

Dickinson Digest



What's up at
**Dickinson
High School**
for the week of
February 16, 2009

The Week Ahead:

- February is Black History Month
- **DSTP Testing begins 3 weeks from Wednesday**

Farther Out:

- SLRT Meeting on February 24 – Committee will formally vote on the establishment of a Ninth Grade Transition Academy for the 2009 – 2010 school year and establish as many as 3 Action Teams (see Anne Herholdt for details)
 - *Ninth Grade Academy*
 - *Inclusive Schools*
 - *Scheduling*
- Band Concert is February 26
- Winter Ball will be February 27 – Distribute Those Gold Tickets!
- **Mandatory DSTP Faculty Meeting – Tuesday March 3**
- Spring Clean-up day (sponsored by the Dickinson PTA – formerly the DSA) is scheduled for Saturday March 21 and will focus on the courtyard – We're looking for a way to have this space available to seniors during study halls and/or lunches

Reminders:

- District policy requires all employees to wear ID badges at all time (a recent spot check showed about 60% compliance on this)
- The Red Flag list will (usually) be distributed by Ms. Santa Barbara on a weekly basis. Students on the list are not permitted to have a pass from class for any reason and must be escorted in case of an emergency
- At the Department Chairs meeting it was suggested that you use the photo feature in eSchool when you leave attendance lists for a substitute – a great idea as our students are starting to use these classes as a place to cut class

News:

- **Closed Personal Days are February 20, 24, 25, 27 and April 9 and May 22**
- We have a large roll away dumpster out back for a couple more days – see Mr. Thomas if you have some large items that need disposal
- The process for students who have violated the 25 day attendance policy has been finalized. If students ask you, please have them see an administrator. Details will be sent in a separate e-mail

TYB:

Thanks to Donna Watson for all of her hard work in putting together last week's Healthy Heart activities.

Thanks to Mr. Lee, Mr. Skrovanek, and Ms. Herholdt for agreeing to attend a series of Leadership Institutes being offered by the district

Quote of the Week:

“There are certain books in the world which every searcher for truth must know: the Bible, the *Critique of Pure Reason*, the *Origin of Species*, and Karl Marx's *Capital*.” W.E.B. Du Bois

Remember: It's About Choices...