

MRVED UPDATE



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Science Best Practice Meeting Update

The Science teachers gathered at the MRVED on Thursday, October 4 for their best practice meeting. Personalized learning was the focus of the morning as well as some great conversations about education. The RCW teachers shared the e-book process with the group. We filled up the back room and our stomachs at Pizza Ranch! The afternoon was filled with networking and a session on academic vocabulary. Another successful best practice meeting!

Reading Specialist Workshop Update

Kari Ross and Eileen Nelson presented two sessions on English Language Arts at LQPV on Wednesday, October 17. The first session concentrated on bridging the gap between PreK & K-3 language arts. The second session was about weaving the ELA standards throughout different content areas. Both ladies provided great insight and a variety of resources and strategies. If you would like any of the handouts from the day, please contact Brandon.

MELT Call for Presentations

The MRVED is seeking presenters for the annual MELT conference in January. If you are interested, or know of someone that would be interested, please fill out the [Call for Presentations Survey](#). There will be a small stipend for those who present. Filling out the survey does not commit you to presenting.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

November MRVED Technology Calendar

The November MRVED Technology Calendar is now posted on the MRVED website. Click [HERE](#) to access the calendar.

Minnetonka Fall Institute

When: Monday, November 5 (8:30-3:30)

Where: Minnetonka High School

Click [HERE](#) for information.

Professional Learning Communities: Going from Knowing to Doing

More is known than ever before about how to significantly improve student learning. The issue facing educational leaders (including teacher leaders) is not so much one of **knowing**, but rather one of **doing**. These sessions will provide research-based, practical, real-school practices and products for closing the **knowing-doing gap**, and transforming districts, schools, teams, and classrooms into high-performing professional learning communities.

The benefits of the seminar include:

- Explains the real work that districts must do to ensure that every school implements PLC practices
- Explores how to build excitement and commitment to the PLC mission
- Shows how to build shared knowledge of PLC practices with school board members, principals, teams, individual teachers, and the broader community
- Provides strategies for district leaders to support and monitor the critical work of principals in creating collaborative teams
- Offers strategies and tools for principals to support and monitor the critical work of teacher teams focused on learning
- Suggests strategies and tools to help teacher teams focus their collaborative work on student learning



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 6

Family and Consumer Science

November 14

Principals' Council

November 15

Counselors

November 16

Social Workers

November 28

Superintendents' Council

TECH TIPS

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