

Dickinson Digest



What's up at
**Dickinson
High School**
for the week of
March 22, 2010

The Week Ahead:

- March 23 – SLRT Meeting 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- March 23 – PTA Dinner at Friendly's 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- March 24 – Block Scheduling Training #2
- March 24 through 31 – Teacher Satisfaction Survey Window – Look for an e-mail from Gerri Marshall with instructions
- March 25 – Ram Jam – See Ms. Cassidy for more information

Farther Out:

- March 29 – Tom Evans visit – see Murphy e-mail from 3/16 for more information
- March 30 – **Special DCAS Faculty Meeting – Mandatory**
 - The schedule for the DCAS pilot test will be announced and discussed and teachers will have the opportunity to complete the required Test Administrator Certification
 - Instructions for Test Administrator Certification will be sent out in a separate e-mail and teachers should feel free to complete the certification prior to the 3/30 meeting
- April 2 – Spring Break begins
- April 20 – District Music Festival – See Ms. Cassidy for more details
- April 24 – PTA Spring clean up
- April 28 – Lesson Study PD Session (2:45 – 4:15)
- May 5 – Eighth Grade IB Interest Night (7:00 p.m.)

Reminders:

- There has been a change in the PD Schedule for April – Lesson Study has been moved from 4/14 to 4/28 and there will not be a school wide behavior management session in April

News:

- Closed Personal Days are: March 18, 19, 26, 30, 31, April 1 and 12, and May 28
- The Emergency Phone Extension is now active – If you have an emergency in your classroom that requires immediate assistance dial 555. This extension will ring multiple phones and should be used in emergencies only.

Congratulations to Dan and Pam Bartnik on the arrival of their daughter Juliet

Check This Out: The article found at the link below reaffirms both some fundamental truths about the adolescents that we serve and the new direction upon which we have embarked. The first “Quote of the Week” below is taken from the article.

http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2010/03/03/23allen_ep.h29.html

If, for some reason you cannot access the article online, I would be happy to provide a hard copy – Just see Jodi Vahey...

Quotes of the Week: “As psychologists, we understand the temptation to attribute this motivational decline [common in middle and high school students] to innate (and likely immutable) developmental traits of teenagers. But our recent experience evaluating some remarkably promising interventions suggests that the fundamental problem lies elsewhere—in a profound mismatch between teenage biology and school structure. And this problem is far more solvable than we might have imagined.” ~Joseph P. Allen & Claudia W. Allen

“Certain is it that there is no kind of affection so purely angelic as of a father to a daughter. In love to our wives there is desire; to our sons, ambition; but to our daughters there is something which there are no words to express.” ~Joseph Addison
- Welcome Juliet Bartnik

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