

# MRVED UPDATE



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## Webinars

Brandon's next webinar will be on February 6 at 3:20. The topic will be "Apps to Create With". Brandon will cover apps your students can use to reach the top of [Blooms Revised Taxonomy](#).

February 20 Topic: Math and Science Frameworks Walkthrough

## Science Best Practice Meeting Update

The Science best practice team members convened at the MRVED on Thursday, February 2. The morning was spent working on identifying power standards and aligning curriculum to the most current set of standards. A discussion was also had on Literacy Standards for Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects. The rest of the morning was spent looking at the Math and Science Frameworks and finding practical uses for them in the classroom. Pizza Ranch was a hit as always. The afternoon focused on integration of technology and a sharing of resources. Many ideas and resources were shared throughout the day, and a good time was had by all.

## Spring Conferences

There are many spring conferences coming up hosted by Minnesota Teacher Associations. Many of the conferences have a technology focus, or have some technology breakout sessions. Some of the associations require membership to attend the conferences.

[Minnesota Association of Family and Consumer Science](#) (February 9-10-St. Cloud)

[Minnesota Science Teachers Association](#) (March 1-3-Duluth)

[Minnesota Council for the Social Studies](#) (March 4-5-St. Cloud)

[Minnesota Council of Teachers of English](#) (April 26 & 27- St. Cloud)

[Minnesota School Counselors Association](#) (April 29-May 1-Brainerd)

[Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics](#) (May 4 & 5-Duluth)

## TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

### Google Earth/Maps Quiz



How good is your Geography knowledge? Take this [25 question Google Earth quiz](#) to see. The quiz is awesome, but the concept is even better. If you are studying a certain place on Earth, use [Google Earth](#) or [Google Maps](#) to find interesting pictures of the land. This would be a great way to open a lesson about any location on Earth.

Check out the [Google Earth lesson plans and resources](#) as there are lessons for most content areas using Google Earth features.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**February 7**  
Physical Education

**February 8**  
Principals' Council

**February 9**  
Teachers' Advisory Council

**February 10**  
Title III Teachers

**February 15**  
Social Studies

## IPAD APP/TIP OF THE WEEK:

Apple has recently updated a couple of their native apps. You can now access iTunesU through an [iTunesU app](#) rather than going through the iTunes store. The app makes it easier to browse through the content. Also, [iBooks](#) was recently upgraded to iBooks2 to allow for digital textbooks. Many of the major textbooks companies have signed on with Apple, so look for your series in the iBooks store today. There are currently 9 textbooks available, but the list is expected to grow rapidly in the next few months.