

MRVED UPDATE



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Webinars

February 20—"An Introduction to the Math and Science Frameworks Website". Please note this webinar will not be live as it falls on Presidents' Day and some schools are not in session. Brandon will post the webinar on the archive page by the end of the day February 21.

March 5—Resources to Help you Flip the Classroom

WANTED

The MRVED is compiling a list of educators within the MRVED that are willing to use Skype to connect. If you would like to be included on this list, please email Brandon your username, grade level, and subject areas you would like to Skype with. If you are not on Skype, but would like to know more, please contact Brandon.

MRVED has joined Twitter!



MRVED has joined Twitter as a way to provide our districts with more information and resources in a nonintrusive way. If you are not on Twitter yet, sign up and follow the MRVED to see what it's all about. The MRVED username on Twitter is @MNRVED.

Phy Ed Best Practice Meeting

The Physical Education teachers gathered at the MRVED on Tuesday, February 7. It was a very productive day and lots of resources and ideas were shared. The morning focus was curriculum alignment geared towards identifying power standards and academic vocabulary. Many Phy Ed issues were discussed before and during lunch. Pizza Ranch was a great time as usual. The afternoon consisted of a great discussion on how technology has impacted Physical Education, positives and negatives were explored. After the technology discussion, the group split into grade alike/job alike groups and shared resources and ideas.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

The video field trip session at the MELT was a hit and many teachers have requested more information.

What is a video field trip? By the use of videoconferencing we connect your classroom to a content expert, an author, or another classroom. Your class can interact with the people on the other end, asking questions or doing a collaborative project with another school in MN or the US.

You can do your own search on CILC.org. At CILC you can search by grade, or subject in the Content Provider section to find a video field trip. There are also some local providers: the Minnesota Zoo (mnzoo.org), Minnesota Historical Society (mnhs.org), and the International Wolf Center (wolf.org) that all offer excellent video trips (search for videoconferencing on each website). Those sites along with the Cowles Dance Centre and the Hennepin Theatre Trust all have special pricing for MN schools.

Let us know how we can help connect you today! The LCTN can help you find a video field trip to expand your classroom beyond the walls of your building. The LCTN has made a [video](#) showing what a video field trip looks like. Contact Pete Royer, pete@lctn.k12.mn.us.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

February 15

Social Studies

February 29

Superintendents' Council

March 2

Title III Paras

March 6—Cancelled

Agriculture

March 7

Guidance Counselors

March 8

Industrial Technology

IPAD APP OF THE WEEK:

Evernote- If you are looking for a good note-taking application, look no further than [Evernote](#). [Evernote](#) easily and effortlessly syncs between your iPad and your computer. You can take notes on your iPad, and easily access them on your desktop or visa-versa. Install the Evernote app on your iPad and install the [Evernote](#) program on your desktop, create an account, and you are good to go.