremonies.

- **NEW! This week's Healthy Nibble: The In's and Out's of [Sibling Relationships](#)**

- **NEW!** RSD Drama Club invites one and all to their Spring Play: "[The Missing Necklace](#)" Directed by Vicki Nordquist on Wednesday, May 24th and Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Westervelt Hall Auditorium. Tickets: \$5 Adults; \$3 Students with ID; Under age 5, free. [Click here](#) for more information.

- **Congratulations!** Students in Visual Art Teacher David Prusinski's classes again shined at the 2nd annual Flour City Blooms 2017 Rain Barrel Art Competition. They earned \$750 and top honors for their artistic efforts. [Click here](#) to see and learn more.

- **Interpreted Tours:** [Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery, 1133 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester](#), are offering ASL-interpreted tours: Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. - June 3rd, July 1st, Aug. 5th, Sept. 30th and Oct. 14. Deaf and hard of hearing tour patrons must call [585-461-3494](tel:585-461-3494) in advance to request an interpreter. [Click here](#) for the full schedule of all Mt.. Hope Cemetery guided tours.

- **NEW!** Partners in Deaf Health and Trillium Health ask "**Do You Have Questions About HIV and HIV Prevention?**" Learn how they are working to end the HIV epidemic, HIV prevention (PrEP and PEP), and how to become your own advocate for better health, Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m., RRCD, [1564 Lyell Avenue, Rochester](#). An ASL interpreter will be available.

- **Congratulations!** Retired RSD teacher Dan Lill, founder and director of [R Community Bikes](#) in Rochester, received two prestigious honors last week. First, Dan and his all-volunteer organization received an [ESL Jefferson Award](#) and then the [2017 Matchstick Prize](#) for exceptional community service. Hands waving high for Dan Lill and R Community Bikes.

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ONGOING

- **[9th Annual RSD River Ramble 5K Run / Walk](#)**, Saturday, June 3rd. Registration is now open. Start planning with your team of runners or walkers. When you step up and make strides for RSD, our students and their families are the true winners. We'll see you on June 3rd. Thanks for your support!

- **Pre-Order your copy (or copies) of the 2017 Wildcat Yearbook.** [Click here](#) to download and print the pre-order form. Also on the form you can donate a yearbook to a specific RSD student(s). Questions: Contact [Chris Bradley](#) in the Student Life Office or VP: 585-286-2804

- **TONIGHT! [RSD Parent-Staff Association \(PSA\) Family Night](#)** with your hometown Rochester Red Wings Baseball Team, Wednesday, May 17th at 7:05 p.m. at Frontier Field.

- **TONIGHT! [MCC ASL Club Chipolte fundraiser](#)**, Wednesday, May 17th between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at [640 Jefferson Road](#). [Bring this flyer](#), show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you are supporting the

MCC ASL Club and Chipolte will donate 50% of your receipt to the club.
Thank you.

- **[TYKEs: Theatre Young Kids Enjoy](#)** at the JCC Hart Theater, [1200 Edgewood Ave, Rochester](#), presents the following **stage shows with ASL interpretation**: "The Great DuBois" - Sunday, June 4 at 4:30 p.m. **[Click here](#)** for show details and secure online ticket sales.

- **[Rochester Deaf Festival](#)** - Saturday, June 17th, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. [Genesee Valley Park](#). Free & open to the public. Exhibits - food vendors - entertainment - children's activities.

- **[RDMC KODA & Deaf Camp 2017](#)**: August 21-25 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Wadhams Lodge in [Powder Mills Park](#). Camp is for ages 5 to 10 Deaf, hard of hearing and KODA children. **[Click here](#)** to get the camp flyer with additional details and deadline.

- **[Gallaudet University Alumni Association \(GUAA\) "Get Together" Event at RSD](#)**, Saturday, May 20th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Forrester Hall Dining Room](#). Calling all Gallaudet alums who are interested in reviving the Greater Rochester GUAA Chapter.

- **[Sprint Accessibility Town Hall Meeting](#)**, Saturday, June 3rd, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. [RIT Inn and Conference Center, 5257 W. Henrietta Rd.](#) Learn about the new Sprint IP Relay and new enhancements for the DeafBlind community. **[Click here](#)** to get the event flyer with more information.

- The **[66th Annual WNY RSD Alumni Rally](#)** is Sunday, October 1, at [Terry Hills Banquet in Batavia, NY](#). **[Click here](#)** for more information. The deadline to participate and pay is September 26th.

- **[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, web site 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.

- **When you #StartWithaSmile**, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Rochester School for the Deaf. Bookmark the link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0761231> and support RSD every time you shop.

- **If you give to 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.

- [Deaf Rochy](#) - Your Link to Events in the Deaf Rochester Community!

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