

Dickinson Digest



What's up at
**Dickinson
High School**
for the week of
September 21, 2009

The Week Ahead:

- 9/21 – Performing Arts Boosters 7:00 p.m.
- 9/22 – School Level Restructuring Team (SLRT) – 3:00 p.m. All are welcome. See the agenda in your e-mail from Ms. Herholdt

Farther Out:

- Back to School Open House is Wednesday October 7 at 6:30 p.m. The agenda for the evening's activities will come out this week
- No School for Teachers and Students on 9/28 (Yom Kippur) – Offices will be open
- 10/5 through 10/7 - First Marking Period Interim Report Entry is open – Lock Down is at 9:00 a.m. on 10/8
- 10/12 – Interim Reports mailed
- 10/9 – State In-Service Day. We are hosting the Ruby Payne “Framework for Understanding Poverty” workshop which will be held in our auditorium, and which will include our colleagues from McKean High School. The workshop is in two parts – a.m. and p.m. The morning is mandatory, the afternoon is optional (you may work in your classroom or attend a different workshop in the afternoon). All CTE teachers are excused to attend their annual luncheon. Please register for session 9126 (morning) and 9127 (afternoon).

Reminders:

- September 30th Count
 - Every English teacher should have received “Instructions for Student Work Sample Collection” as well as class lists for all periods. Please retain collected samples in your files. Remember that signed work samples are most important for students whose attendance is poor.
- DPAS II Goal Setting – You should be receiving a meeting request in the next week or two regarding a goal setting meeting with your supervising administrator. If you are new to DPAS II ask a colleague or an administrator any questions you might have – we are happy to help

News:

- Closed Personal Days – 9/25
- You should be receiving a copy of the form that enables you to express a concern regarding the cleanliness of your teaching space. If there are any problems with the way that your room is maintained, please use this form to let Mr. Thomas know - I meet with him every week.

Thanks to everyone who came out to the organizational meeting of the school climate committee

Thanks to Chris Distefano for helping out in the main office

Check This Out:

- The website for Ruby Payne's organization has a more in-depth description of the “Framework” workshop that we are hosting on 10/9.

http://www.ahaprocess.com/School_Programs/Workshops.html

- For some criticisms of Dr. Payne's work, see the link below. It also includes a brief video of Dr. Payne defending her approach. Dr. Payne will not be the presenter at our workshop.

<http://www.tcrecord.org/Content.asp?ContentId=12322>

Remember: It's About Choices...