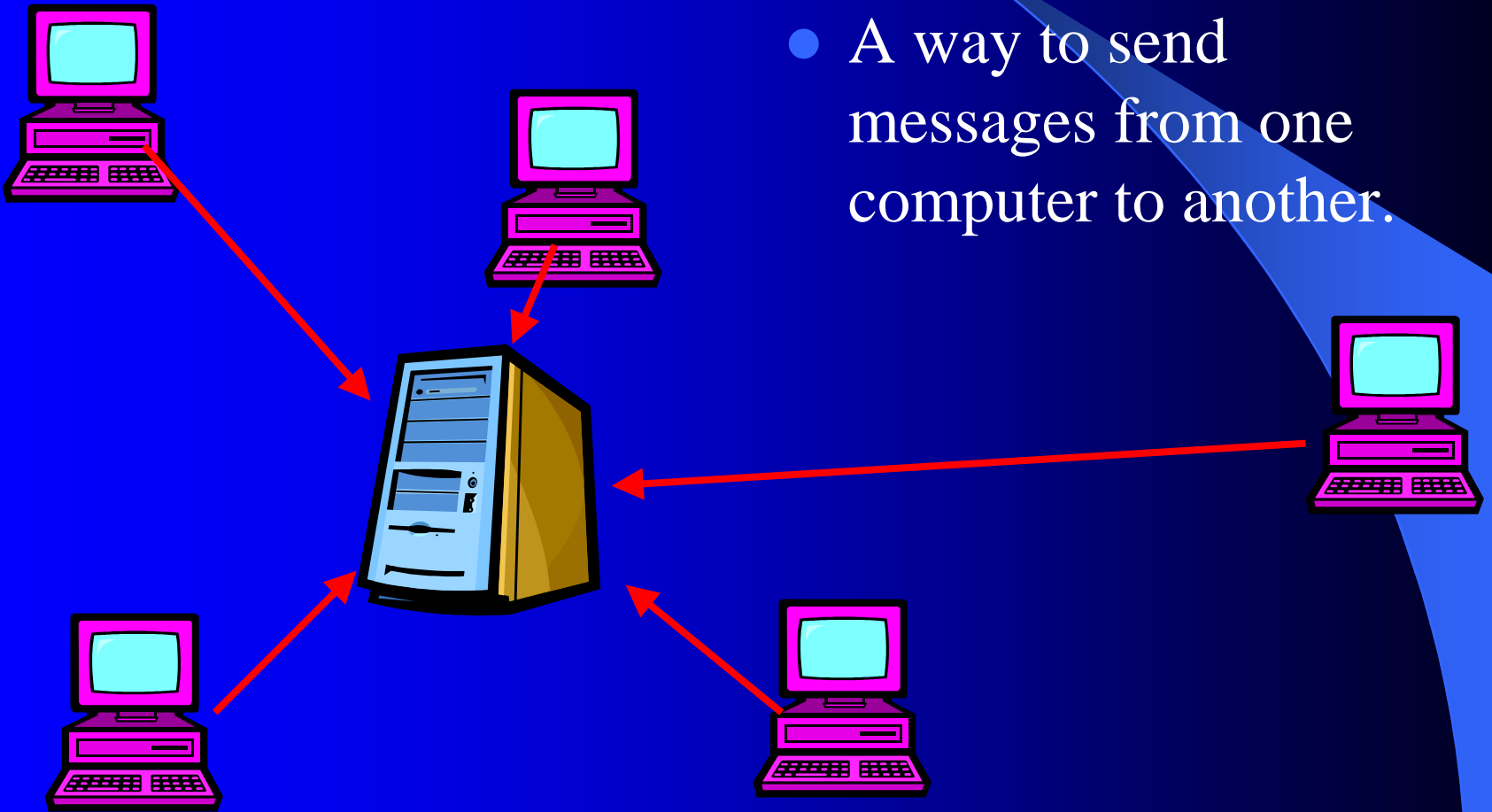# Internet Safety

The way to be online

Chat – What it is…

- A way to send messages from one computer to another.

How Chat Works

Chat Room Basics

Chatters appear here. Notice not all write messages. Some visitors simply watch what others say.

Jsmith@aol.com writes: The lines each person type on their screens appear here.

Rsmith@msn.com: Others can see what each person types and can respond by typing on their own screen.
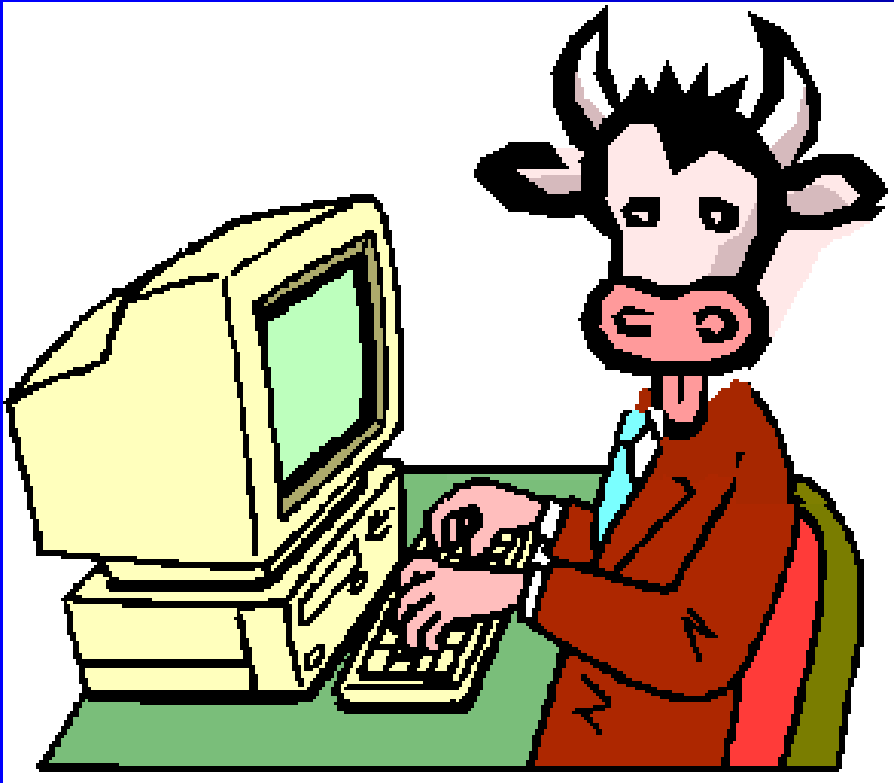
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Rsmith@aol.com
Someonelse@somewhere.com

TYPE HERE: Type what you want here. It will appear in the window above when you press the button to the right.
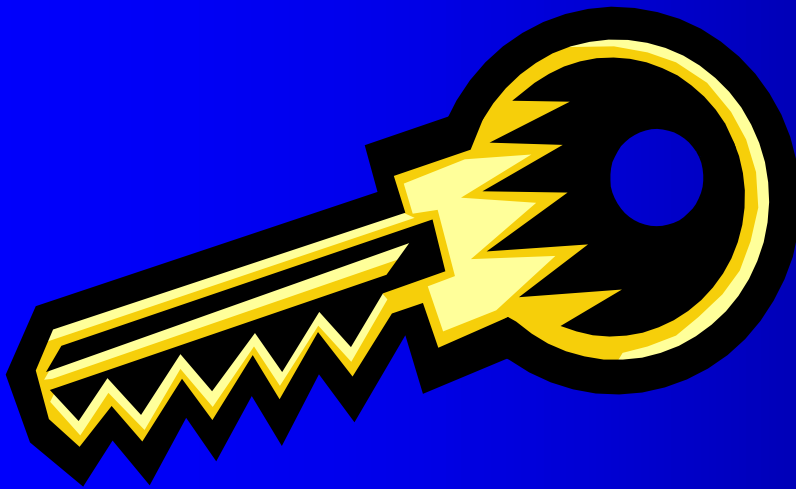
Send

Remember

People do NOT always tell the truth about who they are online.

On the Internet, nobody knows you're a Cow!

Ways to stay safe

- Never reveal personal information like a phone number or address

- Use only a screen name.

- Do not ever meet anyone from a chat in person.

Young People should Keep parents informed

- Tell parents about any threatening communication or any conversation that was scary.

- Introduce parents to online friends

Never exchange photographs.

- Young people should not download photos from someone they do not know,

- Young people should NEVER upload photographs

How to browse the web safely

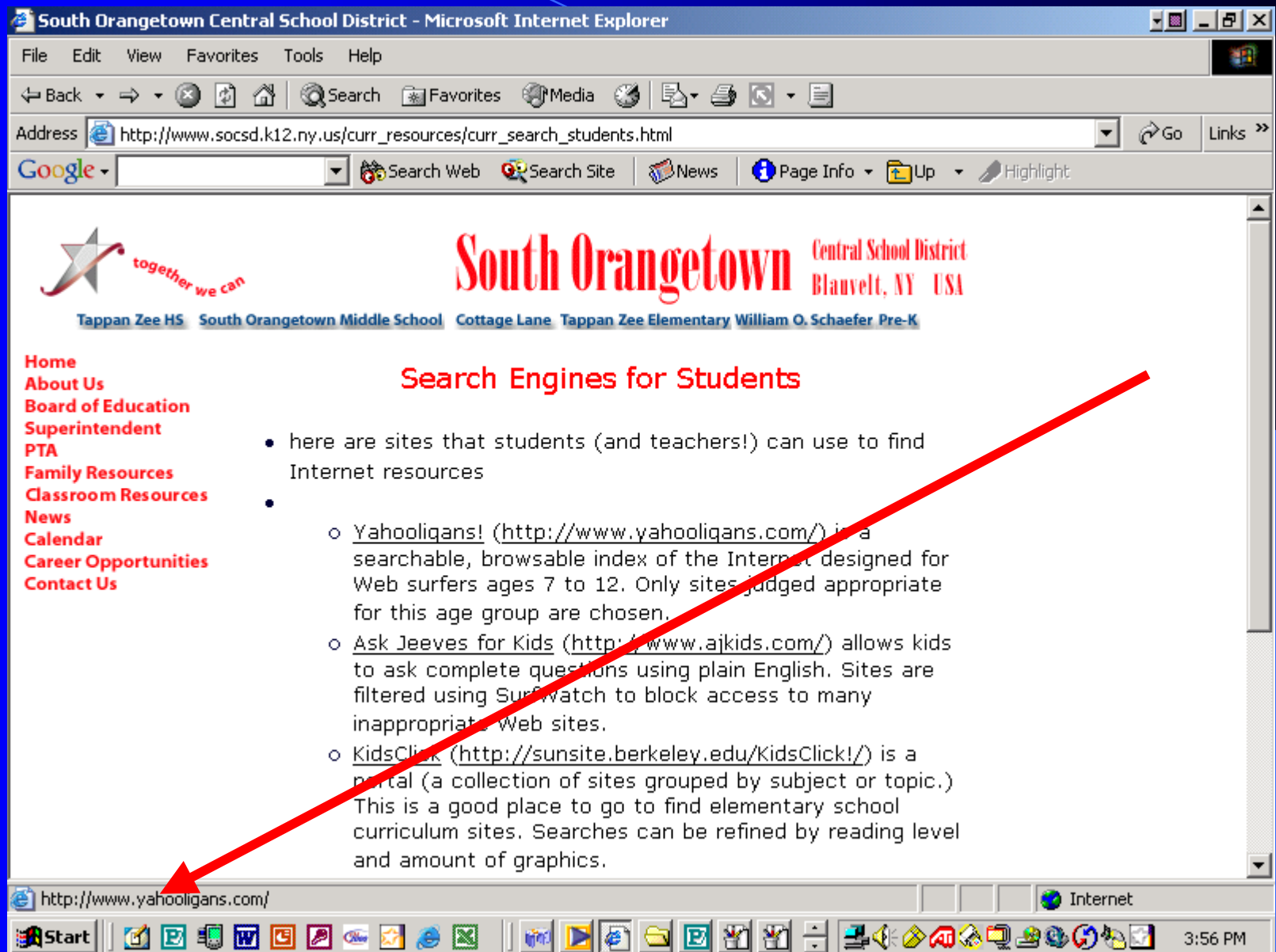Happy Surfing!!!!

What's the Danger?

- Some sites are meant for adults, not children

- Some sites may contain false or misleading information that is hard for children to detect.

Always use a children's search engine.

- **Yahooligans!** (http://www.yahooligans.com/) is a searchable, browsable index of the Internet designed for students. Only sites judged appropriate are chosen.

- **Ask Jeeves for Kids** (http://www.ajkids.com/) allows kids to ask complete questions using plain English.

- **KidsClick** (http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/KidsClick!/) is a portal (a collection of sites grouped by subject or topic.) This is a good place to go to find school curriculum sites. Searches can be refined by reading level and amount of graphics.

- **ALFY** (http://www.alfy.com/) is a, graphic web portal targeted especially for younger children.

Check each address before you click.

Look at more than one site before you form your own opinion.

Use sites that you know first.

Adds on the Internet

Message Alert

You Won!!

OK

FREE!!

- Adds on the internet often try to make you think you MUST click. You never have to.

- Adds also often try and fool you into believing you are getting something for free. If an add seems to good to be true, it probably is.
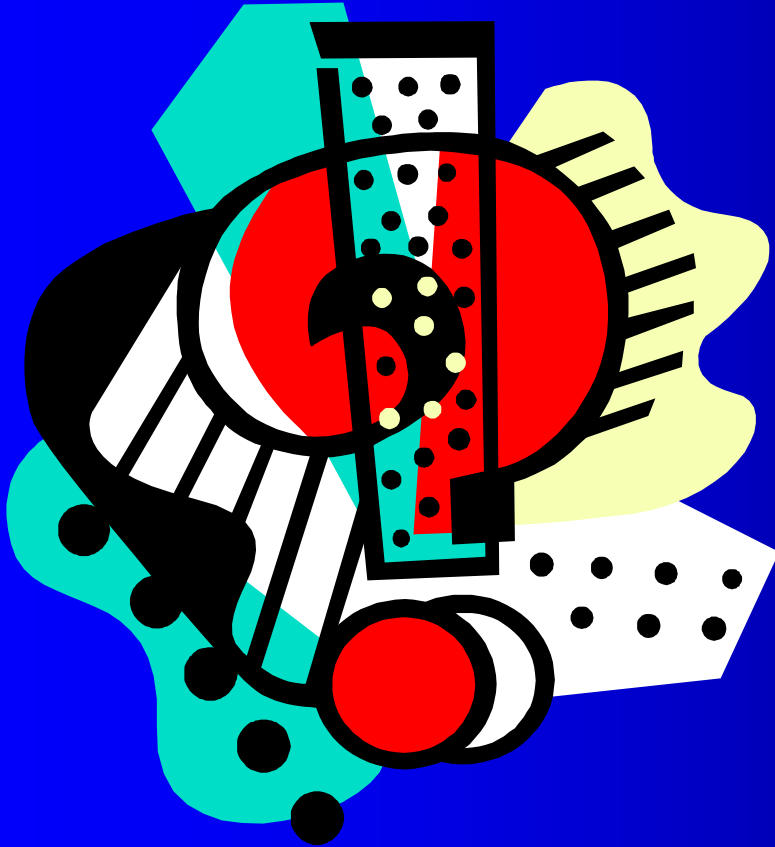
Internet Contests

Enter your email address for a chance to win!!

Send

Internet contests like this one often ask for an email address, which they will distribute to junk mail providers all over the internet. They produce few winners, but a lot mail.

Remember

- If something does not seem right, children should CHECK WITH A GROWNUP.

- Never give out passwords to anyone.

Filter Programs

- www.aol.com

- www.netnanny.com

- www.surfcontrol.com

Keep Young People's Computers Where Parents Can See