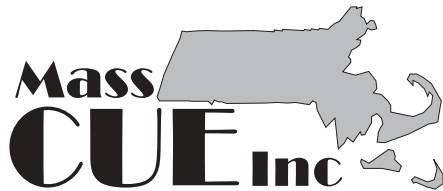


Massachusetts Computer Using Educators, Inc.

February 2003



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

Worcester SIG

Tuesday, February 11

Location: Venerini Academy

Time: 3:15-4:30

Topic: *Using Your Digital Camera Part II*

Description: Picture management, printing and web usage will be covered.

SIG Leaders: Sister Carol Skehan & Elaine Carilo

Contact: skehan@venerini.org School #508 753-3210

Directions: 290 East exit 17, 290 west exit 18. Route 9 East (Boston). This brings you to Belmont Street. From 290 East take a right. From 290 West bear left to Rt. 9. Shortly (less than 1/2 mile) on left is Umass/Memorial. At blinking yellow light on right is Edward St. (Store 24) Venerini is on left 2 blocks up.

SIG Name: ITSSIG

Tuesday, February 11

Location: Joyce Middle School, 55 Locust St., Woburn

Time: 4:30 PM

Topic: *Smart Symposium*

Description: Smart Symposium is an interactive lectern integration module which will be presented by a representative from CCS Presentation Systems. This device can work with SMART Board Software. Visit www.smarttech.com for more information.

SIG Leaders: Sharon Hydren and Susan Weiss

Contact: sharon@hydren.com or hydrens@chelsea.mec.edu
Please RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 6. Thank you.

Directions: to Joyce Junior High, 55 Locust St.- From Rte 95 (128) take Exit 33 to Rte 3S towards Woburn 0.9 miles turn left onto Locust St. You may want to also check more exact directions from your location. Please enter through the front door of the school.

Hampden County SIG

Thursday, February 13

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

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

Topic: *What's New in Technology?*

Presenter: Bill DiSisto, DiSisto Technology

Description: We will find out about the new Scalar Proscope (Mac and Windows compatible) which allows teachers to present magnified images and time lapse photography to their classes in real time. Bill will show us how to bring these digital images into iMovie and iPhoto to create microscopic movies and slides shows. We will learn about other cool things in educational technology.

Contacts: Theo Glickman (theogl@aol.com), Jan Kibbe (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.

Palm Education Training Coordinator Training February 18, 19, 20

Information: Participant selection has been completed.

Location: Holiday Inn Worcester, 3 days, 3 nights

Assistive Technology SIG

Wednesday, February 26

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

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Presenter: Wendy Cordero, M. A.

Topic: *Math Software*

Description: Ms. Cordero was recently awarded a Lexington Education Foundation grant to use SmartBoards in math classes at Lexington High School.

Contact: For directions, additional information or questions, please contact Myra Chang Thompson at MThompson@sch.ci.lexington.ma.us

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

Northshore Tri-town SIG

Thursday, February 27

Location: Masconomet High School, 2nd floor Media Center

Time: 3:30-5:00

Topic: *Presentation on the ViewWriter*

Description: Please join us for a presentation on the ViewWriter, "an electronic lectern that easily accesses, controls and integrates various multimedia inputs for instantaneous display to the audience on TV monitors or projection screens. Since it converts all of its inputs to standard video and audio signals, the entire presentation (with all its various inputs) can be saved on VHS video tape or in computer format on CD recorder for archiving and later reruns." Still not sure what it does? Come and find out! MassCue tote bags to the first 10 to arrive.

SIG Leaders: Susan Carson and Linda Morkeski
Contact: Susan Carson 978-887-2323 x6151 e-mail: scarson@masconomet.org
Directions: Masconomet High School, 20 Endicott Rd. Boxford, Located right at exit 51 off Rte. 95. Park in HS lot, enter through HS front doors, take a left or right, continue around and go up stairwell #4 to 2nd floor. Take a right at top of stairs; enter Media Center (room #4236), the first door on the left after the elevator.

Western Massachusetts Tech Coordinators SIG Friday, February 28

Location: Hampshire Educational Collaborative
Time: 8:30 am to 10:30 am
Topic: *Video Conferencing For Education*
Description: We will discuss and demonstrate the use of 2 way interactive video for education and discuss the Western Massachusetts Education Video Conferencing Network we have established between Gateway Regional School District (RSD), the Hampshire Educational Collaborative, Mohawk Trail RSD, Pioneer Valley RSD, and Baystate Health System.

SIG Leader: John Heffernan
Presenters: John Heffernan/Eric DeHays
Contact: jheffern@rcn.com
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.

Q: What is a MassCUE SIG? A: Special Interest Group

A SIG is the place where educators from a school system and/or a wider area meet to discuss what's on the cutting edge of technology. This forum allows you to make many new professional contacts, and places you in a position where you will learn first hand about new developments in educational technology. You will be able to share successes, and offer trouble-shooting tips. The new knowledge and relationships that you will establish within a SIG can only enhance your own understanding of technology's role in teaching and learning. You don't have to be a MassCUE member to attend, and it's FREE. Attend a SIG to discuss, compare, and share thoughts and discoveries concerning educational technology.

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Looking Ahead

Classroom Connect Conference March 4-5

Location: Boston, MA
Information: <http://proflearn.classroom.com/ProfDev/conferences/>

Handheld Technology for School Leaders Friday, March 21

Location: Holiday Inn Worcester
Audience: School Administrators and Tech Coordinators
Topic: *Connected, Informed, and Caring Leaders*
Facilitator: Mark Standley, University of Alaska
Registration: Registration information on page 3 of this calendar.

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, MassCUE will have its first booth ever at NECC. 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. When registering click on Groups and members of ISTE & NCCE. We have also secured a block of rooms for those MassCUE members who would like to be near one another. More information on that will be available soon. For the latest breaking MassCUE NECC 2003 news, keep posted to the MassCUE website <http://www.masscue.org>

SUBSCRIBE TODAY! To subscribe to our new MassCUE member list-serve, address a message to members@masscue.org, enter **subscribe** in the subject area, then send it.

Robotics Class for Educators

Chris Connors, Duxbury High School is organizing a two day robotics class for educators at Duxbury High School over February vacation. Here is a link to the description of the course: http://stampsinclass.com/html_files/Educators_courses.htm
Please contact Chris at c_connors@duxbury.k12.ma.us for more information.

STEM Seminars - UMass Amherst

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Institute's seminars are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 PM in room 138 Hasbrouck Lab. STEM programs begin at 4 PM; refreshments at 3:45 PM. Parking available at Campus Center Garage. For more information, contact STEM Ed Institute at 413-545-2016

Handheld Technology for School Leaders: "Connected, informed, and caring leaders"

March 21, 2003 Holiday Inn Worcester

Facilitator



Mark Standley is a faculty member of the University of Alaska Education Leadership Program and former Executive Director of the Alaska Center for Excellence in Schools. He has been a professional educator, research archeologist and executive in the computer industry for over 20 years in

Alaska. Mr. Standley is co-author of the books: *The Technology Advisory Council* (ISTE, 1993), *School/Business Partnerships* (Visions, 2000) and *Global Project-based Learning with Technology* (Visions, 2000), *Technology Standards* (Visions, 2001), *Future Courses* (TECHNOS, 2001), *Teaching Powerful Storytelling: Book of Questions* (Standby, 2002), and *Handheld Leader: Book of Questions* (Standby, 2002).

Mr. Standley has presented extensively in America, United Kingdom, and Japan on subjects including the art of digital presentations, teaching powerful storytelling, global project-based learning, handheld technology for leaders, and school/business partnerships.

Enroll in an online course on Handheld Technology for School Leaders at: http://www.asdn.org/distance_education/ed_593/ For more information about Mr. Standley's projects and publications, visit: www.mstandley.com.

This one day workshop will guide school administrators through the stages of technology usage in professional and personal practice. Areas of professional practice include: access to student data management, faculty interaction, instructional leadership, community and parent relationships, finances, facilities, school safety, and professional learning. Areas of personal practices include: time management, health, and career management. This workshop focuses on the skills and knowledge for administrators to use handheld technology to be efficient and effective and school leaders.

Guest speakers and trainers will be Mark Standley, consultant and trainer from Anchorage, Alaska, and Norma Jean Loftus, Palm, Inc. trainer. Instructors will be MassCUE PETC Certified Trainers.

Participants will apply leadership standards to professional and personal tasks to become more effective as school leaders. This includes using handheld technology to become more informed and connected to information, interactions and achievement within the community of learners. Research used from Michael Fullan and others include acting upon "moral purpose" of visionary caring, creating a culture of learning, and positive relationships.

*Space Limited to 200 School
Administrators and Tech Coordinators*

Each participant will receive a color Palm handheld computer with 8 MB of memory, a rechargeable battery, and a memory expansion slot.



This workshop consists of a series of activities designed to apply TSSA standards to the use of handheld technology for administrators. The activities include leadership readings, use of handheld technology, reflections, and projects tied to professional and personal goals.

Follow-up activities beyond the workshop will include a listserv and web-based resources provided by the instructors and MassCUE.

Date: March 21, 2003

Time: Breakfast 8 AM — Program 8:30-4

Location: Holiday Inn Worcester

Audience: School Administrators and Tech Coordinators

Facilitator: Mark Standley, University of Alaska

Fee: \$350 (Includes breakfast and lunch, Palm Handheld)

Deadline: Registrations with check or purchase order for \$350 need to be in by March 7, 2003.

New/Novice Palm Users:

Will be introduced to all the basics (*Data input, setting preferences, calendar, address book, memo, to do list, beaming files and programs). Will leave with a new Palm Handheld Computer and project ideas.

Palm Users:

Must know the basics (*Data input, setting preferences, calendar, address book, memo, to do list, beaming files and programs) and be ready to begin a project. Will leave with a new Palm Handheld Computer, a completed project, and project ideas.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

School System: _____

School: _____

Work Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ New Palm User _____ Experienced Palm User

Mail or fax (purchase orders) to:

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Time is \$\$\$\$

The one common thing I hear from teachers and administrators alike as I travel the schools in my district is: *"If I only had more time to . . ."* There never seems to be enough time to do all we know needs to be done or would like to do. The most significant way I know how to save time is by having all the information I need at my side 24/7 via my handheld computer. Can you imagine the possibilities if you had ALL the information and data you need for the job with you at all times? *How much time would this save? How would this translate into \$\$\$\$?*

Let's do a cost analysis for a director/coordinator position at \$70,000 per year. Let's say this position has a 200 day work year at 7 hours a day. This translates into \$350 a day or \$50 per hour. If just 15 minutes were saved each day, this translates into a weekly savings of \$62.50 and a yearly total of \$2,500 per director/coordinator. Multiply this by the number of directors in your district and just look at the savings. And this is only looking at a 15 minute savings; in many cases it could be more.

Can you "Imagine the Possibilities" if you had ALL the information and data you need for the job with you at all times?

What would a cost analysis look like if teachers could save just 15 minutes per day with a handheld computer? The average teacher salary* in Worcester for 2001 was \$42,315. Teachers work 180 days a year for an average of 6.5 hours per day. This translates into \$235 a day or about \$36 per hour. If just 15 minutes were saved per day @ \$9.00, \$1620 per year could be saved for each teacher. In 2001 there were 2,326 teachers in Worcester. This would translate into a savings of \$ 3,768,120!
(*http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/school_finance/other/salary.cfm)

One area we have not concentrated on enough in our schools is how we can save time. The simple cost analysis above shows saving TIME IS \$\$\$\$\$. Therefore, if for no other reason, I encourage you to attend this workshop to find out how you can save time and money for your district.

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