

MRVED UPDATE



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Reminders

There is no webinar on Monday, November 21. Brandon will offer a makeup webinar on November 28 on Personal Learning Networks. How to join Diigo and Twitter will be discussed as well as how these tools can benefit your classroom.

Health Best Practice Meeting Summary

The Health teachers met on November 15, 2011. The morning was spent on discussing what technology integration means for a Health instructor as well as looking at possible Project Based Learning opportunities for their classrooms. Teachers also explored the Math and Science Frameworks to explore where they could double-dip their curriculum. The afternoon was spent on identifying power standards and aligning their curriculum K-12. As always great ideas were shared throughout the day and the meal at Pizza Ranch was fantastic!

THERE WILL NOT BE AN UPDATE NEXT WEEK.



TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

Are you looking for a way to fund a class project, but don't know where to go? Try one of the two websites listed below. Many of the projects listed have some form of multimedia to promote their project. Gather a handful of students to help create a video, it could be a great way to promote project based learning. If you need help promoting or creating your project, let Brandon know, he is willing to assist in getting your project going.

KICKSTARTER

KickStarter: Kickstarter is a website that will host your project and people can pledge money towards it. The timeframe for hosting your project is 60 days, so word needs to get out quickly. The process looks fairly simple to get going. Give it a try today, what do you have to lose?



DonorsChoose: DonorsChoose is specifically for education. The premise is the same as KickStarter. Post your project, promote your project, and get funded. There are a couple teachers in the MRVED that have successfully funded projects through DonorsChoose. With Twitter and Facebook, you can spread the word about your project very easily.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

November 29
Industrial Technology

December 1
Technology

December 2
Title III Teachers

December 7
MRVED Board (7:00 p.m.)

December 8
World Languages

IPAD APP OF THE WEEK:

If you are doing a unit on weather and The Weather Channel app update has turned you off, try Intellicast HD. This is a great app for checking the weather or for any weather enthusiast.

Another app that is worth taking a look at is the 7 Billion app from National Geographic. This would be a great app for any social studies classroom discussing population and the effects of overpopulation. There are many awesome pictures as well as informative graphs to learn from. Take a look today!