

MRVED UPDATE



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WEBINARS

The webinar from March 5 on "Resources to Flip the Classroom" is archived on the MRVED site as well as on the MRVED YouTube Channel.

The next webinar will be March 19, 2012 on "Copyright for Educators".

Please Note: The March 19 webinar will be the LAST live webinar of the school year. MRVED will keep you updated when a new "On Demand" webinar becomes available in the archives and on the MRVED YouTube Channel.

MRVED Skype/Facetime Directory

Help the MRVED create a directory for Skype/Facetime users. Please fill out [this quick form](#) if you would like to connect with other MRVED teachers. If you would like assistance in getting something set up, contact Brandon.

Industrial Technology Meeting Update

The Industrial Technology teachers met at the MRVED on March 8, 2012. Gail Polejewski was with the group in the morning to talk about the Perkins grant and to answer questions. The group then discussed creating a database for safety curriculum. The group then broke for lunch at Pizza Ranch and discussed what was going on in their classrooms and plans for the summer. After returning from lunch, the group looked over the English Language Arts Literacy standards and aligned them to their curriculum. The rest of the afternoon was spent networking and sharing ideas.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

The "NEW" iPad - With much hype and anticipation, Apple unveiled the next generation of the iPad called..."The New iPad", really! The New iPad features a retina display screen, which is said to be amazing, as well faster, has a better camera, and supports 4G LTE. So what does all this mean for education?

- ◆ The New iPad has become a multimedia machine capable of creating projects that are easy, yet professional looking.
- ◆ The new iPad Wi-Fi models will sell for \$499 for a 16GB, \$599 for a 32GB, and \$699 for a 64GB.
- ◆ The Wi-Fi +4G models will be a little more expensive.
- ◆ Battery life and size are the same as the iPad2, but will weigh as much as the 1st generation iPad.
- ◆ It also means the price of the iPad2 is now \$100 less. \$399 for a 16GB iPad2 makes the device that much more affordable for schools.

Recommendation: If you are planning on using the iPad for personal internet browsing, the iPad2 should suffice. Most casual users can get by with the 16GB model. Buying an iPad2 with 3G capabilities is also suggested as it adds another dimension to what you can do with the device. However, the basic 3G data plan costs approximately \$20/month.

If you are looking for the latest and greatest, and plan to use the device for multimedia purposes, the new iPad is the way to go. It has also been suggested that the 16GB might not be enough space for all the multimedia that will be saved on the device, so moving up to the 32GB or 64GB is advisable. Again, getting the model with 4G capabilities would be wise if you are willing to pay a little more and have a monthly fee.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

March 13
FACS

March 14
Social Workers

March 20
Business

March 28
Superintendents' Council

April 11
Principals' Council/TAC

April 18
MRVED Board

IPAD APP OF THE WEEK:

[Google+](#), [Skype](#), or [FaceTime](#): If you are looking for a way to video chat on your iDevice, there are a couple good options for you. [FaceTime](#) is an Apple only video chatting app. You may only video chat with other Apple users, it is not compatible with a PC or Android device. [FaceTime](#) can only be used over Wi-Fi. [Skype](#) is a universal app that works on all devices no matter the brand. The video tends to be a little more pixelated and choppy, but the universal piece makes it more attractive. [Google+](#) is gaining in popularity in the social networking world, and the app allows for users to start a "Hangout" and video chat. Up to 10 people can video chat at once, but the more people that join the chat, the more choppy the video becomes. All are free, but require accounts.