

Massachusetts Computer Using Educators, Inc. January 2001

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

Lowell SIG January 8, 2001

Location: Daley Middle School, 150 Fleming St., Lowell
Time: 3:15 to 5:15
Topic: Project MEET- What's it all about? The Lowell Triad, Project MEET-Lowell, 2000-2001
Presenters: Dot Clark- Bailey, Janis Maliszewski- Murkland, Linda Dano- Daley
Description: An informal update, general information and sharing time-Merrimack Valley educators, and all past and present MEET teams in the area are cordially invited. The Lowell SIG welcomes perspective new SIG leaders to attend our meetings- We look forward to seeing Lawrence, Methuen and Chelmsford educators soon.
Contact: Linda Dano lindadano@excite.com Blackstone Valley SIG

Wednesday, January 10

Location: Northbridge Primary School Library, Cross St., Whitinsville
Time: 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Topic: Using “My School On Line” to Build a Web Page
Presenter: 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. 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. Please feel free to 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

Friday, January 12
No MassCUE Board — See January 19

Instructional Technology Specialists SIG Tuesday, January 16

Location: Room A11, Marshall Simonds Middle School, Winn Street., Burlington
Time: 4:30- 6:00 PM
Topic: *Tech Talk & SimCalc*
Presenters: Nancy Gardner, Elaine O’Reilly, Bev Reber, and Paula Torrielli
Description: Our study group’s primary area is the integration of technology into the curriculum. Our end product will be a notebook “Planning Technology Integration Resources.” Members share brief focus presentations (this month is Susan Weiss - SimCalc.) We share successes as well as failures . . . Working as a support group, we also share copies of valuable information for our notebook. Snack is provided.
Contact: Bev Reber, reber@burlington.mec.edu
Directions: Take Rt. 128 to Exit 34 (Winn St.); proceed towards Burlington; pass St. Margaret’s Church on the left; at traffic light, turn right onto Peach Orchard Rd.; turn left into second driveway to enter the parking lot. At the end of the parking lot, enter through the third door from the street. Turn left and enter room A11.

WRKF - Kids Own TV SIG Tuesday, January 16

Location: Workshop will be held at RK Finn Ryan Rd Elementary School in Florence, MA.
Time: 3:30-5:30.
Description: iMovie on the iMac will be demonstrated and teachers will be able to work in groups to create a short project using the ZR-10 Digital Video Camera. Curriculum connections will be discussed and further meetings/workshops will be planned. Refreshments will be available.
Contact: For directions and further information, please contact Bob Hanna (hanna@javanet.com) <<mailto:hanna@javanet.com>> .

Hampden County SIG Wednesday, January 17

Location: Sumner Ave. School Computer Lab, 45 Sumner Ave., Springfield
Time: 3:30-5:30 P.M.
Topic: *Editing Your Photos with Photo Deluxe*
Presenter: Sandy Krasner
Description: Come and enjoy some hands-on time learning to edit your photographs, create interesting effects and improve the composition and quality. We will use Adobe Photo Deluxe, a popular program which comes bundled with many of the most commonly used scanners.
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.

Friday, January 19 **NOTE DATE CHANGE** **MassCUE Board Meeting**

Anyone is welcome to attend a board meeting.

Location: Worcester Holiday Inn (old conference site)

Time: 5:00-8:00 PM.

Snow Date: Friday, January 26

Western Mass SIG **Monday, January 22**

Location: Hampshire Educational Collaborative, 97 Hawley Street, Northampton

Time: 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Topic: VES

Presenter: John Heffernan, Hampshire Educational Collaborative and VES Design Team

Description: John will provide an update on the Virtual Education Space V1.0 project including a demonstration of the latest software. VES, through tools and training, will aid districts in sharing and aligning their curriculum, integrating educational software in one web-based desktop, and helping teachers deliver standards based curriculum through excellent face-to-face instruction.

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.

Fitchburg SIG **Tuesday January 23**

Location: South Street Elementary School Library

Time: 3:30 - 5:30

Topic: *Integrating Technology into the Elementary Health and Physical Education Curriculum*

Presenter: Eileen Spinney Tech Specialist Fitchburg Public Schools

Description: Join us as we investigate the use of various software applications, heart rate monitors, and handheld computers in the context of enhancing the Health and Physical Education curriculum

Contact: Eileen Spinney 978 343 2149 spinn@massed.net

Directions: Traveling from the East on Rt. 2, take South St. Fitchburg Exit. Travel through to the lights and take a left onto South Street. Go through 2 sets of lights, school driveway is 50yds on right after 2nd set of lights. Parking is available at the end of the driveway on your right.

Traveling from the West on Rt. 2, take Miriam Ave Exit. At the end of the ramp take a right onto South St. Travel through 3 sets of lights, school driveway is 50yds on right after 3rd set of lights. Parking is

available at the end of the driveway on your right.

Lighthouse Workshop **Tuesday, January 23**

Location: Greenwood School, 1030 Main St., Wakefield

Time: 3:00-5:00 PM

Presenter: Maryalice Siafakas

Title: *I Did It!*

Description: I DID IT is a third grade reading and writing project which encompasses all academic areas of the curriculum. The Iditarod Race will be an integral part of the project. Technology will be utilized to familiarize students with the state of Alaska. Online web sites will provide information to compare and contrast on Alaska's and Massachusetts' landmasses, temperature, cities, and recreational activities. Moderate special needs students will fully participate in this project. This project can be adapted for all elementary students and teachers. This 2-hour workshop will prepare you for the start of the Last Great Race. Participants will view student work, locate web sites, and download pictures and information. You will receive a packet of curricular materials, including the Basic Iditarod Kit, created by the Iditarod Trail Committee, which includes a Teacher's Guide to the Iditarod, a color map of Alaska and the Trail, a color 7ul calendar, and a P.R.I.D.E. Sled Dog Care Book.

Contact: Please respond ASAP to Greenwood School (781-246-6460 or to Maryalice Siafakas (MaryofA@aol.com))

Directions: From Route 128: Take 128 north to exit 39 (North Avenue, Reading/Wakefield). At the end of the exit ramp bear right towards Wakefield. Go straight through several blinking lights and one regular traffic light. At the second regular traffic light, take a right onto Main Street. (You will see Dunkin Donuts and a pizza shop.) Travel straight on Main St. for approximately one mile to another set of lights. You will see Greenwood Pharmacy, Pump and Pantry, and the Greenwood Post Office. Go straight through this light. After passing through this intersection, the Greenwood School will be 200 yards up on the left. The front door of the school is on Main St. From Main St., Malden: Take Main St. towards Melrose and Wakefield. Stay on Main Street through Melrose, into Wakefield. Greenwood School is 1/2 mile from the Melrose line. It's a large brick school on the right side of Main St.

Wednesday, January 24 **Metropolitan Boston SIG (MassCUE Workshop)**

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 protman@boston.k12.ma.us or by calling Pat Trotman at the OIT 635-8880 x 166

Acton SIG

Monday, January 29

Location: Conant School Computer Lab, 80 Taylor Road, Acton MA Topic: Using Digital Cameras in your Classroom

Time: 4-6 PM

Presenter: Sue Lee of Acton Schools

Description: A demonstration of the use of Sony's Mavica Digital Camera will be given and we will have at least 3 Mavicas for participants to use. Classroom applications and uses will also be shared.

Contact: Ginny LoDuca, Acton's SIG Leader, at Ginny_LoDuca@mail.ab.mec.edu. Space is limited to the first 13 who sign up. Refreshments will be served.

Directions: From the Boston area, take Rte. 2 West . After going around the Concord Rotary heading toward Fitchburg, take the right at the set of lights at Taylor Road. The driveway to the Conant School, 80 Taylor Road, Acton, will be on your right, about 500 yards from the lights. Please park in the first parking lot or the circular one, or along the driveway. The furthest parking lot is for the buses and you will be towed if you park there.

From 495: take Rte. 2 East, get in the left lane right after the Rte. 27 exit, and take the left at the lights. You are now on Taylor Road. The driveway to the Conant School, 80 Taylor Road, Acton, will be on your right, about 500 yards from the lights. Please park in the first parking lot or the circular one, or along the driveway. The furthest parking lot is for the buses and you will be towed if you park there.

The Greater Lawrence SIG

Thursday, February 1

Location: Clemente Abascal Room, 296 Essex Street,

Time: 3-5 PM.

Presenter: Mary Ann Moran, Massachusetts Teacher of the Year.

Description: Mary Ann will discuss "Technology in Education, Today and Tomorrow."

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 next to First Essex Bank and diagonally across the street from LPS Central Office. We cannot pay for parking. Refreshments will be available.

Strategic Planning SIG

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

It's Lonely in the Future (Message from Charlie Schiller)

Marshall McLuhan, 60's media guru who wrote "Understanding Media" and many other books, said that all of us except true artists live in the past. He said artists live in the present. So to the rest of us it seemed like they were living in the future.

In the last several months I have been dealing with folks who can only see the tree right in front of their face. No one in my corner of the world is looking at the entire forest. I see forest fires to the right and skidders to the left. There is someone clear cutting behind me and an open pit mine has appeared right in front of me. But no one notices because they only see the tree right in front of their face.

Strategic Planning in education must be an oxymoron. Short-sightedness is a prerequisite for gaining a position of authority. Maybe Maslow applies since everyone is concentrating on survival and can not even envision "self-actualization."

In any case, very few of you folks have visited the Strategic Planning SIG . . . Therefore, it is lonely here in the future.

Don't forget to make some time to see the forest. Step back, take a deep breath of fresh air, and envision the possibilities.

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ASCD Annual Conference – Boston

March 17-19

Theme: *Reaching for Balance: Resolving Educational Dilemmas*

Volunteers Needed!

This is a wonderful opportunity for educators throughout the area to participate in sessions about the latest in curriculum, instructional practice and educational research, presented by renowned international experts. A conference of this magnitude requires many volunteers to assist with the smooth operation of many events. There are two ways to register as a volunteer:

Option 1: Work four hours and receive free registration to attend the conference that day only.

Option 2: Work four hours and register for the full three-day conference at the discounted rate of \$90.00. (The full conference registration fee is \$185.00)

Volunteer: E-mail Lelia Richardson (masscue@tiac.net) for the MSWord volunteer form. She will attach it to a return message. Then:

For **option 1**, e-mail the form to Mary Forte Hayes at mfhayes@mediaone.net

For **option 2**, print out the form and include a \$90.00 check payable to ASCD. Then mail both to: **Mary Forte Hayes, MASCD, 19C Oak Street, Wellesley, MA 02482**

Information: For conference information, go to ASCD's homepage www.ascd.org and follow the links to training, then conferences.

**The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Institute (STEM) and Raytheon Corporation present:
Science and Engineering Saturday Seminars at UMass Amherst**

- Designed for teachers in grades 5-9
- Five Saturdays in February and March 2001; 8:30-1
- **No charge; free refreshments, educational materials**
- Advance registration is required; capacity is limited
- **Teachers completing the program will receive 20 PDP's.**

Registration:

Eugenie Harvey, eharvey@k12s.phast.umass.edu, 413-545-1290.

Questions: Mort Sternheim, mort@k12s.phast.umass.edu, 413-545-1908.

Feb 24. BUILDING BIG. Kitty Hancock and Scott Civjan, Civil and Environmental Engineering. Explore large structures and what it takes to build them with BUILDING BIG.

Mar 3. THE FOUR SEASONS. Steve Schneider, Shashi Kanbur, and Judy Young, Astronomy. We will explore the astronomical rhythms that give rise to our seasons.

Mar 10. FAST PLANTS. Mary Musgrave, Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Get on the fast track to learning with Wisconsin Fast Plants. These little rapid-cycling plants, related to cabbages and mustards, have unique properties that make them ideally suited to short class periods, youthful impatience, and small spaces.

Mar 17. THE WORLD IN MOTION. Mike Sarcione, Engineer, Raytheon Corporation. Using the free kit, "A World in Motion," we will cover a series of hands-on activities that integrate math, science, engineering and language arts.

Mar 31. SHARING RESULTS AND LESSON PLANS.

Board Meetings

MassCUE Board Meetings are held at the Holiday Inn Worcester beginning at 5:00 PM. Anyone may attend a board meeting. Only board members may vote. The remaining meetings for the 2000-2001 school year are scheduled for:

January 19 March 9 May 11

M.A.S.S. Exchange Job Site

The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents provides a Job Site for matching educators to job vacancies in Massachusetts public school districts. Last year over 100 Massachusetts educator vacancies were posted. Currently the site is being updated, but at the end of January visit the refurbished M.A.S.S. Exchange Job Site at <http://www.massupt.org>.

Certificate in Technologies of Education

The Harvard Extension School has an exciting new graduate program, the Certificate in Technologies of Education (CTE). Through the Lowell Scholarship Program, both high school and middle school teachers are eligible to take CTE courses at a highly reduced tuition. Course offerings for the spring semester include: Learning and Teaching Through Modeling and Simulation, New Technologies as Tools for Reflection, Teaching for Understanding with New Technologies. Registration starts December 4th, 2000. Classes start January 29th 2001. For more information about courses, scholarships and registration visit <http://www.extension.harvard.edu/2000-01/programs/certificate/cte.shtml> or email laserna@fas.harvard.edu

Job Opening

Technology Director at Achieve, Inc., Cambridge, MA

Hands on, results orientated Technology Director needed for a growing educational research and development firm making a difference in the national educational arena of standards-based reform. The Technology Director's areas of responsibility: • Webmaster • Database Technical Manager • Organization Technical Support Manager. Working with contractors and in-house staff, the Director will manage, strategize, plan, design, develop, implement, operate the Achieve website, State Standards Database, and in-house networked computers. This position will remain open until filled. To get information about experience and education requirements or to apply, contact: Search: Technology Director, Achieve, Inc., 8 Story Street, Suite One, Cambridge, MA 02138 or jrichard@achieve.org

on Cue Deadlines

on Cue welcomes articles and short stories from ALL computer using educators for the balance of this school year on the following schedule:

March 2, 2001 July 15, 2001