

MRVED UPDATE



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Ag Best Practice Meeting Update

The Ag teachers assembled at the MRVED on September 27 for the first best practice meeting of the year. The Ag teachers never have a shortage of things to talk about and this meeting was a testament to that. The morning was spent with Gail Polejewski visiting about Perkins money and the different opportunities the Perkins consortium has for Ag teachers and students. The rest of the morning contained information on technology resources for the classroom. Pizza Ranch was great and the Ag teachers continued their great conversations over some pizza and chicken. The afternoon was full of idea sharing and aligning curriculum to the English Language Arts standards. Overall a great day for everyone!

State Reading Specialist Coming

Don't forget to register for the workshop at LQPV. Kari Ross and Eileen Nelson will be coming to LQPV on October 17 to present on two different topics. The first session is geared towards preK-3 teachers in connecting the Indicators of Progress to the State ELA standards. This is part of the Read Well by 3rd Grade state initiative that was started last year. The second session is geared towards 4-12 teachers on Pinpointing Priorities for Successfully Implementing the 2010 ELA Standards.

[Registration Link](#) (Registration Closes October 12)

PreK-3 Session Information

In this session, you will explore the alignment between the Early Childhood Indicators of Progress and the K-12 Academic Standards for English Language Arts and discuss the importance of early educators and elementary teachers working together to ensure that all students can read well by third grade.

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

4-12 Session Information

Educators working with students in Grades 4-12 are invited to learn more about the big ideas of the ELA standards and how to use current best practice to support student achievement. In order for our learners to be ready for the demands of college and the workplace, reading and writing needs to be ramped up across the school day. This session will identify key ideas for learning and give examples of how educators can engage students in meaningful learning experiences aligned to the ELA standards.

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

Vocabulary: Five Common Misconceptions

ASCD's Educational Leadership magazine published a great article on [five common misconceptions](#) to teaching vocabulary in your classroom. Even if you have a strategy that works, give this short article a read. The article offers some great advice and serves as a reminder for teaching vocabulary.

Education Minnesota Professional Conference

With the EM break fast approaching, don't forget to check out the [great offerings at the conference](#) this year. There are some impressive keynote presenters at the conference this year. [Diane Ravitch](#) is the headliner with [Kevin Kumashiro and Will Richardson](#) headlining the other days.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 9
Title I Teachers

October 10
Principals' Council

October 10
MRVED Board (7 p.m.)

October 11
Art

October 12
Title III Paras

TECH TIPS

Teachers Pay Teachers- Sounds intriguing, doesn't it! [TeachersPayTeachers](#) is an online marketplace where teachers buy and sell original downloadable educational materials, hard goods and used educational resources. There are also many free lessons and printables within the website as well. If you have great lessons or different activities that you have created, put them on Teachers Pay Teachers, and make some extra cash for your extra work.