

MRVED UPDATE



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TAC Meeting

The Teachers Advisory Council met at the MRVED on February 21. Much of the morning was spent dissecting MELT evaluations and providing feedback on what went well and what did not go so well this year. Some great suggestions were given by the group. After the group was done looking through MELT information, the focus turned to what is the difference between professional work and professional development. The activity was eye-opening for most. Trish catered lunch and good conversation was had over a great meal. The afternoon consisted of providing feedback on a number of MRVED business items. Overall, it was a great meeting of the TAC and the next meeting is scheduled for April 11 with the Principals.

March Technology Calendar

The March Technology Calendar has been posted on the MRVED website and can be found [here](#). The March calendar looks a little different than the past calendars. Each day is a "national or international" day of something. Brandon tried to match teacher resources with each day. There were a couple days that stumped him, so he put in a couple fun links. Enjoy!



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 5

Ag & Ind Tech tour K & M
Manufacturing, Renville

March 7

Ind Tech mtg moved to March
5. See above.

March 12

FACS

March 13

Guidance Counselors

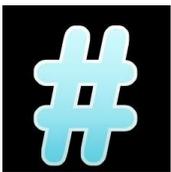
TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

Grammy's Music Educator Award



At the Grammy Awards in early February, it was announced that there would be a Grammy award for music educators. We have many hard working and effective music educators in the MRVED. Wouldn't it be great to have a MRVED educator earn this great honor. Nominate your colleagues today by going to the [Grammy Music Educator Award website](#).

Hashtags for Education



If you are confused by the title, join Twitter and see what a hashtag is and what it can do for your professional learning. If you don't want to join Twitter, or are a new Tweeter, check out this [quick blog post](#) by Steven Anderson that outlines what a hashtag is and why it is important to use in your Tweets. If you are ready to take a dive into the hashtag world, here is a [comprehensive list for hashtags in education](#). Find a couple and follow for a couple of days to see if it would be something that might benefit you.

TECH TIPS

PowerPoint Games - Are you looking for a fun way to review material. Look no further. Using PowerPoint games such as Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader, Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, etc... can be a fun and interactive way for kids to review material. Check out this great list of [PowerPoint games](#) and modify one to fit your needs. Save it to your computer and play it year after year.