

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has the opportunity to participate, collaborate and create using web-based applications, commonly referred to as Web 2.0. Web 2.0 provides increased functionality for teachers and students to use the Internet. People no longer visit the web just to gather information; they use it as a collaborative tool. Individuals are placing information on the web for others to utilize. Such tools allow individuals to communicate and collaborate in powerful, educationally relevant ways.

Some common Web 2.0 applications that your child may be exposed to are:

- **Blogs** - A blog is a website where entries are written in chronological order and displayed in reverse chronological order.
- **Wikis** - A wiki is a website that allows visitors to add, remove, and edit content.
- **Podcasts** - A podcast is a digital audio file that is distributed over the Internet for playback on portable media players (such as .mp3 players) and personal computers.
- **Social bookmarking** - Social bookmarking is a way for Internet users to store, classify and share their research efforts.
- **Student email**
- **Really Simple Syndication (RSS)** - RSS is used to publish frequently updated content such as blog entries, news headlines, or podcasts. It allows users to "subscribe" to Internet content rather than "surfing" for information.

Your child's safety and security is a priority. All websites and tools have been thoroughly vetted by experienced educators and are commonly used in education today.

Web 2.0 Terms and Conditions

1. Students are expected to act safely by keeping personal information out of their posts. Students agree not to post or give out their last name, password, username, email address, home address, school name, city or other information that could help someone locate or contact them in person.
2. Students agree not to share their username or password with anyone besides their teachers and parents. Students agree to never log in as another student.
3. Students are expected to treat Web 2.0 spaces as classroom spaces. Speech that is inappropriate for class is not appropriate for your Web 2.0 space.
4. Web 2.0 spaces are a forum for student expression. However, they are first and foremost a tool for learning, and may sometimes be constrained

by the various requirements and rules of classroom teachers. Students are welcome to post on any school-appropriate subject.

5. Web 2.0 spaces are to be a vehicle for sharing student work with real audiences. Most visitors will leave respectful, helpful messages. If students receive a comment that makes them feel uncomfortable or is not respectful, a teacher should be told right away.
6. Students should not download or install any software without permission and not click on ads or competitions.
7. Students who do not abide by these terms and conditions may lose their opportunity to take part in any further computer activities.

Your permission is required for participation and to post student photographs/videos and work samples. Student last names will never be used without specific parent/guardian permission nor will students be identified in any pictures or videos without specific parent/guardian permission. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Teacher Name Here

Please sign and return by: _____.

Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

I have read and understood these Web 2.0 terms and conditions. I agree to uphold them.

_____ My child **does** have permission to participate.

_____ My child **does not** have permission to participate.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____