**Pop-Ups and Malware**

Be sure you allow Windows up-dates and Microsoft Security Essential up-dates to run automatically.

If your computer isn’t running right or you are getting pop-ups, it is time to run Malware Bytes!

Look in the folder on your desktop labeled “Anti-Virus”.

Click on the Malware Bytes icon and update the definitions. Then run the program. It will search throughout your hard drive for malware such as Trojans, “pup” pop-ups, and viruses. Once the program has finished you can quarantine all of the items found. Then restart your computer, to complete the removal.

On the rare occasion that you have a very nasty program that hi-jacks your web browser, you may need to start the program in “safe” mode before the malware has started. If you can update the Malware Bytes definitions first, do so. If the malware doesn’t allow you to, then restart the computer and press the F8 key before the program starts Windows. The F8 key is located on the top row of your keyboard. Select the option to start your computer in safe mode with networking.

Then run Malware Bytes once again. Be sure to update the definitions first before scanning.

It’s a good idea to run Malware Bytes monthly as you will get pop-ups or other advertising once you go out on the web. This will help your computer to run faster and smoother once again.

**Power Settings**

If your screen or hard drive is shutting off, you may need to change the “power settings”.

Click on the Start Button and click on Control Panel. Open Power Options. For laptops you can set the options to use when on battery power or AC when plugged into the wall. There are separate settings for the hard drive as well as the display. You can change it to whatever works best for you.