

MRVED UPDATE



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Grades 3-5 Science e-Curriculum Creators Needed

The MRVED wants you! If you are passionate about elementary science and looking for a great way to impact elementary science classrooms all around the MRVED, you will want to consider applying for this exciting opportunity. The MRVED districts will be collaborating on an effort to create an elementary (grades 3-5) science e-Curriculum. There will be an application process as the MRVED is looking for 3 people per grade level to create the curriculum. You will need to dedicate at least 2 weeks of your time during the summer. Most of the 2 weeks will be accomplished on your own time and you will not be required to meet at the MRVED. However, there will be a couple dates during the summer all team members will be required to come together. The first meeting of the team will take place on March 28 at the MRVED. The expectation will be to have a curriculum created by the beginning of August.

Approximate Time Needed: 2 Weeks
Stipend: \$1250
Number of Teachers: 9 Total (3 per grade level)
Application Deadline: February 12, 2013 at 3:00 P.M.

[Application Link](#)

SOCIAL STUDIES BEST PRACTICE MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL FEBRUARY 7TH.

Do You or Your Students Have the Winter Blues?



As we fight through the coldest weeks of the year, take note of some of the signs of depression and suicide. [Helpguide.org](http://helpguide.org) has an excellent website dedicated to mental and physical health topics. Lots of good information on warning signs, treatment, etc...

[Depression Symptoms & Warning Signs](#)

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK



Video field trips can be a great way to bring some of the best sites in Minnesota and beyond to your classroom. This unique opportunity is cost effective and easy to do. Pete Royer from LCTN showcased the Minnesota Historical Society field trip at the MELT in January. Pete will answer any questions you may have about any of the following video field

trips and assist you in getting hooked up (pete@lctn.k12.mn.us).

- ♦ [Minnesota Historical Society](#) (\$75 per session, buy 2 get the 3rd free)
- ♦ [Minnesota Zoo](#) (\$85 per session)
- ♦ [Minnesota Wolf Center](#) (Free)
- ♦ In the past, Pete has also been able to connect with a Holocaust survivor, and is currently in the works with Lt. Col. Mark Weber who is the author of [Tell My Sons](#).

Check out [this video](#) to see what a video field trip is.

February Technology Calendar

The [February technology calendar](#) has been posted on the MRVED website. The February calendar is dedicated solely to iPad apps. Check it out today!



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 5
Physical Education

February 6
MRVED Board (7 p.m.)

February 7
Social Studies (rescheduled from 1/31)

February 13
Principals' Council

February 20
Superintendents' Council

February 21
Teachers' Advisory Council

TECH TIPS



Shmoop- [Shmoop](#)

is a database of resources, activities, videos, test prep, etc... There are lots of literature guides and ACT, SAT, and AP test prep materials. Shmoop is something that is very hard to put into words.

If you want to find out more, here is a [short video](#) to explain everything, or dive in and take a look today.