Glossary of Internet Terms

Browser: The program you use to surf web pages. Examples: Firefox, Safari, Internet Explorer, and Chrome.

★ Contributor (Author/Editor): The person(s) responsible for writing or editing a part of or the entire web site.

★ Date of e-Publication (Copyright): Identifies when a web page was created or updated. Usually found at the bottom of the page, next to the word or symbol for copyright. Examples: Copyright 2014 OR ©2013

Domain Name: Part of the URL (web address) that helps identify the source of information. Common domain names are: “.com” (commercial); “.edu” (educational institution); “.gov” (government); and “.org” (organization). Example: <http://www.mit.edu> is the URL for Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an educational institution

Internet: A collection of millions of computers around the world connected together by telephone lines, cables or satellites (like roads and highways) over which they can exchange information.

★ Name of Web Site: The name of a collection of web pages that share a common theme or subject.

Navigation: The organization of links that help you get around on a web site, including scroll bars, drop-down menus, etc.

★ Web Page Title: The name of one of the pages on a web site. The easiest way to identify the page title is to look at the title bar, which is above the URL (web address).

★ Publisher: A company, an organization, or an individual responsible for the creation of a website. An easy way to identify the publisher is to look for a logo, usually at the top of a page. The name of the publisher can also be found near the copyright date, usually found at the bottom of the page.

Search Engine: A software program that will search the Internet, a website, or a database for the keyword(s) typed into a search box. Examples: Bing & Google.

Site Map: A link on a page that shows all the pages of a website.

★ URL (web address): Acronym for “Uniform Resource Locator”. URLs show the location of a resource (its address) on the Internet.

Web site: One or more connected web pages created and managed by an individual or a group (publisher). Example: the Diamond Middle School web site is a collection of many web pages.

World Wide Web (WWW): The name given to the huge collection of web pages that can be surfed on the Internet.

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