

Dickinson Digest



What's up at
**Dickinson
High School**
for the week of
December 15, 2008

The Week Ahead:

- Secret Santa begins on Monday
- Department Meetings on Tuesday
- Interim Reports mailed on Tuesday
- December SLRT meeting is Thursday
- Department submissions for winter Newsletter are due on Friday December 19

Farther Out:

- January Department Chair meeting and full faculty meeting dates have been swapped. Department Chairs meet on Tuesday January 6, Full Faculty meeting on January 13
- First Community Advisory Board meeting is January 14
- Mid-Term Exams (Half-Day Schedule) January 14, 15, 16 and 20

News:

- **Closed Personal Days are December 17, 19, 22, 23 and January 5, 20, 28 and February 13, 14, 25.**
- Thanks to everyone who agreed to work with a student in a one-on-one mentoring pilot project. Our first meeting will be January 12. Staff with experience in a similar model (from Stanton MS) have agreed to give us a quick presentation and answer some questions.

TYB: As this will be the last newsletter before the holiday break, I wanted to take this opportunity to say **Thank You** to everyone for making me feel so welcome here and so glad that I was given the opportunity to join this staff. I am regularly amazed at your dedication to the school, to the kids and to your co-workers. I have said it dozens of times – but with this staff, there is no reason we can't achieve great things. A student asked me today, "Are you going to be here next year?" (I get that about once a week). My answer... "Unless they fire me."

A Belated Thank You to Kevin Sorgi for his contribution to Braids & Shades –my apologies for the omission

Bravo to Kerri Moore for her classroom décor. Her displays of the rubrics used to evaluate student writing really caught my attention.

Quotes of the Week: "Neither a lofty degree of intelligence nor imagination nor both together go to the making of genius. Love, love, love, that is the soul of genius."

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Check It Out: The website for HotChalk – McGraw Hill's online professional development series is <http://www.mcgraw-hill-pd-online.com/>. There is a ton of topic specific content here worth taking a look at. Use the username: redclay and password: redclay. I would also recommend the new user tour if this is your first time to HotChalk.

Also take a look at <http://www.thinkfinity.com> to look at integrating internet content into your lessons

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