



Special Three Week Edition!!!

The Week of March 29:

- March 29 – Tom Evans visit – see Murphy e-mail from 3/16 for more information
- March 29 – Performing Arts Boosters at 7:00 p.m.
- 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 1 – Third Marking Period grade entry lockdown at 4:00 p.m.
- April 2 – Spring Break begins

The Week of April 5:

Happy Spring Break

Happy Masters Week

The Week of April 12 and Beyond:

- April 13 – Faculty Meeting – English Lesson Study presentation plus monthly CHAMPS presentation (remember – no department chairs meeting in April)
- April 20 – District Music Festival – See Ms. Cassidy for more details
- April 24 – PTA Spring clean up
- April 27 – Monthly SLRT Meeting
- 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
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News:

- Closed Personal Days are: March 29, 30, 31, April 1 and 12, 13, 14 and May 28
- **DCAS Teacher Certification** – All staff are required to complete the Test Administrator Certification for DCAS. Please follow the steps below and submit your certificate to Ms. Vahey. You will have the opportunity to complete the certification with support after the 3/30 faculty meeting.

1. Read the DCAS Test Administrator's Users Guide available at <http://de.portal.airast.org>
2. Access the Online TA Certification Course at DDOE Single Sign-On <http://login.doe.k12.de.us/DDOESSO/signonpage.apx>
3. Select DCAS which takes you back to the portal

- 4. Click “School” for user and then “Online TA Certification Course”**
- 5. Print certificate once completed. Keep a copy and submit one to Ms. Vahey**

Thank You to Jim Miro for your excellent work coordinating the DSTP

Thank You to Keri Moore for her consistent hallway presence – especially at the end of the day

Thank You to Jodi Vahey for adding some much needed structure and order to the principal’s office

Thank You to Dr. Daugherty for getting us out there ahead of the curve – see the quote below.

Bravo to Sheila Cassidy for Ram Jam – It was an inspirational night of music. Anyone who doesn’t believe that a comprehensive diverse public high school can work for all kids should see one of Sheila’s shows.

Check This Out: The link below is a commentary written by Senator Ted Kaufman of Delaware (yes the same one who visited Dickinson in February) discussing the importance of STEM education and how it is viewed in the Race To The Top competition.

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2010/01/08/18kaufman.h29.html>

Quote of the Week: “Delaware is committed to implementing rigorous STEM curricula in all of its schools, to helping teachers integrate STEM components across grades and disciplines, and to focusing extra attention to encourage traditionally underrepresented groups and women to pursue degrees in STEM fields. Delaware is pursuing these goals through a collaborative approach, working with the LEAs and the vast network of in-state and out-of-state experts across fields, to bring the best and most innovative STEM materials into classrooms.”

From Delaware’s Race to The Top Application for Initial funding. The entire document can be found at:

<http://governor.delaware.gov/docs/DETTTTNarrativeFinal1001190116.pdf>

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