

# 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 at 3:00 P.M.

[Application Link](#)

## Social Studies Best Practice Meeting

The social studies teachers came to the MRVED on Thursday, February 7 for their annual best practice meeting. The day was a little warmer than the planned January 31 date. It turned out to be a great day of learning and sharing resources. The morning was spent discussing and presenting on different topics in education and technology integration. Pizza Ranch was a hit for lunch. In the afternoon the teachers came back and shared ideas and resources and ended the day with aligning their curriculum to the English Language Arts standards.

## TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

### March 1 is Read Across America Day



The National Education Association is building a nation of readers through its signature program, NEA's Read Across America. Now in its 16th year, this year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources. Visit the [NEA website](http://www.nea.org/readacross) today for more details on how to get started and resources to host an event.

### Google Science Fair

The [Google Science Fair](#) was launched on January 30. The Google Science Fair is an online science fair open to anybody ages 13-18 from around the world. Deadline to submit your science project is April 30. If you are already doing a science fair, this is a great way to add another dimension to it. Age categories for prizes are 13-14, 15-16, 17-18. Prizes range from a complete Lego experience to a 10 day trip to the Galapagos Islands. Wouldn't it be great if someone from the MRVED was a finalist or wins a prize. Even if you do not do a science fair, tell your students about the Google Science Fair and give them the opportunity to submit something.



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**February 13**  
Principals' Council

**February 20**  
Superintendents' Council

**February 21**  
Teachers' Advisory Council

**February 22**  
Title III Paras

## TECH TIPS

**Bit Breaker** - Did you love the game of pong growing up? Do you want to add some movement and exercise to your life? Do you have an iPad, iPod, or iPhone? If you answered yes to all three questions, you have to try [Bit Breaker](#). Bit Breaker is an iOS game where your movements control a paddle that bounces a ball back and forth to break bricks. It's a great game for kids and adults alike. Hook it up to a projector for even bigger fun!