Internet Safety

Each year the Technology Service Department conducts a computer orientation class for students in grades K-12. The orientation teaches students how to log into the network, save files to their personal account, and computer care.

This year, in addition to the pre-existing computer orientation curriculum, we felt that it was also important to include a section on Internet safety. Using the i-SAFE and Netsmartz programs as a guide, lessons were created for each grade level. During this orientation, students will also participate in a web-based Technology Survey. This survey was created to gather data from students based on their knowledge of computers, new technologies, and usage. This data is imperative in the creation, implementation, and support of the District's Instructional Technology Program. Data from this survey will be included in the 2007-2010 Instructional Technology Report.

At the Wolcott Street School, Internet safety will support the character education philosophy. For example, if the monthly theme is Respect, students might discuss how they are respectful on the Internet. Mini-lessons will be taught throughout the school year which coincides with the monthly Character Education Theme.

At the Jr./Sr. High School students will participate in activities which promote safe practices on the Internet. Activities were designed appropriate to each grade level.

The New York Senate recently passed a bill supporting the instruction of the i-SAFE program in all public schools. This program was created to provide quality instruction on Internet Safety for students in grades Kindergarten through twelve. Listed below are two links where you can obtain additional information about Internet safety:

http://isafe.org/

http://www.netsmartz.org/