



NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Message from the Director of Technology Re: Study Island and enVisions Math

September 15, 2009

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

North Bellmore is pleased to offer Study Island and enVisions Math, two web-based instructional applications to support instruction in grades three through six. Both applications provide our students with practice materials aligned with the NYS Learning Standards that are accessible from home or school.

The **Study Island** program is divided into sections based on subject, i.e., math, reading, writing, science and social studies. Each section is made up of 10 to 25 topics, and each topic contains many questions with explanations. Students can choose from several study modes including the “Test” mode or one of many games. The goal of the program is to demonstrate proficiency in every topic and receive a blue ribbon. Students can review topics they have already passed since the questions rarely repeat and practice is encouraged. Results from student study sessions are recorded and made available to the teacher. For students who do not have high-bandwidth Internet access at home, students will have access in school or teachers can print the assignments as worksheets.

Students also have access to the **Pearson SuccessNET enVisions Math** textbook series at home via the Internet. This online textbook includes interactive features specifically created for the Web to enhance instruction and learning. These features include e-tools which are virtual math manipulatives, an interactive glossary for math concepts and vocabulary, and digital resources e.g., instructional videos and multimedia lessons.

We are excited about the benefits these online applications can bring to our students, and we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. Your student’s classroom teacher will provide information to students on how to access these two resources at home. Instructions for both applications are also posted on the North Bellmore Student Home Page @ <http://www.northbellmoreschools.org/students/index.cfm>

Sincerely,

Gary Pardo
Director of Technology