

MRVED UPDATE



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LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR MELT 2013



Date: January 21, 2013
Time: 8:40 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Location: Lac qui Parle Valley High School
The MELT (MRVED Educators Learning Together) will be held on Monday, January 21, 2013 at the Lac qui Parle Valley High School. The day is set up

very similar to last year with 4 different sessions offered throughout the day with a lunch break between session three and four. This year we have over seventy different classes to choose from. Some of the classes are offered more than once to allow for more flexibility in registering. We have a stellar line up of classes and presenters. The brochure explains what each class is about.

Please Note: If you are registering for a networking session, it is expected that you will bring ideas or resources to share pertinent to your topic. You will not be sitting listening to a presenter at a networking session.

[Registration Brochure](#)

[Registration Link](#)

Correction in the brochure: The afternoon session will run from 1:00-2:00 not 1:00-2:30. It is updated in the current brochure, but if you printed one previously, please make note of the change.

Language Arts Best Practice Meeting Update

The MRVED Language Arts teachers met at the MRVED on Tuesday, December 11. The roads were icy after the big snowfall, but attendance was good. The day started discussing questions that make you think. There were some great presentations given by the teachers and awesome discussion throughout the morning. Then the group went into a short discussion on personalized learning and Brandon shared some technology to integrate into the classroom. The back room at Pizza Ranch was buzzing during lunch.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK



The second public draft of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) will be available for feedback beginning the first week in January. Although Minnesota is not scheduled to consider changing science standards until 2018, the NGSS will have an impact on science teaching even sooner. Publishers and other content providers will begin to align their materials to NGSS and professional development will use the vision of NGSS. It is important to provide feedback so the standards and related developments support quality science learning. The draft and the online feedback survey will be posted at the [NGSS website](#). MDE will be providing informational webinars to provide background on the standards, explain the feedback process, and hear feedback.

- January 7, 3:45-4:45 (Introduction)
- January 8, 8:00-9:00 (Introduction)
- January 15, 3:30-4:30 (Brief introduction and feedback discussion)

Register by clicking [HERE](#).



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 9
Principals' Council

January 11
Title III Paras

JANUARY 21
MELT

January 23
Superintendents' Council

January 31
Social Studies

TECH TIPS

If you are looking for a couple of ways to spread Christmas cheer this weekend, try out the [Elf Yourself App from Office Max](#) for Apple devices. You can put up to 5 faces into a cute Christmas dance. It's fun for everyone! Also, if you have young children try the [Portable North Pole website](#). Here you can customize a personal video from Santa. You can place your son or daughter on the naughty or nice list, add what they have been working on this year, include a picture, etc... Your child will love it! There is also a PNP App for a cost.