

MRVED UPDATE



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REMINDERS:

Brandon has placed a Google Sites webinar on the archived webinar page.

The next webinar will be:

February 6 at 3:20, and the topic will be iPad apps your students can create with.

Brenda Vathauer (Montevideo Middle School Principal) has written an update on the progress of the Teacher Evaluation Working Group. The article can be found on the [MRVED homepage](#). Look for monthly updates from Brenda.

South Dakota TIE Conference

If you missed the TIES conference in Minneapolis, check out the [South Dakota TIE Conference](#). The conference this year is being held at the Sioux Falls Convention Center, April 15-17. The featured speakers this year are Will Richardson and Rob Mancabelli. Richardson and Mancabelli have coauthored a book entitled [Personal Learning Networks: Using the Power of Connections to Transform Education](#), which is an empowering book that guides the most basic user through establishing your own personal learning network. Both men are fantastic speakers that leave you motivated and energized. Don't forget there are breakout sessions available throughout the days as well. Registration opens February 1. [TIE of South Dakota](#) is very similar to [TIES of Minnesota](#).

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

Top 100 Sites of 2011

Tech and Learning magazine has come out with the [Top 100 Sites of 2011](#) in education. The list includes everything from [Google+](#) to [Paper Rater](#). There is a theme running throughout the list; Creation and Collaboration. Idea: Go through the list and highlight the sites you would like to investigate further. Post the list by your computer, and explore one site a week for the rest of the school year. Bookmark this list and share it with your colleagues.

Amazing

[Thomas Suarez](#) is a 12 year old app developer. Check out his [TED Talk](#) and be inspired, it is worth the four minutes. How many of these kids do you have in your classroom? How can we encourage their curiosity and creativity?

If you are still looking for inspiration after hearing Thomas Suarez's story, check out the [Steve Job's Stanford commencement speech](#) from TED as well. With almost 6 million views, it has inspired many!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

February 2
Science

February 7
Physical Education

February 8
Principals' Council

February 9
Teachers' Advisory Council

February 10
Title III Teachers

February 15
Social Studies

IPAD TIP OF THE WEEK:

When navigating Safari on your iPad, you can add bookmarks of websites to your home screen for ease of access. See the image below of where to access this tool. This would be helpful if you have a classroom website, or websites that you use on a regular basis. By adding a bookmark on your home screen, a little icon will be added to your home screen and your website is one click away.

