To inquire about student lab visits, contact Karin at 508-856-1529

Check out our Curriculum Resource Library! All materials are available to borrow.
To schedule a time to visit, contact Wendy at 508-856-5438
At the Central MA Curriculum Coordinators Meeting held on 12/9, discussion focused on Making Time for Science. Bill Wolfson presented a new program, Engineering Lens, which integrates engineering and thinking skills in an interdisciplinary learning environment for PreK - 5 students. Check out this example of how a mind mapping tool can be used to work with the design challenges involved in the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Currently, the program is seeking school districts willing to pilot Engineering Lens. For more information, please contact Bill at: Billw@engineeringlens.org

At this same meeting, another exciting educational resource was shared – Yummy Math, which is a website that provides math teachers with a way to integrate current events into their instruction. Brian Marks, co-founder of the website and math coach with the Newton Public Schools, shared information on Yummy Math, which takes math topics like algebra, geometry, data and probability and incorporates timely and relevant math activities based on what is currently happening in the world. Math topics listed on Yummy Math include the winter solstice, the 2010 census, and the highest grossing holiday movies, cold temperatures, among many others. Here is the most current topic available:

The Seattle Seahawks just made the NFL playoffs with a losing record. They are the first NFL team to do so in a non-strike year. Let your students explore other teams in the three major sports who have made their playoffs with a losing record. How will they determine which team had the worst record if many of the teams played different amounts of games? Seems like a good time for percents and proportions! Enjoy the playoffs... and the math. Click here to check out the lesson and worksheet for students!

For more information on Yummy Math, check out the website or follow them on Twitter.
The MTEL Preparation Course will be offered for teachers preparing for the middle school math licensure test. The class is designed as an intensive review course, with additional practice to be completed outside of class time. Nancy Swanson, retired from Leominster Public Schools, will instruct the course.

Sessions will be held in Shrewsbury at the Regional Science Resource Center on Thursday afternoons from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. Classes will be held on 3/3, 3/10, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/28, and 5/5 leading up to the May 14th MTEL test date. We will also be offering a High School Prep Class in the Summer 2011. Contact Wendy at 508-856-5348 for more information. To register for the class, click here.

The RSRC is on Facebook!!!

Here you will find status updates about what is happening at the RSRC, see pictures of events like Women in Science, MEN in STEM, Science Fairs, Professional Development Courses, videos about the RSRC and much more!

RSRC Spotlight: Rob Richardson

Rob Richardson is the East Coast Education Manager at Intel-Massachusetts in Hudson and has been a friend of the RSRC for many years. Rob is a strong supporter of innovation in math and science education, offers wonderful advice and gives a business perspective to any endeavor we are thinking of undertaking. He is the Chair of the Central MA STEM Network and an enthusiastic advocate for the local, regional, state and international science fairs. Intel has an outstanding educational outreach leader in Rob. He is about to take a new position in Washington DC at the Change the Equation organization to bring his expertise to a national level. We will miss him. Our best wishes go with you!