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November 2000

MassCUE Conference November 7, 8, 9

For complete information, go to
www.masscue.org

- Location: Sturbridge Host Hotel
Tuesday: Preconference Day: **Moving Online: Internet Content and Interactive Tools for Your Classroom** Hands-on workshops, "Show and Tell" workshops
Time: First hands-on workshop begins at 8:30. First show and tell workshops begin at 8:45.
Description: For complete list of workshops and presenters, go to www.masscue.org.
Wednesday: Keynote: Lee Ann Potter, education specialist in Public Programs at the National Archives and Records Admin. (NARA), Washington, DC.
Thursday: Keynote: Henry Jenkins, Ann Fetter Friedlaender Professor of Humanities and Director of the Comparative Media Studies Program at MIT.
Both Days: 5 sessions of workshops held throughout the day. Hands-on workshops. Department of Education 2000 Lighthouse Sites Demonstrations, 75 exhibitors in the Hawthorne Exhibit Hall and in the Sturbridge Host Courtyard.
Pathfinders: Presentation of the 2000 Pathfinder Awards, reception held by Mass Community Network and MassCUE, 5 PM on Wednesday, November 8.
Registration: If you have not received your program/registration booklet or you would like more copies, contact MassCUE at <masscue@tiac.net> or 781-235-5332.

Tuesday, November 14 Instructional Technology Specialists SIG

- Location: Room A11, Marshall Simonds Middle School, Winn St., Burlington, MA
Time: 4:30 - 6:00 PM
Topic: **TechTalk**
Presenters: Bev Reber, Elaine O'Reilly, Nancy Gardner, Paula Torrielli (SIG Co-Leaders)
Description: We focus on the interests of those whose primary responsibility is the integration of technology into the curriculum. We will begin working as a study group called: "Planning Technology Integration Resources." Participants will contribute by sharing successes, taking turns doing focus presentations on topics of interest, helping to solve each other's technology problems, and distributing copies of documents for a resource notebook. Refreshments will be available.
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 left and enter room A11.

Wednesday, November 15 Fall River Instructional Technology SIG

- Location: Community Partnership Training Lab, South Main
Time: 3:30-5:30 PM
Topic: *Can you Create a Website in an Hour?*
Presenters: Maureen Brisson AND Barbara Allard
Description: We Teachers, make the power of the internet work for you by employing the use of a "web tool" to create a communication link between home and school. This will be a hands on session with www.myschoolonline.com. Teachers who have used this tool to create a school or classroom webpage will guide you through the process. As always we will have refreshments and raffles.
Directions: For directions: email brisson@massed.net

Wednesday, November 15 Plymouth SIG

- Location: Plymouth Community Intermediate School Library/Media Center (IMC)
Time: 4:00 PM
Topic: Science Essentials the Digitized K-12 Science Curriculum for the 21st Century
Presenters: Nick Micozzi - K-12 Science Coordinator of the Plymouth Public Schools, Member of the Math, Science State School Boards Advisory Council, Member of the National Science Education Leadership Association's Board of Directors
Description: Science Essentials is one of the country's first K-12 digitized science curriculum that is available free on the web at plymouthschools.com. It provides daily standards based lesson plans for grades K-12 including high school courses such as AP Biology, and Chemistry.
Contact: Sean T. Maroney, Technical Education Teacher, PCIS E-MAIL: seantm@usa.net smoroney@plymouth.k12.ma.us TEL#: Days: work/school: 508-830-4450 Nights: home: 781-799-9605
Directions: to the Plymouth Community Intermediate School : *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 half a mile and you will see a sign on the right hand side of the Road Plymouth which reads Community Intermediate School (PCIS). You are there. The actual address is 117 Long Pond Rd., Plymouth, MA. The telephone number is 508-830-4450. The workshop will be held in the PCIS Library/Media Center IMC

Coming from the South: after coming off the Saga more 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 Plymouth which reads Community Intermediate School (PCIS). The workshop will be held in the PCIS Library/Media Center IMC

Wednesday, November 15 Hampden County SIG

Location: School Computer Lab, 45 Sumner Av, Springfield

Time: 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Topic: *More of ClarisWorks: Using Graphics*

Presenter: Sharon Eempio

Description: Now that we've learned how to make good use of a digital camera in the classroom, come and learn how to incorporate your photos into databases and ClarisWorks slide shows.

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.

Wednesday, November 15 Blackstone Valley SIG

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: Sharon Martha Eaton, Library Media Specialist

Description: Come learn to build a web page using "My School 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 that 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. Pizza 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. 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

Directions: To Northbridge Primary School
From the Mass Pike: Take exit #11 in Millbury, turning right (south) onto Rt. 122. Travel on Rt. 122 through Grafton into Northbridge. (You will be driving into the Whitinsville section of Northbridge.) You will come to a strip mall on the right with a Burger King on the corner, at a set of lights. Take a right onto Church Street at that set of lights. Follow Church Street into Whitinsville Center. At the first set of light, turn left onto Cross St. The Primary School is on the right.

From Route 146: Take the Main Street exit into Whitinsville Center. At the first set of lights bear right onto Linwood Ave. Take a left onto Cross St. The Primary School is on the left.

Wednesday, November 15 Department of Education Web-Based Conference (School Council E-vent)

On November 15, the Massachusetts Department of Education will launch its first web-based conference.

Audience: The primary audience will be members of school councils.

Description: Registered participants will "attend" a general session with Commissioner David Driscoll and various break-out discussions with trained moderators. The Department of Education is looking forward to piloting this interactive E-vent to share information and ideas, and to answer questions. Conversation will be interactive and directed by the participants. Viewers will share information and ideas while facilitators field questions from the live and Internet audience.

Information: For more information, go directly to www.doe.mass.edu/schcouncil/.

Registration: Pre-register today. Limited space available. Registration deadline is October 6

To register, go to <http://www.doe.mass.edu/schcouncil/> Proceed to "The Registration Page." When you register, online, you will select a username and password to log onto the School Council E-vent.

Thursday, November 16 Greater Lawrence SIG

Location: Clemente Abascal Community Meeting Room, 296 Essex St, Lawrence

Time: 3:00-5:00 PM

Topic: *AlphaSmarts in the Classroom*

Presenter: Jessica Williams Barone, AlphaSmart

Contact: Please call 978-975-2190 X 42, or 49 to confirm your reservation.

Directions: Take Interstate 495 to Exit 45 (Marston Street) to Island Street and follow the signs to 1 Mill Street (new restaurant). Continue on Island Street, take right at Court House. (Use pay lot or the parking garage) Walk through the lot to Essex Street, turn left. Clemente Abascal Room is just after Captain's

Pizza and diagonally across the street from LPS Central Office. We cannot pay for parking. Refreshments will be available.

Friday, November 17 MassCUE Board Meeting

SIG Leaders have a permanent invitation to attend all meetings of the MassCUE Board, but there is a special reason to attend the next meeting on November 17

Location: Worcester Holiday Inn (old conference site)

Time: 5:00 PM.

Program: From 5:00 to 6:00 the Board will hold a SIG Appreciation Session including a buffet dinner and an update on various other MassCUE initiatives and activities. The board meeting will follow at 6 PM and you are invited to stay for this meeting as well.

Contact: If you plan on attending, RSVP to Bev Reber at reber@burlington.mec.edu

Monday, November 20 Western Massachusetts Technical Specialists SIG

Location: Hampshire Educational Collaborative, 97 Hawley Street, Northampton, MA, 01060

Time: 4:00-6:00 PM

Topic: *Assistive Technology*

Presenter: Karen Kenny (HEC)

Description: Karen Kenny, of HEC's CCATT Center (Cooperative Center for Assistive Technology and Training) will describe CCATT Center offerings and demonstrate the latest and greatest in assistive technology software and devices.

Directions: Take Mass Pike Exit 4 to I-91 North. Take I-91 Exit 18 to Route 5 north, toward downtown Northampton. Continue on Route 5, approx. 1/2 mile. Turn right onto Holyoke Street (just past C. Sprong Furniture). Take first left onto Hawley Street (just beyond railroad underpass). HEC is a large, light green building on left side. Main entrance is on right side of building.

Tuesday, November 28 Fitchburg SIG

Location: South St. Elementary School Library, 376 South St.

Time: 3:30 - 5:30

Topic: Using Computer Simulations to Enhance Curriculum
PRESENTER: Eileen Spinney Ed Tech Fitchburg Public Schools

Description: We will explore the use of computer simulations. Software applications will include Sim Tunes, Sim Safari, Sim Park, and Tom Snyder's Decisions, Decisions Series. We will demonstrate specific curriculum integration strategies.

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Directions: Rt. 2 from East and West
From the East: Take South St. Fitchburg Exit. At the end of the ramp proceed through to the lights, take a left onto South St. Go through 2 sets of lights, after the second set the school driveway is 50 yds. on the right. Follow school driveway in front of the buildings to the end and parking is on the side.
From the West: Take Miriam Ave. Fitchburg Exit.

Take a right at the end of the ramp onto South St. After 3 sets of lights the school driveway is 50yds. on your right. Follow school driveway in front of the buildings to the end and parking is on the side.

Tuesday, November 28 Metropolitan Boston SIG (MassCUE Workshop)

Location: James M. Curley School, 40 Pershing Road, Jamaica Plain, Ma 02130 (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.

The workshops will be held through the end of May, 2001. On November 28th the group will determine when the following four meetings will be held.

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

Tuesday, November 28 Worcester SIG

Location: Venerini Academy 27 Edward St. Worcester MA

Time: 3:30 to 5:00 PM

Topic: ***Free Lesson Plans Available on the Web: Come Learn Where You Can Find Them!!***

Presenter: Michael Brennan

Contact: Sister Carol Skehan 508 753-321
skehan@venerini.org

Directions: From the west take 290 east, exit 17 toward route 9 Framingham. Take a right at lights, Belmont St. At the 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. (directly across from a gas station). Proceed up the hill, take a left at the crest, Edward Street. You will see Venerini shortly on your right.

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JOB

Instructional Technologist

Bancroft School is seeking a talented, energetic educator who is interested in working as part of a team to extend and shape the future of how technology is used by our faculty and students, while they create, learn, and acquire knowledge. Bancroft is a K-12 coeducational independent day school of approximately six hundred students and one hundred faculty and staff and is located in Worcester, MA.

Responsibilities/Qualifications:

- have a working knowledge of a variety of software packages (AppleWorks, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, FileMaker, HyperStudio) and the willingness to learn the software package MicroWorlds by LCSi
- knowledge of networking or be a quick study
- this is a ten-month position with an additional 4 weeks during the summer
- serve as back up support on managing a Mac Manager Network

Work as part of a team to:

- facilitate and support students (K-12) as they use technology in their learning environments
- facilitate, train and lead faculty/staff as they integrate technology into learning/teaching/work environments
- provide support for grade 1-5 teachers during their computer classes
- teach a 7th grade multimedia class
- provide hardware/software repair and updating
- evaluate, plan, recommend and implement future technologies
- create, plan and provide professional development opportunities for faculty/staff

This exciting opportunity requires that a successful candidate have:

- B.A. and teaching experience
- excellent communication, technical and problem solving skills
- the ability to understand the needs of an individual
- patience and a love of learning
- a sense of humor and
- the ability to get along with people.

Candidates with prior teaching and/or demonstrated technology success in a school environment will be given highest priority.

This position reports directly to the Director of Institutional Technology, and may start as of January 1, 2001, however we will consider a starting date as late as July 1, 2001. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience.

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