

MRVED UPDATE



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Webinars

- January 23 Brandon is out of the office, he will archive a Google Sites webinar by Tuesday, January 24.
- February 6 Content Creation Apps (Apps your students can use to create projects.)

MELT Wrap Up

MRVED would like to send a huge thank you to everyone at Yellow Medicine East for hosting a very successful MELT. Although some of the sessions were jam-packed, some excellent learning and growing took place. Look for MELT 2013 to be similar and even better! Be sure to check out the articles about the MELT from the [West Central Tribune](#) and the [Marshall Independent](#). Comments we have received about the day include:

- Liked the day!
- I thought this year went really well. Probably one of the best.
- MRVED does an exceptional job of offering interesting continuing ed classes.
- The variety of sessions offered was huge and many related to my position. The sessions I attended were excellent. Registration was easy, signs were helpful and staff very friendly. Great Job!!

Learning Forward Annual Spring Forum

Learning Forward Minnesota presents [Unmistakable Impact](#) with Dr. Jim Knight. The Spring Forum will be held on May 3, 2012 at the TIES Building in St. Paul. Principals, teacher leaders, instructional coaches, and district leaders are all encouraged to attend. You can register online at Learning Forward Minnesota. Click [Here](#).

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

Skype in the Classroom

Using Skype in the classroom is a simple way to connect your students with other students around the globe, or down the road. [Skype in the Classroom](#) is a website that connects educators that are willing to Skype with other classrooms over certain topics. A teacher may also use [Skype an Author](#) to connect your classroom with an author from around the globe. It could be a neat way to have students hear about the writing process and visit with an author of a book. Don't forget you can Skype with classrooms from our area as well.

The MRVED is developing a directory for MRVED educators who are willing to Skype with other educators from around the MRVED. You can email [Brandon](#) your name, Skype name, grade level, and topics you would be willing to Skype about. The directory is posted on the MRVED website under Staff Development, Technology Integration, MRVED Skype Wanted. You must sign in to the MRVED site to access the list.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

January 25
Superintendents' Council

February 2
Science Best Practices

February 7
Phy Ed Best Practices

February 8
Principals' Council

February 9
TAC

February 10
Title III Teachers

IPAD APP OF THE WEEK:

[Toontastic](#) & [PuppetPals HD](#) - If you are looking for an interesting project to try with your students, give [Toontastic](#) and [PuppetPals HD](#) a try. Toontastic is a cartoon creation app that brings the student through the story making process. PuppetPals HD allows the students to create "puppet" shows on their iPad. The students move the characters around on the screen, all while they are reading their script or creating their show. Both offer a unique way to incorporate reading and writing into your classroom.