

# MRVED UPDATE



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Before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5, be sure and turn your clocks back one hour.



## Reminders

Don't forget to fill out the MELT, January 16 survey by 3:00 p.m. on November 11. Even if you are not willing to present or facilitate a user group, your opinion is still valued. The link to the survey can be found [HERE](#) or it is also on our home page [www.mrved.com](http://www.mrved.com).

Speaking of the MELT (MRVED Educators Learning Together), Yellow Medicine East has been chosen as the host site this year based on their willingness and capacity to host. The focus of the MELT this year will be on technology.

## Business Best Practice Summary

The Business teachers met at MRVED on October 25, 2011. Gail Polejewski from the Southwest Service Coop met with the team to discuss and answer questions about the Perkins grant. Technology was once again the focus of the morning as Brandon shared the "new" MRVED website and everything it has to offer. A lengthy discussion over the Flipped Classroom was had and Brandon shared a few simple strategies to incorporate some of the theory into the classroom. Pizza Ranch was delicious and an afternoon of sharing of ideas and looking at curriculum flew by. The Business teachers will meet again in the Spring with a date TBD.

## Social Studies Standards Delay

The release of the new Social Studies Standards has once again been delayed. The standards were set to be released in late Spring. With the State shutdown over the summer, the standard review committee has been set way back. The Minnesota Department of Education has said to expect another 2-3 weeks before seeing the final product. MRVED will offer a roll out session on January 16 at the MELT.

## TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

For PLC's or school districts currently looking at grading practices, ASCD's Educational Leadership just came out with a [great article](#) on starting the grading conversation. Grading practices can be an emotional topic for many. Even if your school has not started the conversation yet, read one of the books recommended, it will challenge your own grading practices. If interested see books by [Douglas Reeves](#), [Ken O' Connor](#), [Robert Marzano](#), or [Thomas Guskey](#).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**November 8**  
Family & Consumer Science

**November 9**  
Principals' Council

**November 15**  
Health

**November 16**  
Superintendents' Council

## IPAD APP OF THE WEEK:

[DocScanHD](#): This app requires the iPad2 as it uses the camera feature. Use this app to turn your iPad into a scanner. Snap a picture of your paper, drag the crop marks to select the data, and then save it. Good way to save a document so that you can e-mail it or refer to it later (i.e. a receipt from a conference).