

Dickinson Digest



What's up at
**Dickinson
High School**
for the week of
November 10, 2008

The Week Ahead: November 10 through November 14

- Choice Open House – Monday 11/10/2008 at 6:30 - We have a great opportunity to let the public see the kind of school we have and the opportunities we offer to students.
- Activity bus begins on 11/10/2008 - every Monday and Thursday at 4:15. Right now this bus makes a city run only. Please let me know if this becomes a major problem.
- Just like last week - Don't forget not to come to work on Tuesday
- Faculty Meeting on Wednesday 11/12 at 2:45 – This meeting will cover critical information and lay out information central to our path forward

Farther Out:

- Don't forget to document 3 hours of parent contact (include some positive ones!) on Monday November 24 and Tuesday November 25 so that you can leave mid-day on Wednesday November 26.
- December 5 is the next In-Service Day. We will be conducting most of the workshops on-site with the exception of the following groups that have district sessions in the afternoon:
 - ELL
 - Health / PE
 - Special Ed. / Inclusion (tentative)
 - Nurses
 - Librarians
 - Social Studies
- All teachers will be asked to take the school climate survey during the week of January 12, 2009. This survey must be completed by January 16, 2009
- Choice Termination – Choice students who don't live up to our standards will be notified by the end of the second marking period that they will be returning to their attendance zone school.

News: Additional Personal Day Closed is November 12.

- No news is good news...

TYB:

Thank You to everyone who agreed to serve on the professional development committee – more information to follow

Thank You to Sheila Cassidy and Susanne Spitsbergen for agreeing to chair the action team on Advisory

Thank You to Ray Wharton for all of the posters he has created for Open House next week

Bravo to Liz Allen and her cast and crew for a great production of "If These Walls could Talk"

Quotes of the Week: "We have an obligation and a responsibility to be investing in our students and our schools. We must make sure that people who have the grades, the desire and the will, but not the money, can still get the best education possible." Barack Obama

Check It Out: <http://www.chadphila.org/> This is the website for the Philadelphia School District's Charter School of Architecture and Design. The school was featured in the book "A Whole New Mind" by Daniel Pink