

AN OVERVIEW OF TEACHER WEBSITES

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DO YOU HAVE AN ONLINE PRESENCE?



SCHOOLWIRES

- Site hosted by Middletown Township Public Schools.
- Templates are loaded by our Webmaster
- Pages are saved on Middletown's Servers
- This is where all teacher pages will begin

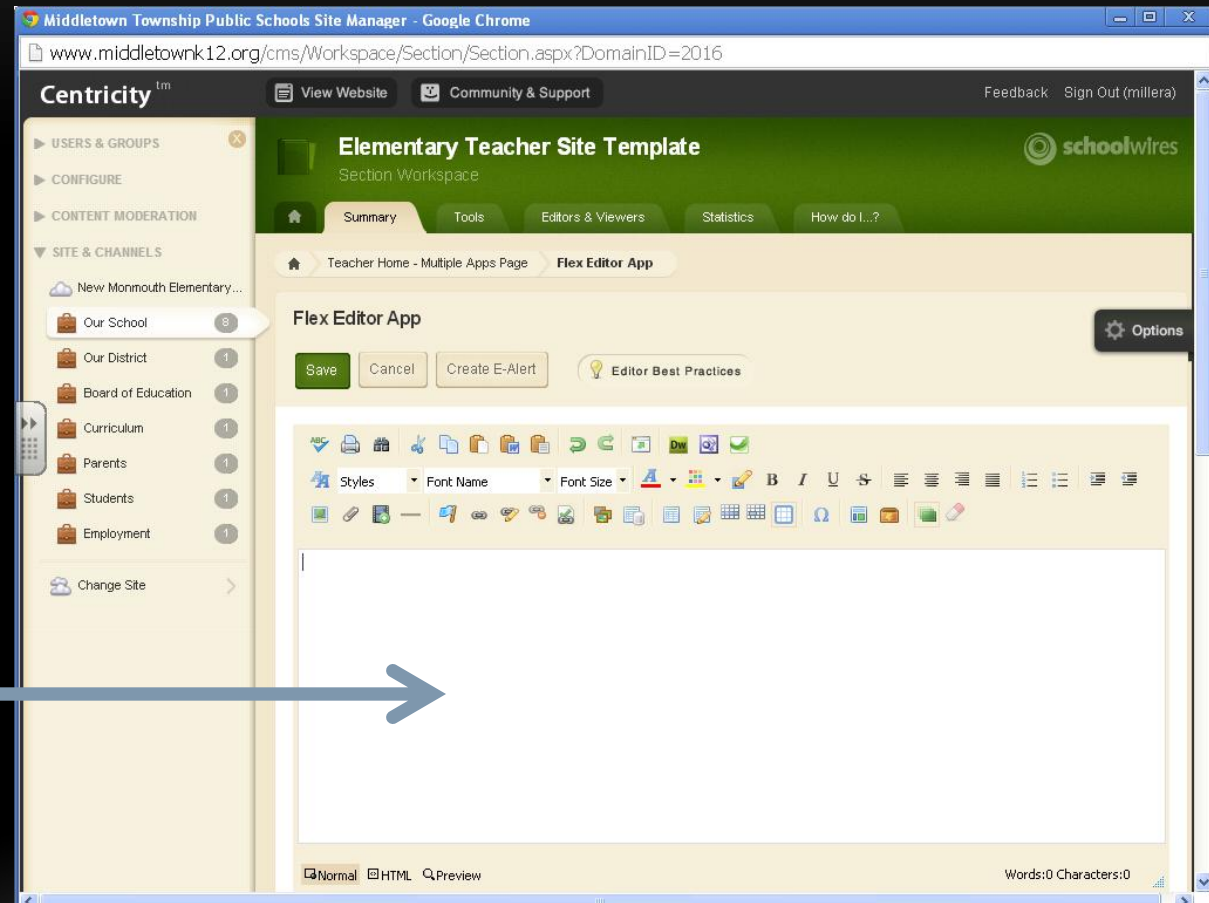


CONTENT IS ADDED TO PAGE IN AN APP

The screenshot displays the Centricity CMS interface for the 'Elementary Teacher Site Template'. The browser window title is 'Middletown Township Public Schools Site Manager - Google Chrome' and the URL is 'www.middletownk12.org/cms/Workspace/Section/Section.aspx?DomainID=2016'. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'View Website' and 'Community & Support' links, and a 'Feedback Sign Out (millera)' option. A left sidebar menu lists categories like 'USERS & GROUPS', 'CONFIGURE', 'CONTENT MODERATION', and 'SITE & CHANNELS', with 'Our School' selected. The main content area shows the 'Teacher Home - Multiple Apps Page' with a 'Flex Editor App' widget and an 'Announce...' widget. A right sidebar contains an 'Actions' panel with options like 'Manage Apps & Layout', 'Page Options', 'Set Viewers', and 'View Page'. The bottom of the page shows 'Pending Comments' and 'All Comments' links.

FLEX EDITOR APP

Text, images and other content can be entered into the Flex Editor App.



SAMPLE WEB PAGE IN SCHOOL WIRES

Home **Our School** Our District Board of Education Curriculum Parents Students Employment Calendar

Staff Directory

- ▶ Staff Directory
- ▲ Kindergarten
- ▶ First Grade
- ▶ Second Grade
- ▶ Third Grade
- ▲ Fourth Grade
- ▶ Fifth Grade
- ▲ Co-Teachers
- ▶ Special Area Teachers
- ▶ Reading Specialist
- ▶ Math Specialist
- ▶ Technology Specialist
- ▶ Speech
- ▶ Paraprofessionals

Welcome to Mrs. Miller's Page!


I am the Educational Technology Specialist in New Monmouth and Port Monmouth Schools for the Middletown Township Public Schools. This is my sixteenth year teaching and my first year in Middletown Township. I started teaching Computers in 2001 and have loved it from the start!

I graduated from Rutgers Graduate School of Education with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education in 1998 and earned a second Master's degree from Rutgers in Counseling Psychology in 2003. I am constantly attending professional development sessions to increase my knowledge of technology and learn new applications.

I look forward to working with the teachers, students and parents of Middletown.

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Click [here](#) to see the website for Mrs. Miller.

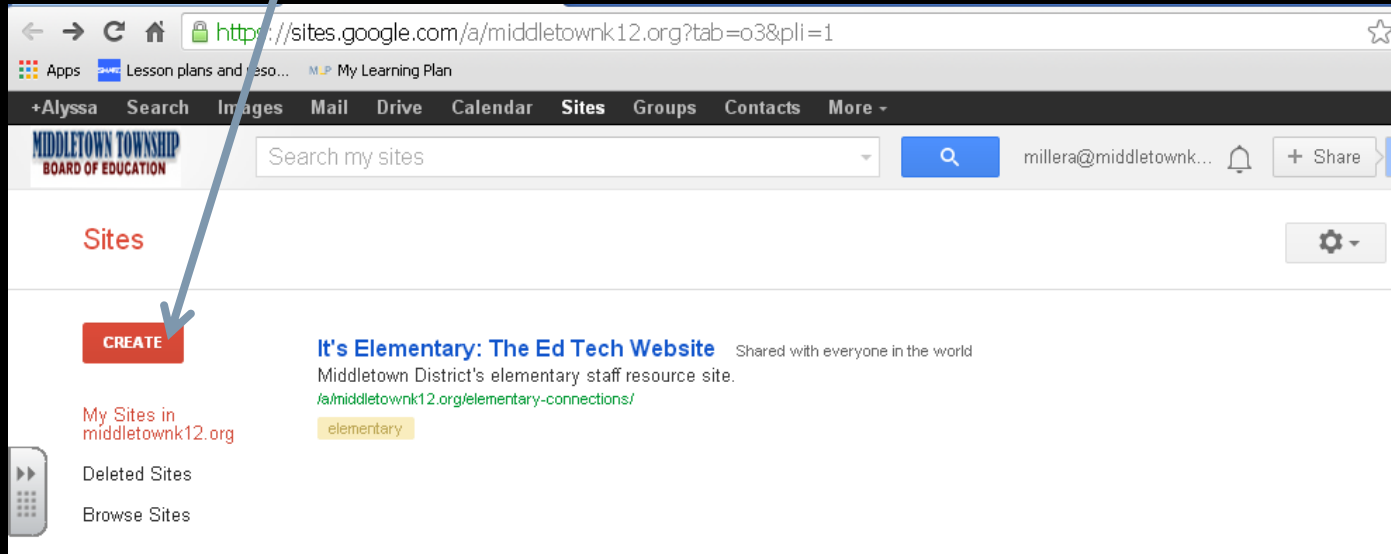


GOOGLE SITES

- Works in a similar style to Google Docs
- Templates offered through Google
- Saved in your Google Apps



STEP 1: AFTER CREATING A GOOGLE ACCOUNT AND LOGGING INTO GOOGLE SITES SELECT "CREATE."



STEP 2: AFTER SELECTING A TEMPLATE, NAME SITE, DESCRIBE SITE, AND CHOOSE VISIBILITY SETTING.

Select a Site Template

middletownk12.org








Public

- Featured
- Business collaboration
- Activities & events
- Schools & education**
- Clubs & organizations
- Personal & family
- Government & non-profits

Policy

Language

English (US) ▾

	Classroom site Pull all your class information together in one place. Stay connected with pa...
	E-Portfolio Template E-Portfolio Template
	Science Classroom Website A simple, visually attractive website template for teachers. This template wa...
	Project work site Get your project organized with this central place to manage all project deli...
	Classroom Cork Board Based on the Over the Top Marketing Mom's club site.
	Simple and Easy Teacher Site (CCS) This template comes complete with instructions on how to make it your own. It...
	Personal Website This Template is for users who wish to have their own customized element test...

OPTIONAL:

Blank template Project wiki ? **Classroom site ?** Family site ? Soccer team ? [more](#)

Name your Site:

Your site will be located at this URL:

Site URLs can only use the following characters: A-Z,a-z,0-9

Choose a theme (currently: using template default)

More Options

You can adjust these options later by using the "Manage site" option.

Site description

Share with

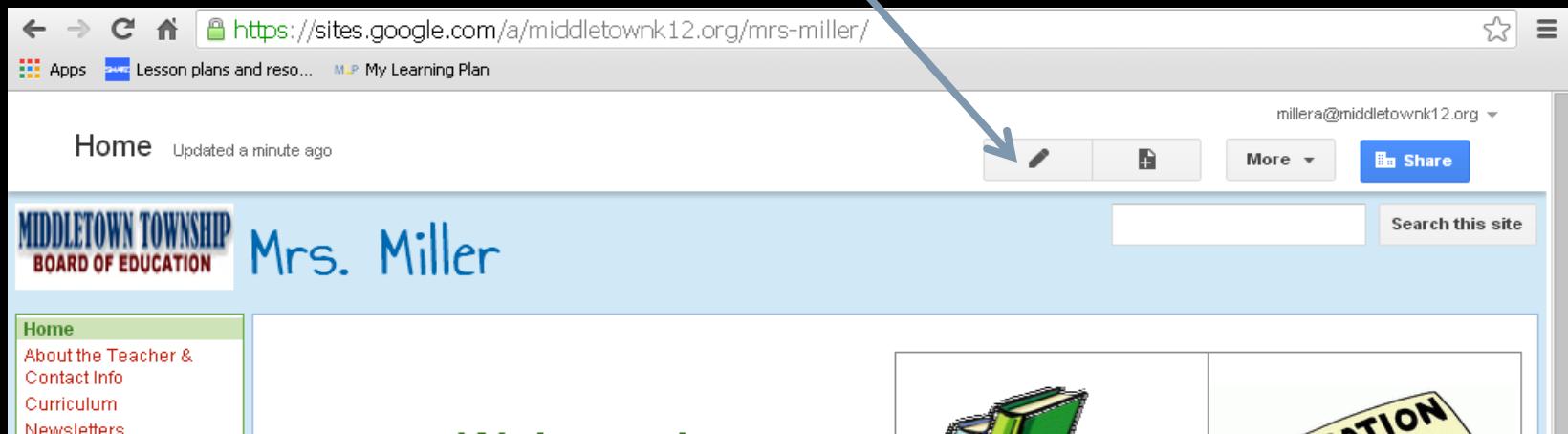
Everyone in the world can view this site

Only people I specify can view this site

Mature content

This site contains mature content only suitable for adults.

STEP 3: SELECT EDIT PAGE TO BEGIN ADDING CONTENT.



STEP 4: CLICK ON ANY SECTION SURROUNDED BY DOTTED LINES TO ADD TEXT CONTENT.

Home


Welcome!



Curriculum

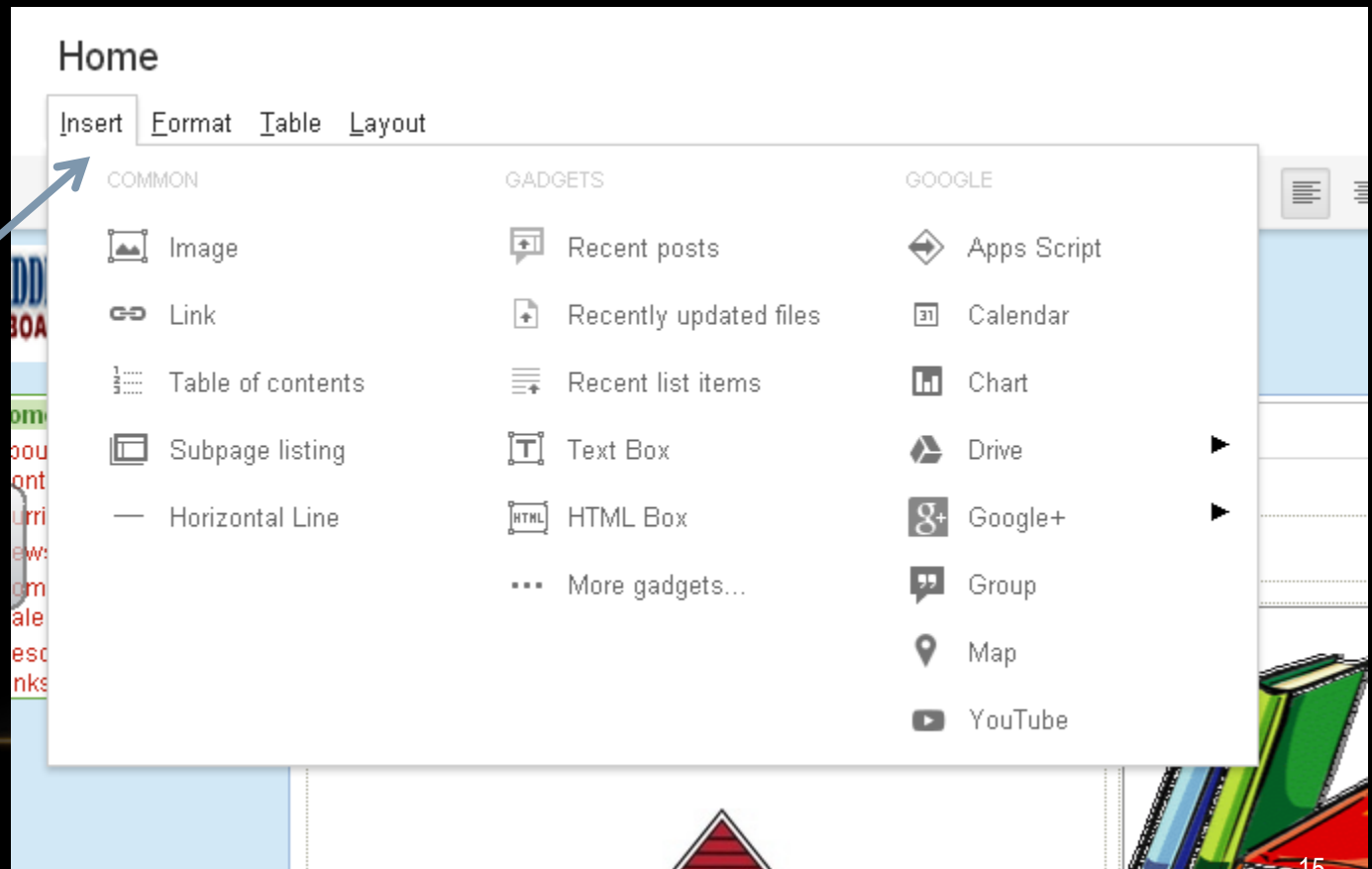


Newsletters



ALTERNATE METHOD FOR ADDING IMAGES, CALENDARS, VIDEO, MAPS, AND HTML WIDGETS TO YOUR PAGE(S).

Select insert from editor menu to insert images, calendars, maps or YouTube videos.



ADDING MORE PAGES TO YOUR SITE

Creates a new page

The screenshot shows a website editor interface. At the top left, it says "Home Updated 15 minutes ago". On the right, there is a user email "milleram@middletownk12.org" and a toolbar with icons for edit, add page, more options, and share. Below the toolbar is a search bar with the text "Search this s". The main content area features a header with the "MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION" logo and "Mrs. Miller" in blue text. A left sidebar contains a menu with items like "About the Teacher & Contact Info", "Curriculum", "Newsletters", "Calendar", and "Resources & Favorites". The main content area displays a "Welcome!" message with a schoolhouse icon, a stack of books, and a newspaper titled "EDUCATION NEWS" with an apple icon.

SELECTING THE LAYOUT AND NAMING THE NEW PAGE

Create a page in Site: Mrs. Miller

Name your page:

Your page URL: /a/middletownk12.org/mrs-miller/ [change URL](#)

Select a template to use ([Learn more](#))

Web Page

Select a location:

Put page at the top level

Put page under **Home**

» Your new page

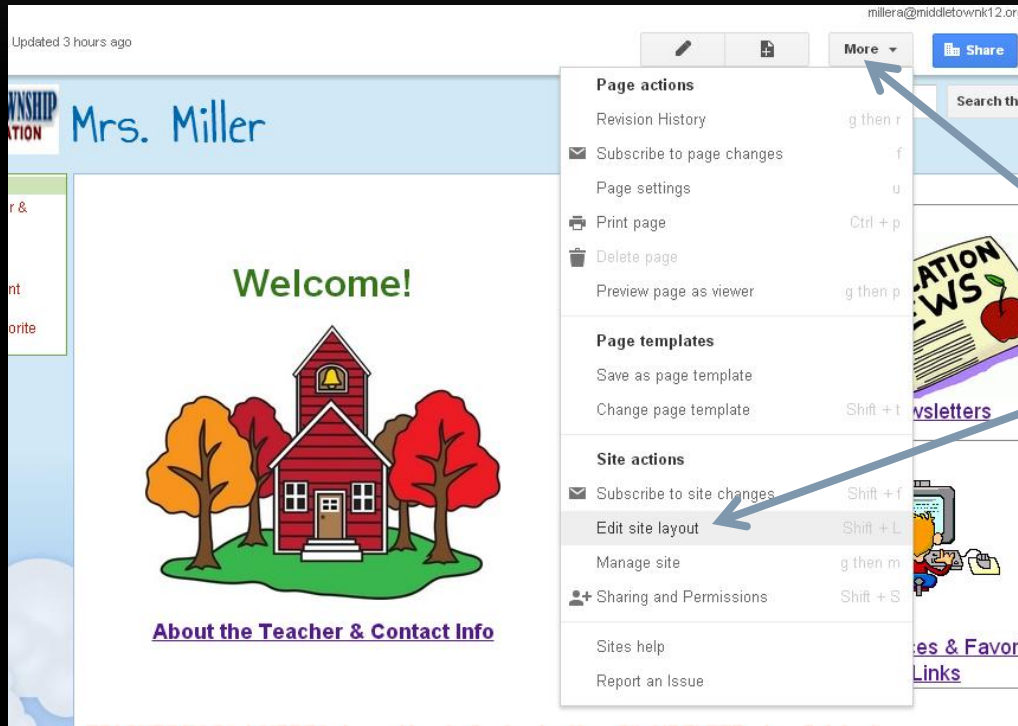
▸ Choose a different location

• Name the new page

• Select a template for the page

• Select a navigation for your new page

EDITING THE NAVIGATION OF YOUR SITE.



Click "More"
Click "Edit site layout"

EDIT SITE LAYOUT

- Click “Home” to open the Configure Navigation.
- In this screen, you can change the order of your pages, nest pages, and delete pages.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit site layout' interface for a website. A blue arrow points from the 'Home' link in the navigation menu to the 'Configure navigation' dialog box. The dialog box has the following fields and options:

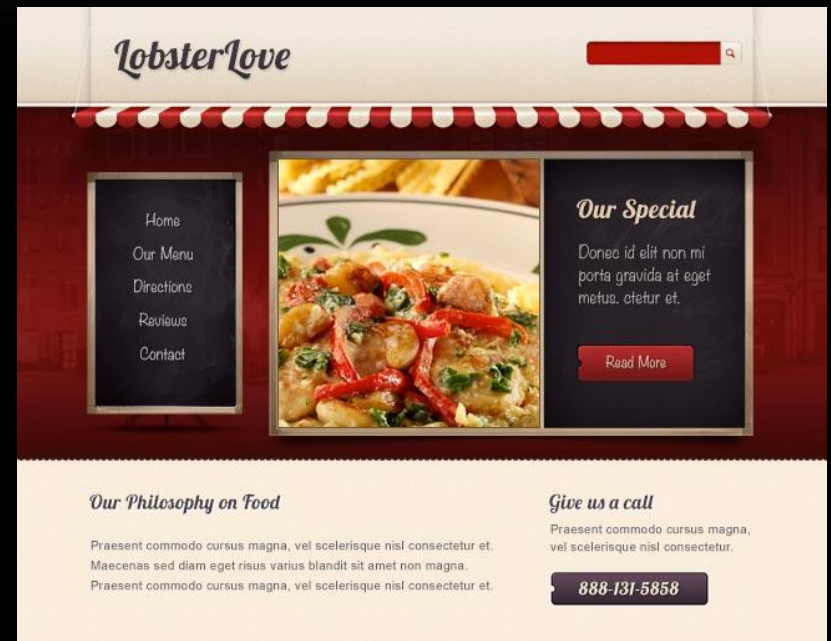
- Title:** Navigation
- Display title
- Automatically organize my navigation
- Select pages to show**
- Home
- About the Teacher & Contact Info
- Curriculum
- Newsletters
- Homework & Event Calendar
- Resources & Favorite Links
- Buttons: Add page, Add URL
- Include a link to:**
- Sitemap
- Recent site activity
- Buttons: OK, Cancel

HERE ARE SEVEN OTHER PLACES THAT
TEACHERS CAN BUILD AND HOST A WEBSITE
FOR FREE:



WEEBLY

Weebly was the first website building tool that I ever tried. Customizing the look, feel, and components of your Weebly website is easily done through a drag and drop editor. All of the pages on your site are automatically indexed for ease of visitor navigation.

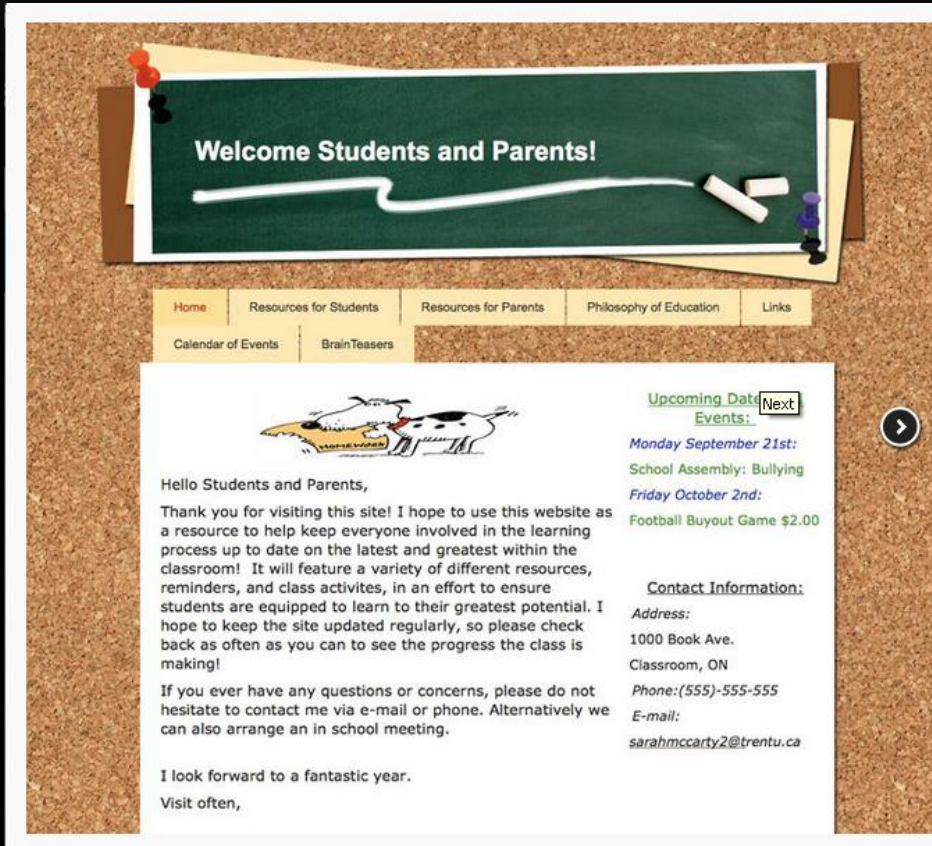


WEBS (FORMERLY FREE WEBS)

Webs' drag and drop SiteBuilder requires no technical knowledge. Websites built using Webs can include videos, calendars, polls, and a wide variety of third party widgets. Webs offers a wide variety templates and layouts to select from. For people with a higher level of comfort with technology, Webs might be a little too basic for your needs.



YOLA (FORMERLY SYNTHASITE)



An outstanding aspect of Yola is that not only is your website free, it is advertising free, and remains free regardless of how much content you add to it. This is a good thing if you plan to post a lot of audio or video content as some website builders and hosts begin to charge once you reach a certain volume content. Yola provides good tutorials and forums for first time users.

SNAP PAGES

Snap Pages provides a free service as well as a premium service for creating your custom website. The free service has more than enough features for a teacher to set up and maintain a class website. The editing and customizing options of Snap Pages allow users to create pages that are little more clean and professional looking than some of the sites.



WEB NODE

Web Node is a simple way to build a website. The easy to use, drag and drop, interface makes it easy to change the look and feel of your website. For two reasons Web Node is a good tool for students to use to present and share their work with a wider audience. First, Web Node does not put any advertising on your website, and second, the user interface is intuitive enough for most students to use on their own.

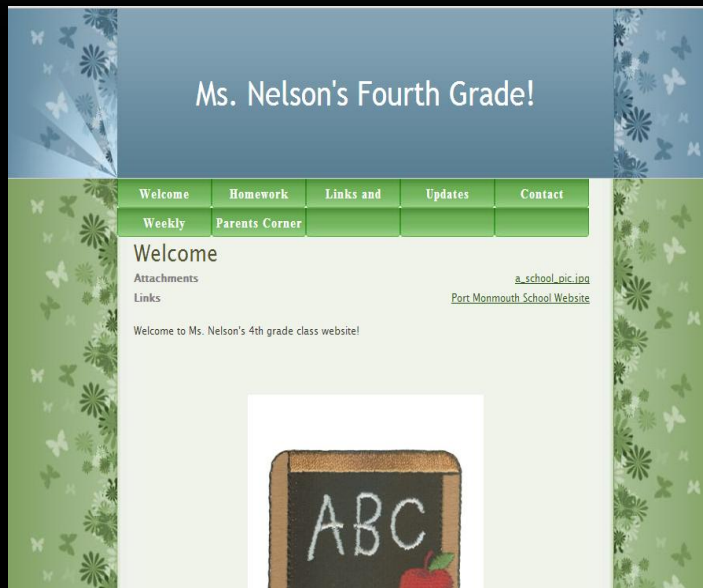


SAUROPOL



Sauropol, like other free website building and hosting platforms, is a free method for teachers to share information about their courses with parents and students. One feature that Sauropol offers that some similar services do not offer is the ability to use more than one template within your website. In other words, you're not locked into using one format for all of your content.

MYCLASSHQ



“MyClassHQ was designed by elementary school teachers to be easy to use with no setup. If you know how to use Microsoft Word, you'll be fine. No need to learn anything advanced.”

NOTES:



GO FOR IT!!!