



Massachusetts Computer Using Educators, Inc.

May 2001

All educators are invited to attend any MassCUE meeting. Invite your colleagues to join you.

Reminders:

**Mail in your ballot/volunteer post card.
Plan to attend May 18.**

Call or e-mail to let us know you're attending.

Strategic Planning SIG

<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/masscuestrategicplanningsig>

Contact: Charlie Schiller schiller_cg@yahoo.com

MassCUE Annual Retreat

May 3-4

Time: 5 PM Thursday through 3:30 PM Friday

Location: Publick House, Sturbridge

Registration: Full information elsewhere in this calendar.

Worcester SIG

Tuesday, May 8

Location: Venerini Academy, 27 Edward St, Worcester

Time: 3:-5:00 PM

Topic: *Web Application using www.homestead.com*

Presenter: Michael Brennan

Description:

Newcomers will explore Web applications using the free homestead site for classroom use. Those who have set up a site at homestead will keep it updated.

Contact: Sister Carol Skehan, 508-753-3210,
skehan@venerini.org

Directions: From the West take 290 east and exit 17 toward route 9 Framingham. Right at the lights onto Belmont St. At yellow blinking light take another right at Store 24. This is Edward St. Drive 2 blocks and Venerini is on your left. From 290 west, take exit 18. Proceed straight through the intersection. Take a left at Laurel St. (diagonally across the street from gas station). Proceed up hill, left at the crest, Edward St. Venerini shortly on your right.

Blackstone Valley SIG

Wednesday, May 9

Location: Northbridge Primary School Library, Cross St., Whitinsville, MA

Time: 3:30 – 6:30 PM

Topic: Using “My School On Line” to build a web page

Presenter: Martha Eaton, Library Media Specialist

Description: Learn to build a web page using “My School

Mark your Calendars MassCUE Annual Meeting Friday, May 18

You are invited to attend MassCUE's annual meeting on Friday, May 18. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Worcester (where we held our conferences for years). Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM, followed by a short general meeting.

Our guest speaker will be Marianne Moran, Massachusetts Teacher of the Year 2001. Please reply by Friday, May 11. There is no charge for dinner, but, in order for us to order meals, we must know you're coming. As soon as you decide to attend, please e-mail: masscue@tiac.net or call to leave a message at 781-235-5332. If you haven't returned your orange ballot/postcard, you may write a note on it to RSVP (and mail it right away).

On Line” to improve home/school communications and to showcase your students' work. Bring your ideas, and possibly, documents, saved to disk, for your web page. Pictures you want to include may be saved as .jpeg or .gif files, or bring the pictures themselves and we will show you how to scan them. A digital camera will also be available. A light dinner will be served. Door prizes will be given at the end of the session. PDP's are available if you attend 3 sessions plus 1 additional hour, and produce a web page. Future SIG meetings will be held the second Wednesday of the month. These meetings are not cumulative. Join us at any time. If you do not have a “My School On Line” account, please let me know ahead of time.

Contact: Martha Eaton, meaton@massed.net, 508-234-6346

Fall River Instructional Technology SIG

Thursday, May 10

Location: Community Development Training Lab PYCO (South Main Place building) South Main St.

Time: 3:30-5:30

Topic: *Early Childhood Pre-School - Grade 2*

Description:

Fall River and Westport will host this joint SIG to disseminate “best practice” ideas for integrating technology into the curriculum for our younger students, preschool to grade 2. These two groups have been involved in Massachusetts Department of Education Technology Lighthouse grants and will share their projects. Refreshments and Raffles

Contact: Email Maureen Brisson (brisson@massed.net) or Barbara Allard (Barbshobby@mediaone.net) for directions or more information.

The Cape Ann SIG

Thursday, May 10

Location: Gloucester H. S. Science Wing Room # 3411

Presenters: Tracy Lowthers, Robin Pine, and Tammy Morgan

Description:

MassCUE's Cape Ann SIG is assisting in the dissemination efforts of educators from Rockport and Gloucester who are grant recipients. “Probing Into Science With Technology” will be the

fifth in a series entitled, "Technology - Don't Take it for Granted." The series will include a variety of grant-funded classroom technology integration projects that incorporate the Massachusetts Frameworks. Attendance throughout the series will allow participants to accumulate a total of 10 PDPs. Attendance is not required for more than one session, unless teachers wish to accumulate the required hours for PDPs. This workshop will introduce a variety of experiments using the Science Workshop Program from Pasco. A diversity of sensors such as temperature, pH, and pressure will be utilized to obtain data and analyze relationships regarding investigations in chemistry through hands-on experiments. Time will be set aside for questions and exploration of the Pasco web site. Space is limited, so RSVP immediately. A great opportunity for an adoption grant!

Directions: Route 128 North til Grant Circle. Bear right onto Washington St. (Friendly s will be on your right). Continue on Washington Street. Take your 5th right onto Centennial Ave. Follow Centennial Ave. until you see the football field on your right. Enter the school parking lot there. Follow parking lot to the front of the school. Enter in through the glass atrium. Follow signs to Room #3411.

Contact: RSVP to Tammy Morgan, (978) 282-3021 (tmorgan@gloucester.k12.ma.us) or Cheryl Sullivan, (978) 546-3127 (csullivan@rockport.k12.ma.us)

Thursday, May 10 Metropolitan Boston SIG

Location: James M. Curley School, 40 Pershing Road, Jamaica Plain (off Centre St.)

Time: 3:30 PM– 5:30 PM

Topic: *Sharing Technology for Success in the Classroom*

Presenters: Connie Redden, Technology Support Teacher (Kdg.), Natasha Diokno, Technology Support Teacher (Sped)

Description:

This series of workshops is designed to provide tips, topics and training for successful integration of technology in curriculum areas for all levels. Classrooms are provided with software to strengthen teaching and learning in all curriculum areas. These teachers will provide proven opportunities and strategies for integrating technology for students where only one or two computers may be available. Opportunities will also be provided for teachers to investigate and develop simple methods of technology applications for record-keeping and assessment purposes. Please bring ideas and/or needs which you would like investigated and reviewed.

There will also be ample opportunity to visit approved Internet sites for educational research for students and professional development for teachers..

This is a five part workshop which will provide 10 PDP's if attended in its entirety. This is based on the new requirements of the State Department of Education which require 10 hours of one particular area of professional development. Teachers will also develop products which they can use for teaching and learning.

Directions: Directions to the school can be found on the BPS website.homepage.

Registration: Preregistration is required for this workshop by contacting ptrotman@boston.k12.ma.us or by calling Pat Trotman at the OIT 635-8880 x 166

Technology Specialist in Education Forum Friday, May 11

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Microsoft's New England Regional Offices, Waltham, MA

Topic: The meeting will focus on new products from Microsoft with an emphasis on how these products can benefit schools. The meeting will include demonstrations of Office XP, Visio Graphics software, TechNet for Education and related resources.

Contact: John Marsula to RSVP by Tuesday, May 8, 2001
Email: jmarsula@ride.ri.net

Instructional Technology Specialists SIG Tuesday, May 15

Location: Room C7, Marshall Simonds Middle School, Winn St., Burlington, MA

Time: 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Topic: Project MEET: Online Projects K-5

Presenters: Ed Biggs, Elin Goodwin

Description:

Members of the North Reading Project MEET Team will present an overview of their experience, focusing on support strategies and integration of technology with Mass. Standards in Social Studies and Language Arts in Grades 1, 2, and 4. Handouts will include CLASP lesson plans, rubrics, project templates. We focus on the interests of those whose primary responsibility is the integration of technology into the curriculum. We have been working as a study group called: "Planning Technology Integration Resources." Participants contribute by sharing successes, and contributing documents for a resource notebook. Some of the things we share include a successful technology-rich lesson, a thought provoking article, a useful template, strategies for affecting change, tips for working with classroom teachers, effective use of peripheral hardware, a software review, etc. In this field, we pave the path that we walk upon. We set our own boundaries and directions. It's great to have a few friends who can listen, share and support one another. New members are always welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Co-leaders: Bev Reber, Elaine O'Reilly, Nancy Gardner, Paula Torrielli

Contact: Bev Reber, reber@burlington.mec.edu

Directions: Take Route 128 to EXIT 34 (Winn St.); proceed towards Burlington; pass St. Margaret's Church on the left; at the traffic light, turn right onto Peach Orchard Rd.; turn left into second driveway to enter the parking lot. Watch out for oncoming traffic coming up and over the hill - you can't always see them as you turn. Drive to the end and enter the third entrance from the beginning. Turn right and enter room C7.

Hampden County SIG Wednesday, May 16

Location: Sumner Ave. School Computer Lab
45 Sumner Ave., Springfield

Time: 3:30-5:30 PM

Topic: *Cool Tools*

Presenter: Bill Disisto

Description:

Bill will show some new technology products, for example: mimio, scalar usb microscope, imovie, and a new interactive desk.

Contact: Theo Glickman (413)783-4994 theogl@aol.com
Sandy Krasner (413)567-1398
sandrak@mediaone.net

Directions: FROM THE NORTH: Take route 91 to the East Longmeadow exit. Turn right onto Longhill St. at the first light. Go up the hill and take a left at the first traffic light onto Sumner Avenue. The school will be on your right.
FROM THE SOUTH: Take route 91 to the East Longmeadow exit. Continue to the second traffic light and take a right onto Sumner Ave. The school will be on your right.

NEW SIG!!!**Southeastern Massachusetts SIG (SEMSIG)****Wednesday, May 16**

Location: Foxborough High School, 120 South Street

Time: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Topic: *Common Interests/Common Problems*

Facilitator: Chuck Drayton, Technology Systems Manager
Foxboro Public Schools

Description:

To survive in educational technology, its leaders must share what they know, learn from successes/mistakes of others, and, above all, pool their resources. This SIG is being formed to try and accomplish these things. Our first meeting will be organizational, but looking forward to future presentations such as: Pro's and Con's of online software (LightSpan, Riverdeep), bulk purchasing of Atomica Tools, demo of the new MS Office XP, how to deal with hardware/software obsolescence, successful staff development ideas, and many others. Please join us at our first meeting to determine where the greatest needs are, and how we, as a group, may efficiently service them.

Contact: Chuck Drayton, draytonc@foxborough.k12.ma.us, (508) 543-1658 Please call or email to let us know you're coming.

Directions: Route 95 North or South to Foxborough Exit 7B. You are now on Route 140, travel 1.7 miles to rotary in Foxborough center. Exit off the rotary onto South Street, (next right after Fleet Bank). Travel half mile to the Foxborough High School drive way on left (black sign). Enter building through right entrance; follow signs to second floor media center classroom.

Plymouth SIG**Thursday, May 24**

Location: Plymouth Community Intermediate School (PCIS) Library 117 Long Pond Rd., Plymouth
<http://pilgrims.net/plymouth/schools/pcis/index.htm>

Time: 3:30-5:30 PM

Topic: *Introduction to Digital Photography*

Presenter: Plymouth Public Schools Instructional Technology Specialist Len Euart, Technology Teacher Sean T. Moroney

Description:

The use of digital cameras and related software for educators and administrators. Len and Sean will present an overview of digital cameras currently on the market and in use today. Participants

will have an opportunity for "hands-on" learning using different types of cameras at the workshop. Complimentary photographic imaging software will also be introduced and demonstrated as well as ideas for use in the classroom and curriculum. Light fare / appetizers will be served at this workshop. Please be sure to sign up so we can provide enough food and printed materials for everyone.

Directions: *Coming from the north:* head South on Route 3 going towards the cape. You will see a sign saying Jordan hospital exit 5. Take this exit -5. At the end of the off ramp bear right. Then take a right, and you will now be on Long Pond Road. Go about a quarter mile and you will see a sign on the right hand side of the Road Plymouth which reads Plymouth Community Intermediate School (PCIS). You are there. Telephone number is 508-830-4450.
Coming from the south: after coming off the Sagamore Bridge take Route 3 North going towards Boston continue until you get to exit 5. Take exit 5. When you get to the off ramp take a left then go about three quarters of a mile until you see a sign on the right hand side of the Road which reads Plymouth Community Intermediate School (PCIS).
Contact: To RSVP or for additional information, contact — Sean T. Moroney seantm@usa.net or smoroney@plymouth.k12.ma.us
work/school: 508-830-4450 home: 781-799-9605
RSVP BY MONDAY, MAY 21st

LOOKING AHEAD**Superintendent Technology Leadership Conference 2001****October 3-4**

Location: Sturbridge Host and Conference Center

Program: Hosted by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents. Technology Directors and MassCUE teachers: Plan to bring your superintendent and curriculum leadership team for 2 days that will include: district case studies, technology implementation panels, a showcase of best classroom practices, and a rich array of vendor exhibits.

Information: Bookmark the M.A.S.S. Exchange <http://www.massupt.org> for conference updates throughout the year, but please palm these dates now.

MassCUE Conference 2001**November 14-15**

Location: Sturbridge Host and Conference Center

Program: Two days of workshops, keynotes, and vendor exhibits.

Keynotes: Wednesday, November 14: Chris Dede
Thursday, November 15: Alan November

Pathfinder: Reception honoring 2001 Pathfinder Award recipients: Wednesday, November 14

Information: As the program develops in late spring/summer, check our website: www.masscue.org for details.

Registration: Registration form/ program booklet will be mailed in August. Check our web site for complete information beginning in July.

MassCUE Conference 2001 Keynote Speakers

Chris Dede is the Timothy E. Wirth Professor of Learning Technologies at Harvard's Graduate School of Education. He was the Editor of the 1998 Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Yearbook, Learning with Technology. He currently has a grant from the National Science Foundation to develop shared virtual environments with digitized museum artifacts to aid middle school students learning science. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Foundations of Educational and Psychological Assessment and a former member of the U.S. Department of Education's Expert Panel on Technology. Chris is also on the International Steering Committee for the Second International Technology in Education Study spanning approximately thirty countries. He serves on the Advisory Boards of ThinkLink, FreshPond, bigchalk, and World Book.

Alan November is an internationally known leader in educational technology. As practitioner, designer, and author, Alan has guided schools, government organizations and industry as they plan to improve quality with technology. A past president of MassCUE, he has been a classroom teacher, a director of an alternative high school, computer coordinator, technology consultant, and college lecturer. He began his career as an oceanography teacher and dorm counselor at an island reform school for boys in Boston Harbor. He was named one of the nation's 15 most influential thinkers of the decade in K-12 technology by Classroom Computer Learning Magazine. Alan is co-founder of the Stanford Institute for Educational Leadership Through Technology. He is most proud of being named one of the original five national Christa McAuliffe Educators.

Job Opportunities

Cape Cod Technical High School in Harwich is seeking a full time instructor to contribute to the school's new information technologies program. Strong candidates will have experience and savvy working with computer systems and computer networks. Candidates with industry certifications such as A+, MCSE or MCP, CCNA, etc., are preferred. Experience in programming, UNIX or LINUX, network cabling, a plus. The instructor will be responsible for assisting students in running a full service computer repair and networking shop. The teacher will also assist students in preparing for one or more industry certification exams.
Contact: Jonathan Roberts, Technology Coordinator jroberts@capetech.tec.ma.us (508) 432-4500 X310 fax: (508)861-1025

Northbridge Public Schools have computer lab and instructional technology specialist positions available (grade levels vary). Please contact Lorrie Langille at 508-234-0800 or langille@massed.net for further information.