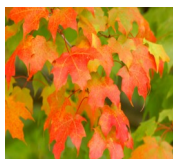


MRVED UPDATE



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2012-2013 MRVED Webinar Series

A reminder that the first webinar has been posted. The topic is Google Chrome and Chromebooks.
[View the Video](#) [View the Presentation](#)

The next webinar topic will be using Google Docs in the Classroom. Look for the webinar to be posted in the next week or two. **Don't forget to sign up to receive an email reminder when a new webinar is posted.** [Sign up HERE.](#)

MRVED Social Networks

The MRVED is part of the following social networks. Join or follow to keep updated on the latest from the MRVED.

Twitter - [@MNRVED](#), [@braymo22](#), [@KAKjacobson](#)

YouTube - [MNRVED](#)

Diigo - [MRVED Group](#)

Skype Directory

Would you like to connect with another classroom in the MRVED? If you would and have Skype or FaceTime capabilities, please fill out [this form](#). A list of MRVED educators is being compiled so connections can be made much easier. If you would like to see the list, please visit the MRVED site under Staff Development and Technology Integration. You must be signed in to the MRVED site in order to see the list.

Tips for Connecting Families and Community

Research shows that students whose families are involved in school activities tend to do better in school. Learning Forward has developed a tool to help evaluate programs in your district that promote family and community involvement. The evaluation is a great way to see if you are missing some pieces to making this connection. View the article and tool [HERE](#).

If you are looking for ways to get parents involved. Here is a [list](#) for all ages from Oprah.

Tips for Connecting Families and Community Using Technology

- Create a classroom website.
- Start a Facebook page.
- Use Twitter to send reminders and updates.
- Create a public Google Document for parents to use as a way to comment and connect.
- Create a classroom blog or have your students blog with parents commenting.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

ASCD Webinar on Teacher Evaluation

ASCD is offering a free webinar on Tuesday, September 25 at 2:00 p.m. on the topic of "The Teacher Evaluation Conundrum: Value Added or De-valued Teaching?" Heidi Hayes Jacobs will be the presenter for the hour-long webinar. In this interactive session, Hayes Jacobs will raise concerns about the narrow focus of specific isolated tests in providing useful feedback for teachers and administrators. She will explore alternative models to contemporary teacher and school wide accountability approaches that align with 21st century learning. Please join her for a lively session on this critical issue for our profession. You can register by clicking [HERE](#).

ASCD webinar archives can be found [HERE](#).



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 25

Teachers' Advisory Council

September 26

Superintendents' Council

September 27

Agriculture

September 28

Music

October 4

Science

TECH TIPS

Free Printable Flashcard Maker

If you are looking for an easy way to make flashcards, look no further! [Try the Free Printable Flashcard Maker.](#)

The best part to this flashcard maker, is that you can turn your answers or questions into QR codes. If your students have access to a Smartphone, tablet, or computer, they can use the QR codes as an interactive way to study. If you need more information on QR codes, check out [this video](#).