

MRVED UPDATE



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Reminders

The next webinar will be March 19, 2012 on "Copyright for Educators".

Please Note: The March 19 webinar will be the **LAST** live webinar of the school year. MRVED will keep you updated when a new "On Demand" webinar becomes available in the archives and on the MRVED YouTube Channel.

MRVED Skype/Facetime Directory

Help the MRVED create a directory for Skype/Facetime users. Please fill out [this quick form](#) if you would like to connect with other MRVED teachers. If you would like assistance in getting something set up, contact Brandon.

FACS Meeting Update

The FACS teachers convened at the MRVED for the first time this year after their Fall meeting was cancelled due to illness. Gail Polejewski met with the teachers for an hour in the morning and informed the group on what is new with the Perkins grant and answered questions that the teachers had. Brandon then discussed the MRVED technology goal and how each teacher can do their part into helping push towards that goal. Some technology resources were shared before the group broke for lunch at Pizza Ranch. The afternoon focused on the ELA standards as well as a great time of sharing resources.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

SAVE THE DATES

Minnesota Department of Education and Minnesota ASCD Standards Camp

Minnesota ASCD and the Minnesota Department of Education are teaming up to bring you the first ever Standards Camp. This two-day event will explore the role that Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction play in students meeting standards in science, language arts, reading, mathematics, and STEM. Bring a school-wide team! Be looking for more information to come in the near future.

Dates: August 21, 22

Place: Elk River, MN

2012 Teacher Leader Institute

Leading by Design: An Action Framework for PLCs at Work

By focusing on what students learn rather than what they are taught, schools can redefine their mission and begin the transition to a professional learning community. Cassandra Erkens, noted author and trainer, and Erik Twadell, principal of Adlai Stevenson High School (where PLCs all began), extensively interviewed and observed principals, administrators, and teachers in studying PLCs. At the institute, they will help you learn seven practices that effective PLCs share, along with the techniques that have led them to sustainable success. Be looking for more information to come in the near future.

Dates: October 3, 4, 5

Place: Madden's Resort, Brainerd, MN



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

March 20

Business

March 28

Superintendents' Council

April 11 (combined meeting)

Principals' Council

TAC

April 18

MRVED Board

April 25

Superintendents' Council

APP OF THE WEEK:

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