

MRVED UPDATE



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THANK YOU!



MRVED Educators Learning Together

The MELT (MRVED Educators Learning Together) conference was a huge success! Over 425 educators walked through the hallways of Lac qui Parle Valley High School and participated in over 70 sessions. The day could not have been successful without the willingness of those that presented and facilitated sessions. Thank you to all the presenters for taking the time to share your expertise with the rest of the MRVED educators and the facilitators for guiding great networking sessions.

Thank you to Lac qui Parle Valley High School for being a gracious host. The janitorial and cooking staff, administration, technology staff, teachers, and secretarial staff worked extremely hard to prepare the building and get ready to put on a top notch conference.

Thank you to the MRVED staff for all the time and effort you have put in behind the scenes to organize such a great event. See you in 2014!

MELT Evaluation

For those that attended the MELT, please take five minutes to let us know what you thought of the day. [MELT Evaluation Link](#). All feedback is anonymous and taken into consideration when planning events through the MRVED. The evaluation will close at 3:00 P.M, January 29. If you have any questions or cannot access the evaluation, please contact the MRVED.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

Connecting Formative Assessment Research to Practice

If you are looking for a good resource discussing what formative assessment is, research to support its use, and how to use it in the classroom, check out Learning Point Associates guide to [Connecting Formative Assessment Research to Practice](#). Spend some time on the Learning Point Associates website under the [resources and publication tab](#). There are lots of great free publications from a reputable group. If you are looking for more ways to incorporate formative assessment into your classroom take a minute and browse through the [West Virginia Department of Education](#) list of formative assessments. Also, if you are looking for more, contact the MRVED and we can send a list your way.

Five Essential Google Drive Skills For Teachers

If you are using Google Drive (Docs), you need to check out these [5 essential tips for Google Drive](#) from Richard Byrne from Free Technology for Teachers. He offers easy step by step instructions on how to do each of the tips. If you are not a follower of the [Free Technology for Teachers blog](#), make it a part of your daily routine today. There are tons of great information, tips, and resources from this blog.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 31
Social Studies

February 1
Title III Teachers

February 5
Physical Education

February 6
MRVED Board (7 p.m.)

February 13
Principals' Council

TECH TIPS

Infotopia- [Infotopia](#) is an academic search engine accessing only trusted websites previously selected by librarians, teachers, and library education consortia. Infotopia is recommended for anyone in education. It is a search engine that weeds out sources that have not been selected as credible. This is great for students, but should be used with caution. Students still need to be able to weed through sources that are not credible and need practice distinguishing between a good source and a bad source.