

# MRVED UPDATE



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## “HOT OFF THE PRESSES”

### MRVED SUMMER 2012 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BROCHURE

The brochure is complete and has something for everyone this summer. There are a few options for viewing the document on our website. Click [HERE](#) to view the brochure and register. Register early to be assured that the class will run as a minimum number of participants are needed to hold some of the classes.

### TAC/PAC Meet

The Teachers' Advisory Council and the Principals' Advisory Council met together at the MRVED on April 11. The agenda was full and the meeting moved swiftly along. Topics included feedback and reflection on the MRVED technology goal set at last years' meeting, MRVED goals and professional development days, NCLB waiver, grading practices, and teacher evaluation. Conversation and discussion was had on all topics. The TAC members will meet again in the fall, with a Principals and Superintendents meeting planned for the summer. A big thank you to all who participated on April 11, and throughout the year. All advisory councils are crucial to the MRVED, and the MRVED is appreciative of all the feedback and ideas provided by our councils.

## TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

### Do You Have a Great Idea?



You could win up to \$65,000 for your great idea if you can win the Minnesota Cup. The [Minnesota Cup](#) is an annual competition that seeks to support and accelerate the development of the best breakthrough ideas from across Minnesota. They are looking for the next great entrepreneurial success story in our state.

This competition is for all entrepreneurs, whether your breakthrough idea is high tech or no tech, whether you are just putting your ideas into a business plan or if you've been out building your venture. The competition is open to ALL and ANY Minnesota residents. All information can be found by going to the [Minnesota Cup homepage](#). Explore the categories and see what past winners have done. Give it a try yourself, or pass the information along to your entrepreneurial students.

### Essay Contest for 3-5 Graders

As [Financial Literacy Month](#) continues, Commissioner Mike Rothman and Minnesota Twins mascot TC the Bear kicked off a statewide financial literacy essay contest on Wednesday, April 4 during a school-wide assembly at Mississippi Creative Arts Magnet Elementary School in Saint Paul. **All Minnesota kids in grades 3-5** are encouraged to participate.

The essay contest, called **Hit a Homerun for Financial Literacy Month**, is sponsored by Governor Mark Dayton, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, and the Minnesota Twins. Kids should submit a 300 word essay in response to this question:

### What three steps can you take this month to make smart decisions with your money?

The winner of the essay contest will:

1. Receive four free tickets to a Minnesota Twins baseball game at Target Field;
2. Get baseball memorabilia signed by Minnesota Twins baseball players; and
3. Be recognized on the big screen during the baseball game.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**April 25**  
Superintendents' Council

**April 27**  
Title III Teachers

**May 23**  
Superintendents' Council

**June 6**  
MRVED Board

**June 12**  
Principals' & Superintendents' Council

## IPAD APP OF THE WEEK:

[ABC Magic 2](#) - If you have a child that is just beginning to read, [ABC Magic 2](#) is the app for you. This app will help your child learn the sounds of the letters of the alphabet, which are necessary for reading. If you have a young one at home, give it a try today!