

MRVED UPDATE



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Welcome Back

The MRVED would like to welcome you back to a brand new school year. We hope your summer was relaxing, rejuvenating, and refreshing. We would like to especially welcome any new staff members from our eight school districts. The MRVED offers a wide variety of services for each school district. If you are in need of any professional development, technology assistance, or anything else relating to helping your students achieve, please let us know. It is our hope that each of you have the best school year yet!

MRVED Summer Review

MRVED Summer Professional Development kicked off in June with a great workshop on teaching academic vocabulary and concluded with a half-day session on understanding autism and strategies to use in your classroom from Dr. Fink, and a compelling iPad training from MRVED's very own Karen Jacobson. July was busy with a variety of technology trainings including Flipping the Classroom, Creating Teacher Websites using Google Sites, 50 Sites in 100 Minutes, and Cyberbullying. Overall, the summer sessions were well attended and were outstanding. Don't miss out on what the MRVED will be offering next summer. If you have any suggestions for next year's offerings, please let the MRVED know.

RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

MN ASCD Teacher Leader Institute

Dates: October 3-5
Where: Madden's Resort Brainerd
Leading by Design: An Action Framework for PLC's at Work

By focusing on what students learn rather than what they are taught, schools can redefine their mission and begin the transition to a professional learning community. Cassandra Erkens, noted author and trainer, and Erik Twadell, principal of Adlai Stevenson High School (where PLCs all began), extensively interviewed and observed principals, administrators, and teachers in studying PLCs. At the Institute, they will help you learn seven practices that effective PLCs share, along with the techniques that have led them to sustainable success.

Click [here](#) for more information.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

September 12
MRVED Board (7:00 p.m.)

September 12
Principals' Council

September 21
Title III Teachers

September 25
Teachers' Advisory Council (TAC)

September 26
Superintendents' Council

TECH TIP:

This year, instead of offering just an iPad App of the week, we will be featuring a tech tip of the week. The tech tip can be anything from a website to an iPad app, to a Chrome app, to even Android apps. If you have anything you have found and would like to share in the Tech Tip section, send Brandon an email.

If you missed Brandon's 50 Sites in 100 Minutes session, here is the [LINK](#) to the website with all the things he showed. There are some great new tools as well as a reminder of some good oldies. Glance through it today.