

MRVED UPDATE



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Frameworks for Mathematics and Science Standards, plus MCA and ELA/Literacy Standards Workshop will be held at the MRVED on October 11, 2011. Go to www.mrved.com for the details under Latest News. Click [here](#) to register. This is a great opportunity for MRVED teachers to connect with MDE staff.

New Social Studies Standards:

The Minnesota Department of Education has come out with an overview of the new Social Studies standards that must be implemented for the 2013-2014 school year. If you are a teacher of social studies or an administrator, please familiarize yourself with the documents. The standards are set to be released in October. Kate Stower from The Center for Social Studies Education will be out to MRVED on November 4, 2011 to present the new standards and address any questions you may have. All teachers of social studies are urged to attend. [2011 Revision of the Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards in Social Studies](#)

The Flipped Classroom

To get an understanding of what a “flipped classroom” would look like, look at this [infographic](#). The concept of the flipped classroom is simple. The teacher no longer stands in front of the room lecturing. The lecture part is done by the teacher recording short 5-7 minute videos, placing them online for students to access on their own time. The class time is then used to facilitate learning with activities to engage in learning. Granted, this concept might not work in every content area, but it does open the possibilities of integrating technology into the classroom. The benefit is two-fold. First, students can access your information at anytime on your website. Second, students are always actively involved in their learning. Here is an [article on the flipped classroom](#). If this is something you would like to try for a unit or chapter, please let Brandon know and he can assist you in the process.

Upcoming Webinar: Monday, September 26, 2011 @ 3:20 p.m.—Must Have iPad Apps
See the list of [Must Have Apps](#) before watching the webinar.

Do not forget to stop in the chatroom at some point when watching the webinar to let us know who you are.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

- ◆ **Tips for New Teachers:** This article provides some great information not just for new teachers, but all teachers. There is a theme of creating a Personal Learning Network throughout the article. Give it a read and see what thoughts it inspires in you.
- ◆ Do you have a student in science you wish to recognize or is there an outstanding science teacher in your district. Give them the recognition they deserve. Put their names in for a variety of national awards through various organizations. See a complete list of awards at the [National Science Teachers Association website](#).

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

September 28

Superintendents' Council

September 29

Agriculture

September 30

Music

October 5

Social Workers

October 7

Title III Paras

October 11

MDE Frameworks Workshop
(Science mtg changed to 2/2/12)

APP OF THE WEEK

[ScreenChomp](#) & [ShowMe](#)—Record what you write over a whiteboard and post to the Internet

Ideas for classroom use: Watch students work out a math or science problem. Elementary kids can record themselves spelling words or writing out letters of the alphabet. The teacher can also show a process and embed the video online. Much like what Khan Academy does with math.