

MRVED UPDATE



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****MELT Networking Sessions****

The MRVED is currently looking for facilitators of networking groups for the MELT. The **ONLY** networking sessions that will be held during the day will be the sessions with facilitators. If you feel strongly about being able to network with your peers, step-up and become a facilitator. Click [HERE](#) to sign up as a facilitator.

As of today, **the following networking sessions** have someone to lead them.
3rd Grade, iPads in Elementary Reading, FACS, Business, Phy. Ed/Health/DAPE, HS/JH Science, Industrial Tech, HS/JH Language Arts, World Languages, Reading Strategies, iPads in HS/JH Language Arts.

Deadline is November 21.

Math Best Practice Meeting Update

The math teachers gathered at the MRVED on Friday, October 26 for their annual best practice meeting. The morning was spent with an activity centered around differentiation, acceleration, and accommodations and modifications. After the activity, a discussion about personalized learning was had. After a fabulous dinner at Pizza Ranch, the group networked and shared ideas and resources. Overall it was a great day, and a great way to end the week.

FACS Best Practice Meeting Update

The Family and Consumer Science teachers met at the MRVED on election day, Tuesday November 6. Gail Polejewski met with the group for an hour in the morning talking about Perkins and anything pertaining to Career and Technical Education. After Gail left, the group discussed personalized learning and technology. Lunch was great as usual. In the afternoon, the FACS teachers networked and aligned curriculum to the English Language Arts standards.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

iPad Accessibility Features



Did you know the iPad has accessibility features to meet the needs of those who have problems with vision, hearing, and touch? If you are fully updated to iOS 6, check out page 96 of [Apple's iPad User Guide](#). If you are not fully updated, find the user guide for your iOS version and look for accessibility.

Brandon has also created a video on what each of these features does.
iPad Accessibility [Part One](#), [Part Two](#)



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 27
Training for online teachers

November 28
Superintendents' Council

November 29
Industrial Technology
Guidance Counselors

November 30
Technology—**POSTPONED**
Has not yet been rescheduled

TECH TIPS

Power Searching with Google

Using a search engine effectively is something many people struggle with. Even if you think you are a good searcher, check out [Google's Power Searching Course](#). This is a 6-part class that walks you through the basics to advanced search features. If you don't have time for the 6-part course, you can view the [quick reference guide](#). Spend 5 minutes brushing up on your search skills, it will be well worth your time!