



NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Message from the Director of Technology Re: FASTT Math

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

North Bellmore is using *FASTT Math*, a math application designed to increase a student's ability to recall basic core math facts in one of more of the following operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. FASTT stands for Fluency and Automaticity through Systematic Teaching with Technology. *FASTT Math* is a proven research-based program that impacts a child's capacity to retain math facts and is therefore beneficial for students to use as a practice tool. This proven method assesses individual student's fluency and then provides systematic, adaptive instruction and practice to fill in any gaps. This provides the foundation for the development of higher-order math skills.

All third and fourth grade students have *FASTT Math* accounts, as well as second, fifth and sixth grade students who have been identified by their classroom teacher as someone who could benefit from using the *FASTT Math* program 10 minutes each day. Your child's teacher will continue to monitor the progress over time, change the operation when needed, and determine when the child no longer needs the program.

We are excited about the benefits FASTT Math can bring to our students. For more information please feel free to visit the following website: <http://www.tomsnyder.com/fasttmath/index.html>

Sincerely,

Gary Pardo
Director of Technology

Computer System Requirements:

1. Cable or Verizon Fios Internet Access – Must be Fast Bandwidth
2. The browser (e.g., Internet Explorer) should be a recent version, not necessarily the latest version.
3. Adobe Shockwave and Flash Plug-ins for the browser used should be the most recent versions.
4. Scholastic recommends Dual Core Intel processors for both Windows® and Macintosh® workstations. *FASTT Math* is certified for workstations using the following operating systems (with the latest service packs):
 - Windows 7 Professional and Ultimate, Vista Business, Windows XP Pro
 - Mac OS X 10.6, 10.5, 10.4.11