

# Massachusetts Computer Using Educators, Inc.

April 2003



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

## Assistive Technology SIG

### Wednesday, March 26

**Location:** Fiske Elem. School Library, 34A Colony Rd, Lexington

**Time:** 5:30-7 PM

**Topic:** *Contact Myra Chang Thompson for topic.*

**Description:** The Assistive Technology SIG will continue to meet on the last Wednesday of each month.

**Contact:** Myra Chang Thompson at: [MThompson@sch.ci.lexington.ma.us](mailto:MThompson@sch.ci.lexington.ma.us) for directions or information on speakers or topics.

**Directions:** Fiske Elementary School is conveniently located close to Route 128. Contact Myra Chang Thompson for directions.

## Hampden County SIG

### Thursday, March 27

**Location:** Sumner Ave. School's Computer Lab, 45 Sumner Ave. (near Longhill St.), Springfield

**Time:** 3:30-5:30pm

**Topic:** *Using Digital Cameras*

**Description:** Do you use your digital camera just for class field trips? Find out about other educational uses for these cameras. We will meet on two Thursdays. Participants will have hands on opportunities.

**Contacts:** Theo Glickman ([theogl@aol.com](mailto:theogl@aol.com)), Jan Kibbe ([jkibbe@map.com](mailto:jkibbe@map.com))

**Directions:** From the North: Take Rte. 91 to the East Longmeadow exit. Go under the highway and turn right onto Longhill St. at the first light. Go up the hill and take a left at the traffic light onto Sumner Ave. The school will be on your right.  
From the South: Take Rte. 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.

## Hampden County SIG

### Thursday, April 10

**Location:** Sumner Ave. School's Computer Lab, 45 Sumner Ave. (near Longhill St.), Springfield

**Time:** 3:30-5:30pm

**Topic:** *Using Palms for Teaching and Learning*

**Presenter:** Norma Jean Loftus, Palm Pilot Presenter

**Description:** This presentation will provide a glimpse of the capabilities of handheld computers for supporting teaching and learning in the classroom. We will discuss the benefits and the current research that supports the use of handhelds as well as the common



## Looking Ahead

### NECC 2003: Visions & Reflections National Educational Technology Conference

June 29-July 2

**Location:** Seattle, Washington

**Information:** <http://neccsite.org/>

MassCUE is going to NECC 2003!!! As the Massachusetts ISTE Affiliate, we will have our first booth at NECC 2003. This is the annual premier educational technology conference in the nation. NECC 2003 is presented by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) in cooperation with the Northwest Council for Computer Education (NCCE). MassCUE has secured group registration for NECC 2003 for only MassCUE members. When registering under new registration, click on Groups and Members of ISTE & NCCE, then pull down to MassCUE.

We have also secured a block of rooms (while they last) for June 29th to July 2nd at the Crowne Plaza Seattle for those MassCUE members who would like to join our group that will be attending. The hotel rates are \$169 single/\$179 double/\$189 triple/ \$199 quad. If interested contact Lelia Richardson at [masscue@masscue.org](mailto:masscue@masscue.org) by April 2nd with the following information: Number and types of rooms, names, company, address information, phone, fax, email, actual arrival/departure dates, and billing information.

teacher student productivity tools. The session will combine presentation and demonstration.

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## Western Massachusetts Tech Coordinators SIG Tuesday, April 15

**Location:** Hampshire Educational Collaborative

**Time:** 8:30 am to 10:30 am

**Topic:** *Data Collaborative Efforts*

**Description:** We will discuss how districts can collaborate to meet NCLB, state DoE, and other data requirements.

**SIG Leader:** John Heffernan

**Presenter:** John Schott

**Contact:** jheffern@rcn.com

**Directions:** 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.

## ITS SIG Tuesday, April 15

**Location:** Joyce Middle School, 55 Locust Street, Woburn

**Time:** 4:30 PM

**Topic:** *McAfee Security Anti-Virus and Security Information Workshop*

**Presenters:** John Sullivan, Regional Manager, and Jay Appell, Sr. Engineer and former virus officer at EMC and DataGeneral.

**Description:** If you don't know what Klez, Elkern, or Bugbear viruses are, you will! Find out more about these, their impact, how they have affected thousands of desktops and networks, and most importantly, what you can do to protect your schools from these devastating computer viruses. You will receive information, guidance, and best practices as to how to prevent and/or bring under control within your environments. How about SPAM, POP-UPS, and more!!! Guaranteed you will leave this session more informed than when you walked in!

**SIG Leaders:** Sharon Hydren and Susan Weiss

**Contact:** sharon@hydren.com or hydrens@chelsea.mec.edu

**Directions:** to Joyce Middle School, 55 Locust St. - From Rt 95 (128) take Exit 33A towards Wourn 0.9 miles turn left onto Locust St. You may want to check more exact directions from your location. Please enter through front door. RSVP by Thursday, April 10

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## Assistive Technology SIG Wednesday, April 30

**Location:** Fiske Elem. School Library, 34A Colony Rd, Lexington

**Time:** 5:30-7 PM

**Presenter:** Susan Cusack will be the guest speaker. Susan is a highly informative and enthusiastic speaker who is always willing to share the latest with her audiences. Refreshments and doorprizes!!

**Topic:** *CAST Institute 2003*

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## Western Massachusetts Tech Coordinators SIG Tuesday, May 20

**Location:** Hampshire Educational Collaborative

**Time:** 8:30 am to 10:30 am

**Topic:** *Linux Servers*

**Description:** We will discuss and see how Linux servers can be used as highly reliable low cost servers.

**SIG Leader:** John Heffernan

**Presenter:** Tom Kennedy (Easthampton)

**Contact:** jheffern@rcn.com

### Lowell Lecture Series: Free Teacher Workshops

*The National Heritage Museum offers the following schedule of free teacher workshops. Participants will receive content information and will discuss methods for integrating content into the classroom. Educators may receive Professional Development Points for attending.*

*American foods, landscapes, humor, sports, and our consumer culture reveal the nation's complex and multicultural heritage. What values and practices unite Americans, and where do we maintain distinct identities? Join us as we explore some of the many facets of American culture.*

**Monday, April 7 3:30-5 pm**

**Baseball as America: Seeing Ourselves through Our National Game** John Odell, curator at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, will explore baseball as an expression of national spirit. He will discuss baseball's role in popular culture, and how it reflects ideals and injustices in American history.

**Monday, April 14 3:30-5 pm**

**From Community to Commodity: Immigrants, Identity and the American Consumer**

*Society* Marilyn Halter will explore the relationship between migration and consumerism at the beginning and end of the 20<sup>th</sup>-century. Early 20<sup>th</sup> century arrivals embraced consumer culture as one of the most rapid routes to Americanization, while more recent immigrants are more likely to use the marketplace to accentuate their cultural distinctiveness.

Have you let us know YOUR LATEST EMAIL ADDRESS? Notify us at [masscue@masscue.org](mailto:masscue@masscue.org). Changes made after April 15 will not appear in the 2003 Membership Directory.

**Criteria for Evaluating Instructional Materials and Programs in Reading, Mathematics, and Science and Technology/Engineering Education**

The Department of Education has developed a document entitled, "Criteria for Evaluating Instructional Materials and Programs in Reading, Mathematics, and Science and Technology/Engineering Education" (<http://www.doe.mass.edu/read/news/criteria.pdf>) This document has been shared with school districts and grant applicants across the state. In keeping with the intent of the above initiative, the Department's Office of Instructional Technology has drafted the document "Criteria for Evaluating Instructional Technology Materials." We would like to share this document with schools and grant applicants too.

A number of instructional technology "experts" from schools and organizations have reviewed the document and given us their comments. I would appreciate it if you could review it and give us your comments.

Thanks for your help.  
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Massachusetts Department of Education  
**Criteria for Evaluating Instructional Technology Materials**  
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Evaluating Instructional Technology Materials is a daunting task. A wide variety of software is available and constantly evolving, and it can be difficult finding materials that match the Curriculum Frameworks and your local curricula. This checklist attempts to guide your thinking and planning.

In making your decisions about what to purchase, we strongly urge that you work with various departments of your school or district so that everyone can provide input. This means getting opinions from many people including but not limited to teachers, students, parents, and heads of the curriculum development, technology, and business departments. This is the only way you can ensure your purchases meet educational needs while also fitting within your budget and infrastructure.

The following document is by no means a comprehensive guide to determining the right products for your district. There are many resources available which you can purchase or get for free through the Internet which will help you make your decisions. In addition, it is recommended you use this guide in conjunction with other Department of Education documents and standards listed below.

Criteria for Evaluating Instructional Materials and Programs in Reading, Mathematics, and Science and Technology/Engineering Education  
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/read/news/criteria.pdf>

Massachusetts Recommended PreK-12 Instructional Technology Standards  
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/edtech/standards/itstand.pdf>

Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks  
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/current.html>

**Online MassCUE Election Next Month**

Next month MassCUE will elect the four officers on the Executive Board for 2-1/2 year terms. They will serve from their election in May until November 2005. They officially take over at the fall conference and serve until the conference 2 years later. Between their election in May and the conference in November, they work with the current board. The following members are currently on the slate. If you would like to nominate a different candidate(s), please do so by April 15. The ballot will appear in the May calendar, and the election will be online.

**Candidate for President:** Kathleen M. Peloquin, Education Technology Trainer, Worcester Public Schools; Currently President, MassCUE

**Candidate for Vice-President:** Reza Namin, Member Massachusetts Science, Technology & Engineering Advisory Board; Currently Member-at-Large, MassCUE Board

**Candidate for Secretary:** Elizabeth Bogardus, Grade 6 Teacher, Johnson Middle School, Walpole

**Candidate for Treasurer:** Deborah Donohue, Education Technology Trainer, Worcester Public Schools; Currently Treasurer, MassCUE

*\*\* President and Vice President run as a team.*  
*\*\*\*Nominations may be made by self nomination or by another MassCUE member.*

**Provide information by Email or US Mail.**

Name of nominating member: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return complete information before April 15 to:**  
**MassCUE, Inc., Box 812188, Wellesley, MA 02482**  
**781-235-5332 (voice or fax)**  
**masscue@masscue.org**

**Mark your Calendars**  
**MassCUE Annual Meeting**  
**— Friday, May 9 —**

You are invited to attend MassCUE's annual meeting on Friday, May 9. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Worcester.. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM, followed by a short general meeting and program. More details in the May calendar!

## **Palm Trains 23 New Palm Education Trainer Coordinators (PETC)**

MassCUE held the first Massachusetts PETC training at the Holiday Inn Worcester during the blizzard on February 18-20. There are now 23 new PETC's ready to conduct Palm training. Many of them will conduct Palm training at MassCUE's "Handheld Technology for School Leaders" on March 21st and also at MassCUE's fall conference on November 12 and 13. The latest PETC's are:

Virginia Abbott	Deborah Donohue	Paula Pike	Barbara Schwartz
Jennifer Avoglia	Sharon Eempio	Beverly N. Reber	Sandra Sciabarrasi
Laurene M. Belisle	John Euchler	Marcy Reed	Joan Tuttle
Susan M. Birrell	Lawrence W. Gray	Alice Santiago	John Wren
Donna Boivin	Erica Levy	Edward Sapienza	Megan Zmijewski
Maureen A. Brisson	Kathleen M. Peloquin	Kathleen Schrock	