

MRVED UPDATE



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Grades 3-5 Science e-Curriculum Applications

Thank you to all who submitted an application to be a part of the grades 3-5 science e-Curriculum writing team. Applications are being reviewed and you will be notified in the coming weeks if you are selected. The first meeting for those selected will be March 28 at the MRVED.

Physical Education Best Practice Meeting

The physical education teachers came to the MRVED on Tuesday, February 5 for their annual best practice meeting. The day started off with a group activity discussing topics relevant to a physical education teacher. The rest of the morning was spent looking at technology integration in the physical education world including a picture scavenger hunt on their phones and ipads. Pizza Ranch was a hit for lunch. In the afternoon the teachers came back and shared ideas and resources and ended the day with looking at the physical education standards and learning about providing effective feedback in a formative assessment model.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

NASA to host Google+ Hangout with Space Station



NASA will host its first Google+ Hangout live with the International Space Station from 11 a.m. to noon EST, Friday, Feb. 22. This event will connect NASA's social media followers with astronauts on the ground and living and working aboard the laboratory orbiting 240 miles above Earth.

Google+ Hangouts allow as many as 10 people to chat face-to-face, while thousands more can tune in to watch the conversation live on Google+ or YouTube. This would be a great opportunity for students to see and hear from real astronauts on the space station. You can find more information by visiting the NASA website or accessing the [news release](#).

Eagle Cam is Back



The [DNR Eagle Cam](#) is back. The eagles on the camera are not the famous Decorah, Iowa eagles from a year ago, but a nest in the metro area. There are currently three eggs in the nest. An interesting tidbit is that eagles normally lay eggs in March, so the DNR is closely monitoring the eggs to see how they incubate in the cold temperatures and extreme weather conditions.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 20
Superintendents' Council

February 21
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February 22
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TECH TIPS

Fit Freeway Lite - [Fit Freeway Lite](#) is an iOS game app that matches exercise with game playing. The app uses the camera on your device to track your movement. You must be moving in order to make your car move down the road. It's a race against the time, so the faster you move, the faster your car moves. Project the image onto a larger screen for lots of fun.