

MRVED UPDATE



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Music Best Practice Meeting Update

The Music teachers attended their best practice meeting on Friday, September 28. The morning was spent discussing personalized learning and what that means for a music teacher. The teachers made some great presentations; we even had the opportunity to see a group create their own rap! After their great performance the group discussed personalized learning and shared a variety of technology resources. After a filling lunch, the group broke into job-alike groups and shared resources and talked about the great things happening in their classrooms. The day ended with district teams getting together and aligning standards K-12. Another successful day with a great bunch of teachers.

Reading Specialist Coming

Reminder, TODAY is your last day to register for the October 17 workshop. Information can be found here. [Register](#)

Google Docs Webinar

Brandon has completed the Google Docs webinar. The webinar is divided into two parts. The first part discusses what Google Docs is and the activity list. The second part discusses how to create documents and sharing with Google Docs.

[Part One](#)

[Part Two](#)

[Google Presentations and Forms](#) (From last year)



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 17
MRVED Prof Dev Day (LQPV)

October 23
Business

October 25
Superintendents' Council

October 26
Math

November 6
Family & Consumer Science (FACS)

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

Tips to Teaching About the Presidential Election



Common Sense Media has put together an educational guide to teaching kids about the election. It really does a nice job of teaching kids to be critical consumers of information. The guide has something for all ages. [Guide for teaching about the election.](#)

If you are not familiar with [Common Sense Media](#), take time to explore their website. They have fabulous resources for teaching kids digital citizenship and netiquette (how to act on the internet). Be sure to check out the "Reviews & Advice" section for reviews on movies, video games, books, apps, websites, and television shows. It's a must-see for any teacher or parent.

Google Search Education



With more and more of the world's content online, it is critical that students understand how to effectively use web search to find quality sources appropriate to their task. Google has created a series of lessons to help you guide your students to use search meaningfully in their schoolwork and beyond. Check out [Google Search Education](#) page for readymade lessons you can use in your classroom.

TECH TIPS

As the election nears and you are looking for a way to have students become more informed about who they would vote for, or if you are undecided yourself, check out [isidewith.com](#). The website will go through a series of questions over a variety of topics, you choose your answer and the website tells you who you side with on which issues. It's a great way to show students how different issues can sway voters one way or the other.