

MRVED UPDATE



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MELT REMINDERS

The MELT is this coming Monday. The MRVED staff and Yellow Medicine East staff have worked extremely hard to make this day enjoyable for all. You should have received an e-mail on Thursday with some last minute details on the day. Please Note:

- With such an overwhelming response, some sessions will be rather large. Please do not jump sessions as we are already at maximum capacity with some sessions.
- Please enter through the gymnasium doors, Mary will greet you with a smile and registration materials.
- In case of inclement weather, please tune to WCCO or check the MRVED website.

WEBINARS

Brandon had technical difficulties for the webinar on Monday, January 9 on RSS feeds. He experienced "Murphy's Law" to the max on Monday. The webinar has been archived on the MRVED website. Please note that Brandon will be out of the office on January 23, but will archive a webinar on Google Sites by the end of the day January 24.

Upcoming Webinar

February 6 Content Creation Apps (Apps your students can use to create projects.)

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

365Project- If you are looking for a unique way to express yourself through pictures, try 365Project. It is an online community of people that upload a picture every day and some will blog about their picture. It would be a fun way join an online community and stretch your creative imagination. Some people have started a 365Project page as a New Years' resolution. It's not too late to start your own resolution.

Teacher/Principal Evaluation

The Minnesota Department of Education and Education Minnesota have teamed up with the Viva Project to gather input on teacher and principal evaluation. There are two phases to the project. Phase I will be the gathering of ideas and information from educators around the state using an online medium. Phase II will be the actual analyzing of the data and writing of a report. See the Minnesota Department of Education press release for more information.

Also, our region will have a voice on the teacher evaluation committee put together by Commissioner Cassellius. Brenda Vathauer, Montevideo Middle School Principal, was appointed by Commissioner Cassellius to serve on the committee. The committee will be meeting monthly for the next two years, and Brenda will be providing MRVED districts with a write-up each month. Look for it on the MRVED website.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

January 16
MELT Professional Day

January 18
MRVED Board (7:00 p.m.)

January 25
Superintendents' Council

February 2
Science Best Practice

February 7
Phy Ed Best Practice

IPAD APP OF THE WEEK:

eduTecher- eduTecher is an app and a website, so you do not need an iPad to access this awesome resource. The app does make it easier to browse through the site. eduTecher offers links to new and exciting websites to use with your students as well as easy to follow walkthroughs of different web services.