



NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Message from the Director of Technology Re: World Book Online Reference Center

September 15, 2009

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The school district has renewed its subscription to the World Book Online Reference Center which includes free access from home for our students and their families. This Internet-based service, which has been used successfully in our schools for several years, contains every article from *World Book Encyclopedia's* printed edition, plus thousands more. This World Book web-site is updated regularly and is a valuable resource for homework and research. The site can be particularly helpful to young children if you want to encourage monitored home use of the Internet but not broader searches on the World-Wide-Web. The World Book Online Reference Center features:

- Four different versions: World Book Kids (Grades K-3), Student (Grade 3-6), Advanced (Grade 6 and up) and a Spanish edition.
- Thousands of accurate, easy-to-read articles.
- Related articles from major newspapers and magazines that are edited to provide a safe source of information for current events and the news behind the media headlines. Extensive multimedia enhancements, including photographs, maps, illustrations, tables, animations, and audio/video clips.
- Special Reports that broaden and deepen coverage for selected topics.
- Links to other resources and areas of interest, such as: Features of the Month, Today in History, Behind the Headlines, an Atlas and Dictionary.
- A collection of research tools including a Biography Center that offers easy access to information on important people, a timeline builder and more.

Members of the North Bellmore school community can access World Book Online from home using any Mac or PC with Internet access. If you do not have an Internet-connected computer at home, you may access World Book Online from another location, such as the public library. Please follow these directions to access World Book Online:

1. Launch a Web browser, such as Internet Explorer, to go online.
2. Log in by going to the following web address: **<http://www.worldbookonline.com>**
3. Login using the account information that was shared with your child. If you need the logon account information please make a request to your child's classroom teacher.

All the main Internet Web browsers are supported by World Book including Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox and Mac Safari.

For what amounts to a nominal cost, I am excited that we can take advantage of this service in an effort to enhance and support the home-school connection. I hope you find the World Book Online Reference Center to be a valuable resource. Thank you for your ongoing support of our Instructional Technology program.

Sincerely,

Gary Pardo
Director of Technology
