

MRVED UPDATE



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A Google a Day

If you are looking for a great way to teach internet searching, try [A Google a Day](#). There is a new question daily. Even if you do not use it with your students, try it yourself.

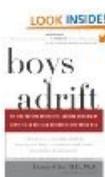
TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

Suggested Reading

[Dr. Leonard Sax](#) has been making the rounds at conferences in the Midwest this past school year, and offers a compelling look at gender differences. He provides practical solutions and strategies for parents and educators. He has three excellent books that would provide for some great summer reading.



Why Gender Matters: psychologist and family physician Dr. Leonard Sax leads parents through the mystifying world of gender differences by explaining the biologically different ways in which children think, feel, and act. He addresses a host of issues, including discipline, learning, risk taking, aggression, sex, and drugs, and shows how boys and girls react in predictable ways to different situations. [Watch an interview with Dr. Sax.](#)



Boys Adrift: Dr. Leonard Sax delves into the scientific literature and draws on more than twenty years of clinical experience to explain why boys and young men are failing in school and disengaged at home. He shows how social, cultural, and biological factors have created an environment that is literally toxic to boys. He also presents practical solutions, sharing strategies which educators have found effective in re-engaging these boys at school, as well as handy tips for parents about everything from homework, to videogames, to medication.



Girls on the Edge: Young women are at risk today. Dr. Leonard Sax shares stories of girls who look confident and strong on the outside but are fragile within. He shows why a growing proportion of teen and tween girls are confused about their sexual identity and obsessed with grades or Facebook. Sax provides parents with tools to help girls become confident women, along with practical tips on helping your daughter choose a sport, nurturing her spirit through female-centered activities, and more.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

April 11
Principals' Council & TAC

April 13
Read Well Literacy Plan
Writing Session

April 18
MRVED Board (7 p.m.)

April 25
Superintendents' Council

April 27
Title III Teachers

IPAD APP OF THE WEEK:

[Traffic Light](#)- The traffic light app is exactly what it says it is. It is a traffic light on your iPad or iPhone. This would be a great way to gauge where students are in their understanding. Green light means keep going, I understand everything, yellow light means to slow down, you're starting to lose me, and red light means stop, I have a question. It's easy and free and something you can implement tomorrow!