

MRVED UPDATE



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The MRVED staff would like to welcome you to 2012! It is hard to believe, but we are coming up on the school year being half over. It is our hope that each of you continue to grow as educators and 2012 will be your best year yet. Happy New Year from Karen, Mary, and Brandon.

Webinars:

The webinar series will continue:

January 9—The topic will be RSS Feeds.

January 23—Brandon is out of the office, he will archive a Google Sites webinar by Tuesday, January 24.

MELT INFO

The MELT is fast approaching and presenters and organizers are working hard to make the 2012 MELT one of the best ever. Over 350 educators will join together on this day to learn and grow professionally. Registrants will soon be getting an email with information for the day. If you are eating lunch, do not forget to pay your building designee. We look forward to seeing everyone in a little over a week!

Social Studies Standards

Minnesota Social Studies Standards have not been released yet. However, they are in final proofreading and will hopefully be released in less than a month. Kate Stower from the Minnesota Department of Education will be presenting at the MELT and will bring copies of the standards with her for teachers to go through. We will be one of the first groups of teachers to see the standards outside of committees.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

Are you looking at purchasing new curriculum materials? Are you lost where to start? Come to the Best Western Kelly Inn in St. Cloud, Minnesota, on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The biggest names in curriculum will be there.

Cost: Free to Minnesota ASCD Members.

\$5 per person

\$30 per team (Up to 10 people)

[Registration Materials](#)

Evaluating iPad Apps

Have you ever wondered if the app you are going to be using in your classroom is educational? Kathy Schrock, who is a well-known educational technology guru, has developed a rubric to assist you. She has also compiled a marvelous website with an enormous amount of information on anything from iPads to Twitter. [Check out Kathy Schrock's Guide to Everything.](#)

[iPad App Evaluation Rubric](#)



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

January 12
Principals' Council

January 13
Title III Paras

January 16
MELT at Yellow Medicine East

January 18
MRVED Board—7:00 p.m.

January 25
Superintendents' Council

IPAD APP OF THE WEEK:

[Tour Wrist](#) (tour-ist) is a sightseeing app. It allows users to visit places all around the world in a panoramic view. The cool part is that you can move your iPad around and the picture on the screen moves with you. Tour Wrist would be a great attention grabber at the beginning of a lesson to introduce a spot around the globe. It is a must on any Social Studies or World Language iPad!