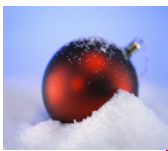


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REMEMBER TO REGISTER FOR THE JANUARY 16, 2012 MELT

[CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to the registration. Once at the registration page, you will also notice a link to the class descriptions which is very helpful in deciding on which session to attend.

REGISTRATION ENDS ON DECEMBER 21, 2011.



WEBINARS

There is one more webinar to be held in 2011. If you have never seen one, give it a try on Monday, December 19. The topic for the day will be: Cool new apps & Games to play over the holidays.

World Language Best Practice Meeting

The World Language teachers gathered at the MRVED on December 8, 2011. The group was energetic and eager to share resources throughout the whole day. The morning was spent discussing how technology has impacted the World Language content area and what technology integration means to them. Pizza Ranch was fabulous and tons of ideas were shared over lunch. The afternoon consisted of resource and idea sharing, and diving into power standards.

Language Arts Best Practice Meeting

The Language Arts best practice teams gathered at MRVED on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. The room was filled with eager teachers willing to grow professionally. Yvonne was back to lead the groups through year one of the curriculum review cycle. The timing was perfect, as English/Language Arts has new standards they will be implementing next school year. Much was accomplished in the morning as teachers found it very helpful to have time to dig into the standards and align curriculum. Pizza Ranch was magnificent and some great stories were shared over a couple hot slices of pepperoni pizza. The afternoon consisted of resource and idea sharing in job alike/grade alike groups. Teachers were sent on their way back home thinking about what technology integration means to them. A great time was had by all!

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

The [Minnesota Department of Education](#) has launched a new website this month. It is a vast improvement from what it was before. You will want to take a moment to look around. There is a new section titled [Just for Parents](#). There is everything from graduation requirements, to scholarships and grants, to gifted and talented resources. If parents have questions, the MDE website could be the place to go now. For teacher licensing information, [CLICK HERE](#). This will be a helpful site to check out when it is time to renew.

Do yourself a favor this holiday season and buy a stylus for your iPad. Here is a [list](#) on Amazon.com. The stylus can be used to write notes, navigate through apps, color, etc... This has been the greatest iPad add-on thus far. Little kids love coloring with the stylus because it seems as if they have a crayon or marker in their hand. Buy one today, you will not be disappointed!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

December 21

Superintendents' Council

January 12, 2012

Principals' Council

January 13

Title III Paras

January 16

THE MELT

January 18

MRVED Board

IPAD APP OF THE WEEK:

Track Santa - Don't forget to track Santa as he makes his way around the world on Christmas Eve. Use the free [NORAD Santa Tracking app](#). You can also follow Santa on the web by clicking [here](#).

**LAST UPDATE
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SEE YOU IN
2012!**