

MRVED UPDATE



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Welcome back to a new and exciting school year. We hope your summer was relaxing and rejuvenating. The MRVED staff has been working hard all summer getting ready to serve the needs of our member districts. We look forward to seeing everyone throughout the school year. The MRVED staff wishes you a successful and rewarding school year.

MRVED Changes

Check out the "NEW" MRVED website. The site is designed to be a service for our member districts. Add us to your RSS feeds, favorites, Diigo, bookmarks, or even as your homepage! Information and content is added weekly. There are particular pages on the MRVED site that are protected so only MRVED districts have access to them. ***In order to take full advantage of the website, please go to our website and choose register in the upper right-hand corner. You will not have immediate access to everything, as MRVED staff must first approve you as a user.***

The MRVED is pleased to introduce our new Assistant Director, Brandon Raymo. Brandon is taking over for Yvonne Sorenson who is retiring August 31st. Brandon taught social studies at Yellow Medicine East for four years. He will graduate from Minnesota State University, Mankato with a Master's of Science in Educational Technology in December. Brandon's wife, Katie, is a Head Start teacher in Granite Falls. They have a three-year old daughter, Adelyn. He is eager and willing to assist our member districts.

BEST WISHES TO YVONNE SORENSON ON HER RETIREMENT!

The MRVED would like to thank Yvonne for her years of service. Yvonne has trained, mentored, and encouraged many teachers over the years. Her years of experience, expertise, and knowledge are "priceless" and the MRVED is going to miss her presence. If your schedule permits, we are having a Farewell Open House on Tuesday, August 30 from 2:30—4:30 p.m. in our office. Stop in for cake and coffee and let's give Yvonne a great send off.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

Science and Math Frameworks

SciMathMN and the Minnesota Department of Education have teamed up to create a database of lessons and resources based on Minnesota standards. The Frameworks for the Minnesota Mathematics and Science Standards is a resource made with teachers in mind. The database is easy to search by grade level and standard. Even if you are not a math or science teacher, you have to check this one out!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

September 14, 2011

Principals' Council

September 22, 2011

Teachers' Advisory Council (TAC)

September 23, 2011

Title III Teachers

September 28, 2011

Superintendents' Council

September 29, 2011

Agriculture

September 30, 2011

Music

MRVED TIDBITS

MRVED Technology Webinars

Brandon will be offering technology webinars every other Monday afternoon at 3:10 starting September 12. The webinars will be 30 minutes in length. The webinars are hosted through dyyno.com. If dyyno.com is blocked in your school, ask your tech coordinator to unblock it to access this great opportunity. We will run a trial webinar at 2:45 on September 1. To access the webinar go to mrved.com, Staff Development, Technology Integration, and along the left sidebar click on Webinar Channel. Depending on when you enter the page, the webinar might already be going, if it is not press the play button to start the webinar.