

Dickinson Digest



What's up at
**Dickinson
High School**
for the week of
January 12, 2009

The Week Ahead:

- First mentoring meeting on January 12
- First Community Advisory Board meeting is January 14.
- Mid-Term Exams (Half-Day Schedule) January 14, 15, 16 and 20
- Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – No School – January 19
- January Department Chair meeting and full faculty meeting dates have been swapped. Department Chairs met on Tuesday January 6, Full Faculty meeting on January 13. We have a guest at this meeting so please be prompt.
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Farther Out:

- McPrincipal night at Midway Shopping Center McDonald's is January 26 at 4:30
- RCEA liaison meeting is January 22

News:

- **Closed Personal Days are January 16, 20, 28 and February 13, 14, 25 and April 9.**
- Please take a minute to participate in the online survey being conducted by our school board. The survey will provide them valuable information as they undertake the search for a new Superintendent.
You can access the survey at <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228NPTFL8WJ>

TYB:

Thank You to Mr. Cini for organizing Secret Santa last month

Thanks to everyone on staff who stepped up in a dozen different ways during the incident that occurred just before the Christmas break. Once again, it amazes me how this staff is willing to help each other out when needed.

Quote of the Week: "Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man." Benjamin Franklin

Check It Out: The homepage for Dr. Pennebaker at the University of Texas deals with using writing to deal with "chronic difficulties" in life. This may have an application in our English classes...

<http://homepage.psy.utexas.edu/homepage/Faculty/Pennebaker/Home2000/WritingandHealth.html>

Donna Beegle is an author and lecturer whose work deals with generational poverty. This youtube segment is only about ten minutes and is very interesting. You will not be able to view this at work.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNOWB5uP1NA

As we consider ways to deal with achievement issues for ninth grade students... Here's an article on the importance of isolating 9th graders from older students

<http://www.aasa.org/publications/saarticledetail.cfm?ItemNumber=2668>

Remember: It's About Choices...