My Website

All registered users of **SAS** can create a **Website** to use as a communication tool. The **Pages** are formatted; you just need to supply the content.

You can modify your **Website** to reflect:

- the specific classes you teach
- the events relevant to your class or school
- the resources you want available for yourself, colleagues, students, and/or parents



Your website address is: http://websites.pdesas.org/your SAS username

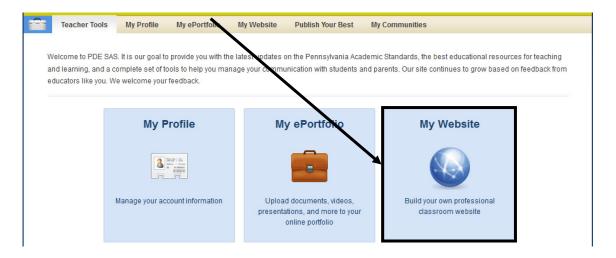


To open the Website Builder:

Click Teacher Tools in the upper-right hand corner of any page in SAS.



• Choose My Website from the Teacher Tools menu:



Enabling Your Website

When you begin creating your **Website**, it is visible only to you, when you log in to the **SAS** site. Visitors to your **Website** will see the following message:



To share your **Website** with colleagues, parents, and students, you will need to enable your site.

1. Place a **checkmark** next to the **Terms of Use** statement for the SAS website. For further information on policy, please refer to the **Terms of Use** link, as well as any documentation set forth by your district.

Terms of Use

☑ Educators who create webpages should use this service in compliance with our Terms of Use policy. All content published on personal webpages should be appropriate for viewing by children and families and should relate to school activities. Please refer to the appropriate documents for additional details.



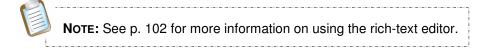
- 2. Place a checkmark next to **Enable My Website.**
- 3. Type a **Name** for your site to the left of the **Custom Page Header** button.



Click the Custom Page Header button.

The SAS rich-text editor will open. You can use the editor, which functions very similar to a word processor, to type the name again. The **Name** will appear in the heading on your site, as well as in the title bar of your browser.





5. Include a **Copyright Statement** that will appear at the bottom of each page in your website, appended with the current year.



6. Click **Save** at the bottom of the **Website Builder** tab. You will receive a confirmation message. Click **Ok**.



7. Click on **View My Website** to preview the changes.



Editing a Webpage

1. Locate the **Home Page**, and then click **Edit**.

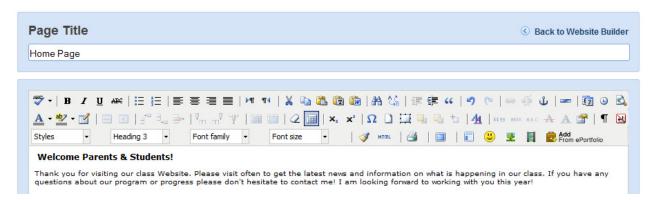


2. The SAS rich-text editor will open. You can use the editor, which functions very similar to a word processor, to enter text, hyperlinks, and graphics that will appear on a **Page**. Advanced users who know HTML code can also enter and edit code using the rich-text editor.



NOTE: The acronym **HTML** stands for **Hypertext Markup Language**, the computer code that is used to create web pages. You can use simple **HTML** code to enhance your **SAS Website**.

The **Home Page** is the main page of the **Website**, which initially contains a *default welcome message* for parents and students.



3. Once you have edited the message and/or added additional content to the **Home Page**, **Spell Check** your work.

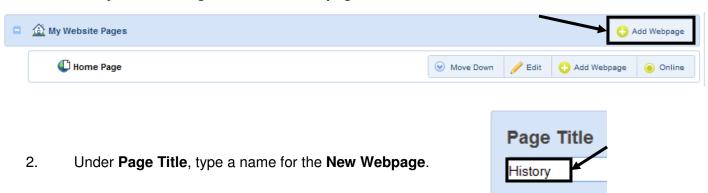


- 4. Check **Show this page on your website menu?** To have this webpage display on your site's menu on the **Website Builder** tab.
- Show this page on your website menu?

- Make this webpage available online?
- Check Make this page available online? to have this webpage visible to people who visit your Website.
- 6. Click **Save**. You will receive a confirmation message. Save Save Back to Website Builder Click **Ok**.

Creating a New Webpage

1. Under My Website Pages, click Add Webpage.

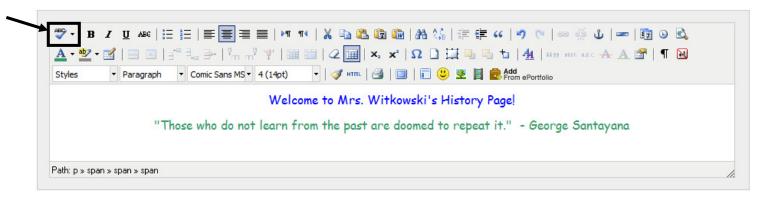


Note - To create a **Sub-Page** for an existing **Webpage**:

- Locate a **Webpage** that you wish to create a **Sub-Page** for.
- Scroll over to the right, and click Add Webpage.

3. Use the SAS rich-text editor to add content to the page. You can use the editor, which functions very similar to a word processor, to enter text, hyperlinks, and graphics that will appear on the **New Webpage**.

Advanced users who know HTML code can also enter and edit code using the rich-text editor.



- 4. Once you have added content to the **New Webpage**, **Spell Check** your work.
- 5. Be sure that **Show this page on your website menu?** is checked so that this course will display on your site's menu on the **Website Builder** tab.
- Show this page on your website menu?

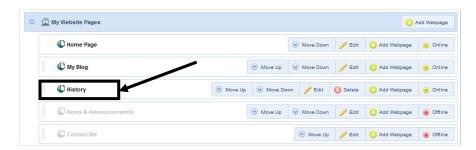
- Make this webpage available online?
- Check Make this page available online? if you are ready to have this webpage visible to people who visit your Website.
- 7. Click **Save**. You will receive a confirmation message. Click **Ok**.



8. You will be returned to the main **Website Builder** tab.



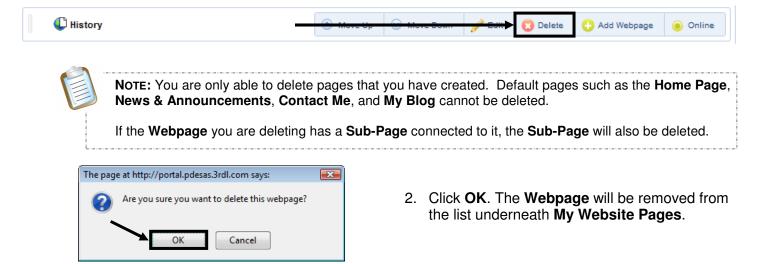
The New Webpage will be added to the list under My Website Pages.



10. Repeat Steps 1-7 to add as many additional **Pages** as necessary.

Deleting a Webpage

1. Locate the **Page** you wish to delete, and then click **Delete**.



Formatting Text with the SAS Rich-Text Editor

1. Open the webpage editor by clicking on the Edit icon (pencil) to the right of that webpage title.



2. Enter text you wish to appear on your webpage.



3. Highlight the text you wish to format.

To highlight text on a **PC**:

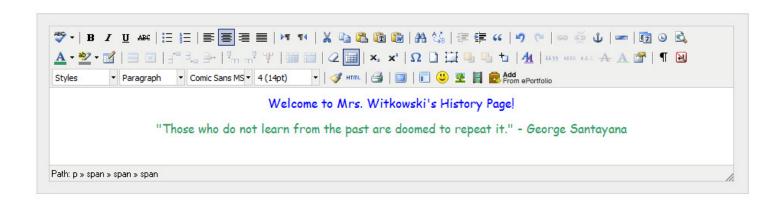
- Mouse: Move the mouse pointer before the text you wish to select. Holding down the left mouse button, drag the mouse until all text is selected. Release left mouse button.
- Keyboard: Move the cursor with your arrow keys before the text you wish to select.
 While holding down the shift key, use the right arrow key to move the cursor over your text. When done selecting the word or phrase, release the shift key.

To highlight text on a Mac:

- Mouse: Move the mouse pointer before the text you wish to select. Holding down the mouse button, drag the mouse until all text is selected. Release the mouse button.
- Keyboard: Move the cursor with your arrow keys before the text you wish to select holding down the shift key, use the right arrow key to move the cursor over your text.
 When done selecting the word or phrase, release the shift key.
- 4. Click an icon on the toolbar to apply the formatting. Using the toolbar, you have many of the same formatting options as a word processor, including:
 - 1. Bold, italics, and underline
 - 2. Bullets and numbers
 - 3. Text alignment
 - 4. Undo and redo
 - 5. Spell check



Note: For bulleting and numbering, if you want multiple list items, put a hard return after each item, so they each appear on their own line.

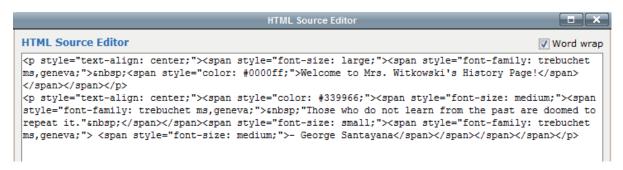


Formatting HTML Code with the SAS Rich-Text Editor

Users who wish to enter and edit HTML code will need to click on the HTML icon in the bottom toolbar of the rich-text editor.

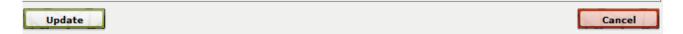


That will reveal all HTML coding:



To return to the screen with the rich-text toolbar:

- Click the **Update** button to save any changes made to HTML coding
- Click the Cancel button to return without saving changes



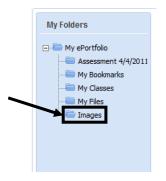
Inserting ePortfolio Items on a Page

Users have the ability to take items saved in their **ePortfolio** and add them to any **Page** on their **Website**.

1. Click the **Add from ePortfolio** icon on the toolbar in the rich-text editor. A window will open displaying your **ePortfolio**.



2. Click on the **Folder** where the item is stored. The items within the **Folder** will display on the right side of the tool.



3. Check the item you wish to insert, and click **Insert Selected**.





Note: Users can also **Upload File(s)** directly to the **ePortfolio** within the **Portfolio Manager**.

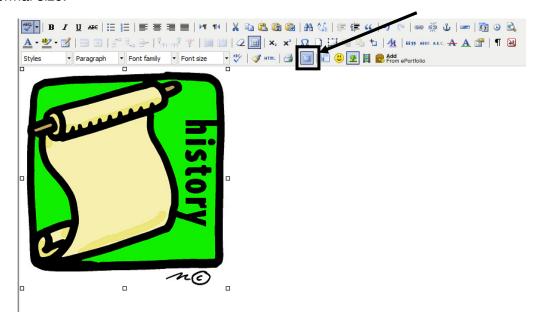
Click on the **Upload File** button to add files to the **ePortfolio**.

See p. 91 for further **ePortfolio** instructions.

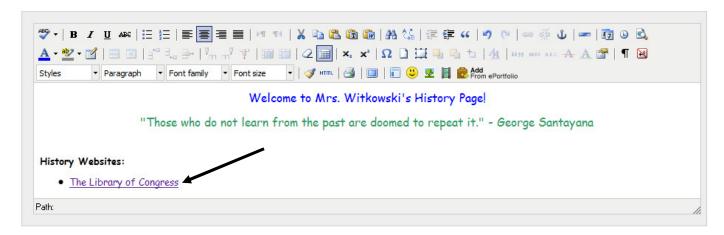
4. The item you selected will be inserted on your Webpage.

In this case, the image can be resized by clicking on it, and dragging the handles.

If the rich-text editor window is too small to view the entire image, click the **Toggle Fullscreen** icon to have the rich-text editor cover the full screen. Click the icon again to return the rich-text editor to its normal size.



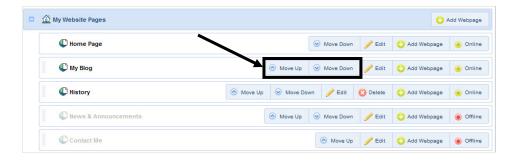
Inserted files, bookmarks to web sites, or bookmarks to items within **SAS** will appear as hyperlinks.



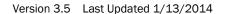
Reordering the Navigation Menu

Users can elect to reorder the **Webpage** navigation menu.

 Click on the Move Up/Move Down arrows next to the Webpage(s) you wish to move. The Webpage(s) will move up or down the list one space with each click.



Changes to the order will be reflected on the live **Webpage**. In this case, **My Blog** was moved to the bottom of the navigation menu, underneath **Contact Me**. If a page is moved any **Sub-Pages** of that page will be moved as well.



Home Page

Contact Me

My Blog

News & Announcements

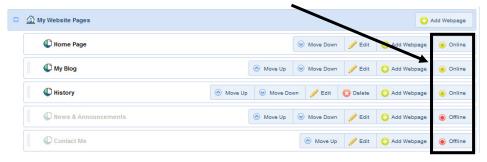
History

Displaying Pages Online

The question "Make this webpage available online?" controls whether or not a page is displayed **Online**. Users can control this option from the SAS rich-text editor.

Make this webpage available online?

Users can also click Online/ Offline buttons to display or remove pages on the live Webpage.



Changes to display will be reflected on the live **Webpage**. In this case, **Contact Me** was added to the live site.



Viewing the Website

To see what appears to visitors to your Website, click View My Website.



Any **Webpages** that appear in full color on the **Website Builder** menu will be visible by a visitor to your website.

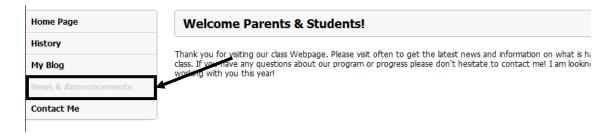
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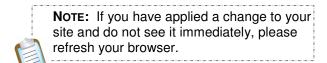
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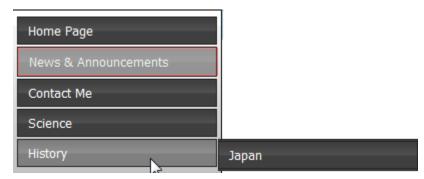
🖺 My Blog

Any **Webpage(s)** that are grayed out will not be visible to your website visitors. However, they will be visible to you when you click on them in **View My Website**.



Sub-Page(s) will only appear when visitors hover their mouse over the **Webpage** the **Sub-Page** is connected to.



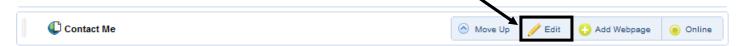


Contact Me

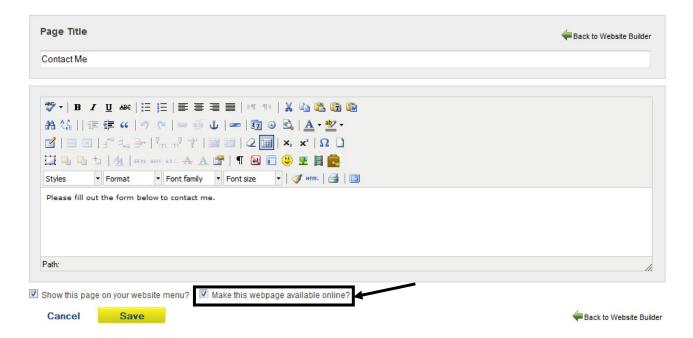
Determine whether or not to include a way for visitors to contact you. This option will include a **Contact Me** page on your **Website** that will allow visitors to fill out a contact form directed to your email address.



1. Locate Contact Me and click Edit.



2. The rich-text editor will open. Make any changes necessary (e.g., font family, size, or color) to the default text "Please fill out the form below to contact me".



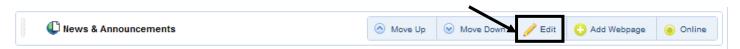
- 3. Check **Make this page available online?** to have this webpage visible to people who visit your **Website**.
- 4. **Save** your changes. You will be returned to the main **Website Builder** tab.



News & Announcements

You can post important **Announcements** for visitors to your **Website**.

1. Locate News & Announcements under the My Website Pages header and click Edit.



2. The rich-text editor will open. Make any changes necessary (e.g., font family, size, or color) to the default text "Below are the latest news and announcements for the classroom:"



 Once you have edited the message and/or added additional content to the News & Announcements page, Spell Check your work.



- 4. Be sure that **Show this page on your website menu?** is checked so that this page will display on your site's menu on the **Website Builder** tab.
- Show this page on your website menu?

- Make this webpage available online?
- Check Make this page available online? to have this webpage visible to people who visit your Website.
- 6. Click **Save**. You will receive a confirmation message. Click **Ok**.
- Save Sack to Website Builder

7. You will be returned to the main Website Builder tab.

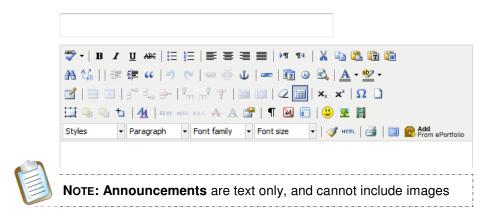


Adding an Announcement

1. Select Add Announcement from the News & Announcements toolbar.



2. The SAS rich-text editor will open in a window.



- 3. Enter a **Title** for the **Announcement**.
- 4. Once you have entered the message text, **Spell Check** your work.



5. Select a **Post Date** and **Expiration Date** for the **Announcement**. Click on the **Calendar** icon to select dates.



- The Post Date is the date the message will appear on your Website.
- The Expiration Date is the date the message will be removed from your Website.
- 6. Select an option from the **Save As** drop-down menu.
 - Published will publish the Announcement to your Website on the selected Post Date.
- Published ▼
 Published
 Draft

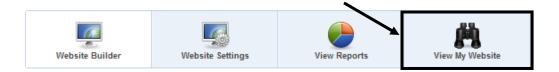
Save as:

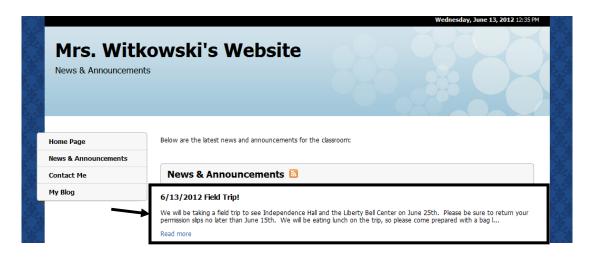
• **Draft** – will save the **Announcement** as a **Draft** so that you can continue making changes to it.

The **Announcement** will not be posted on the **Website** until you select the **Published** option.



9. Click View My Website, and navigate to the News & Announcements page to view the Announcement. The Announcement will appear live beginning on the Post Date.





10. If the **Announcement** is longer than a few lines, click on **Read more** to view the full text.



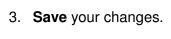
Editing an Announcement:

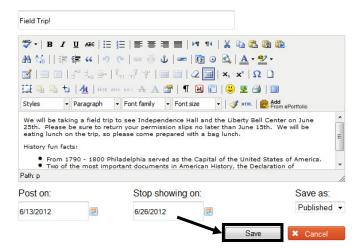
written in Independence Hall.

1. Click Edit to the right side of the Announcement name.



2. The editor will open in a new window. Make the necessary changes within the rich-text editor.



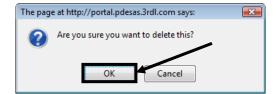


Deleting an Announcement:

Click **Delete** to the right side of the **Announcement** name.



2. Click OK.



3. The **Announcement** will be removed from the **My Announcements** list.



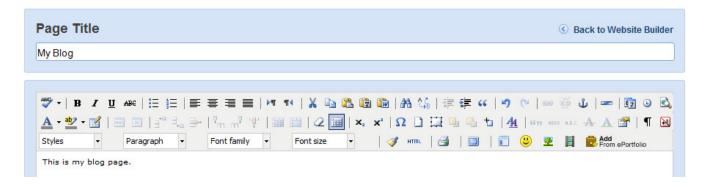
My Blog

You may elect to maintain a **Blog** in order to share opinions and discuss various topics in the form of an online journal, in which readers may comment on **Entries**.

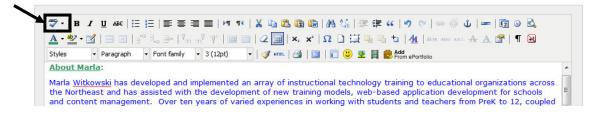
1. Locate My Blog under the My Website Pages header and click Edit.



2. The rich-text editor will open. Make any changes necessary (e.g., font family, size or color) to the **Page Title** and/or the default text "*This is my blog page*".



3. Once you have edited the message and/or added additional content to the **My Blog** page, **Spell Check** your work.



- 4. Be sure that **Show this page on your website menu?** is checked so that this page will display on your site's menu on the **Website Builder** tab.
- Show this page on your website menu?



- Check Make this page available online? to have this webpage visible to people who visit your Website.
- Click Save. You will receive a confirmation message. Click Ok.



7. You will be returned to the main **Website Builder** tab.



Creating a Blog Entry



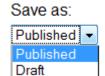


Note: This tool bar is not the same as the My Blog page under the My Website Pages section. It appears lower on your screen and is blue like the My Website Pages header.

- 2. Enter a Title.
- 3. Enter the text of your **Blog Entry**.



- 4. Select an option from the **Save As** drop-down menu.
 - Published will publish the Blog Entry to your Blog.
 - Draft will save the Blog Entry as a Draft so that you can continue making changes to it.



The **Blog Entry** will not be posted on the **Website** until you select the **Published** option.

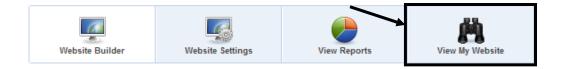
5. Click Save.



6. The Entry will be added to the My Blog Entries list.



7. Click View My Website, and navigate to the My Blog page to view the Blog Entry.





8. If the **Blog Entry** is longer than a few lines, click on **Read more** to view the full text.

Twitter Twins

8/25/2011 By Marla Witkowski

Twitter has been very useful to me and I'd like to thank the colleague that got me hooked (Thanks Mike!). It's allowed me to follow and even talk to people that I have only read about. I saved my first response from my personal idol, Kathy Schrock like I was a gliddy little schoolgir! Technology and the web are always changing and growing. It is virtually impossible for any one person to have a firm grasp on everything that is out there and available for educators. Twitter has allowed me to develop a personal learning network and I have found amazing resources.

Once your Blog Entry has been published, it is also possible for visitors to your Website to Comment on your Entry.





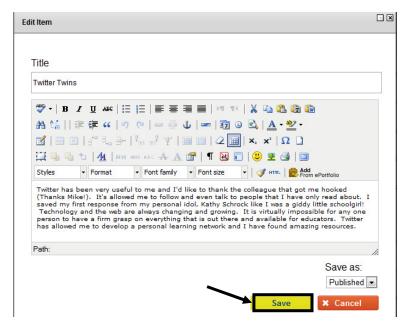
Editing a Blog Entry:

Click Edit to the right side of the Blog Entry name.



Make the necessary changes to the text.





Deleting a Blog Entry:

Click **Delete** to the right side of the **Blog Entry** name.



Searching for a Blog

Once you have established a **Blog**, other users will be able to search for it within the **SAS Learning Communities**.

1. Click **Teacher Tools** in the upper-right hand corner of any page in **SAS**.



2. Choose **My Communities** from the **Teacher Tools** menu:



 Enter a Keyword, and click the Search icon (magnifying glass).

To join additional communities, or to suggest that another user join, please refer to the search area below:



 Click the Blog tab. A list of all related Blogs will appear.



Users can also view any related **Communities** or **Forums** related to the **Keyword** by clicking on the tabs.

Users can also view a list of <u>all</u> Communities, Forums, and **Blogs** by clicking on *Browse Communities, Forums, and Blogs*, located directly underneath the **Keyword Search** tool.

> Browse Communities, Forums, and Blogs

5. To view a **Blog**, click on the **Blog Name**.



6. You will be taken to the appropriate **Blog**:



Commenting on a Blog Entry

Once you have located a **Blog**, you may choose to leave **Comments** about an **Entry**.



1. Scroll beneath the **Blog Entry**, and click on **Add Comment**.



- 2. A window will open. If you are currently logged into the portal, your **Name** and **Email Address** will appear. If not, please enter them.
- 3. Enter a Subject, and your Comments.
- Scroll underneath the Comments and click Submit.
- 5. Your Comments will appear underneath the Blog Entry.



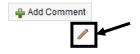


6. Click the **Title** to view the **Comments**.

Editing Comments

1. To **Edit** your **Comments**, click on the **Edit** icon (pencil).





2. Make the necessary changes to the text.



3. Click Submit.

4. The changes will appear in your Comments.



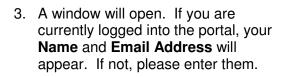
Replying to Comments

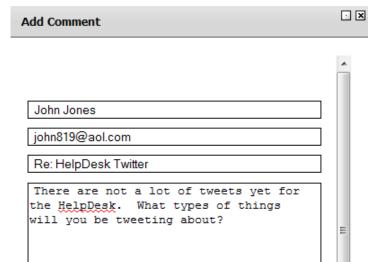
1. Comments will appear underneath the Blog Entry. Click the Title to view the Comments.



2. Click the **Reply** button to respond to the **Comments**.







- 4. Enter your Reply.
- Scroll underneath the Reply and click Submit.



6. Your **Reply** will appear underneath the **Comments**.



- 7. Click the **Title** to view the text of the **Reply**.
- → Re:: HelpDesk Twitter
 Marla Witkowski 6/13/2012 1:00 PM

There are not a lot of tweets yet for the Help Desk. What types of things will you be tweeting about?



Deleting Comments

Occasionally a user may post **Comments** that you or another user may find objectionable. If so, you may wish to remove them from your **Blog**.

1. Click on View My Website.



2. Click on My Blog in the Navigation Menu.



- 3. Locate the appropriate **Blog Entry**, and click on **Read more**.
- 4. Locate the **Comments** underneath the **Blog Entry**.
- 5. Click the **Delete** icon (X) to remove the **Comment(s)**.





Blog Archive

As **Blog Entries** and **Comments** are added to the **Blog**, a **Blog Archive** will automatically be created, and will appear underneath your **Navigation Menu**. It will list the **Month(s)**, **Year(s)**, and **Number** of **Blog Entries**.



Subscribing to a Blog

Stay informed about the latest updates to a **Blog** by subscribing to an **RSS Feed**.

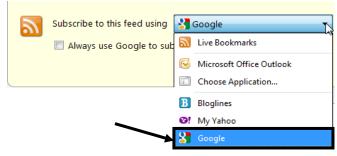
RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication. It allows you to easily stay informed by retrieving the latest content from the blogs you are interested in. You save time by not needing to visit each site individually.

RSS feeds can be read using software called a **Feed Reader**, or aggregator, which can be web-based, desktop-based, or mobile-device-based. Some common Feed Readers include Google Reader, My Yahoo, and Bloglines.

- 1. Navigate to the **Blog** you are interested in subscribing to.
- 2. From the My Blog Page, click on the RSS icon next to My Blog Entries.



Select a Feed Reader from the drop-down list.



4. Click the Subscribe Now button.

You may be prompted to sign in to your **Feed Reader** account.

If you do not currently have an account for a selected **Feed Reader**, you may be prompted to sign up for a free account.



5. Any time a new **Update** is posted, it will be delivered to you via your **Feed Reader**.

Website Settings

By default, this is how your **Website** will appear:



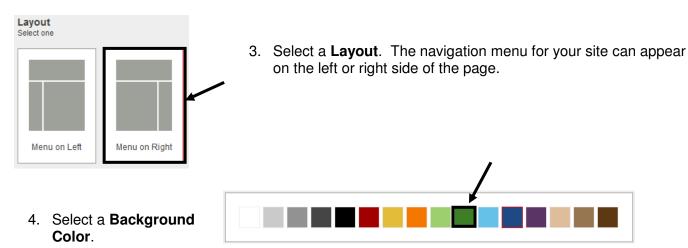
A **Website** can be customized to suit your personal taste. You can choose from a collection of themes, layouts, and patterns and color schemes to enhance the look of your page.

1. Click on Website Settings.



2. Select the Font grouping for your Website.

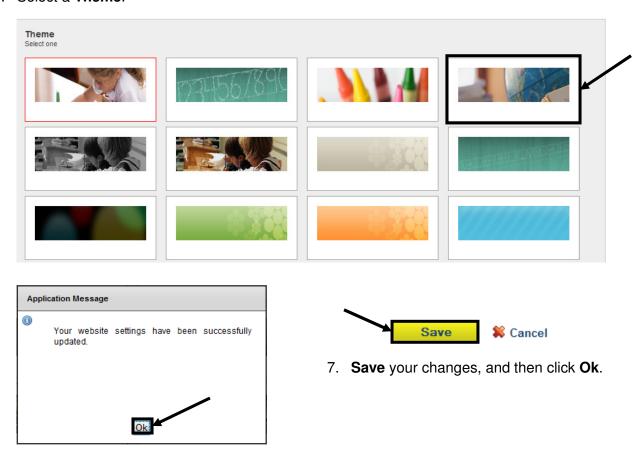




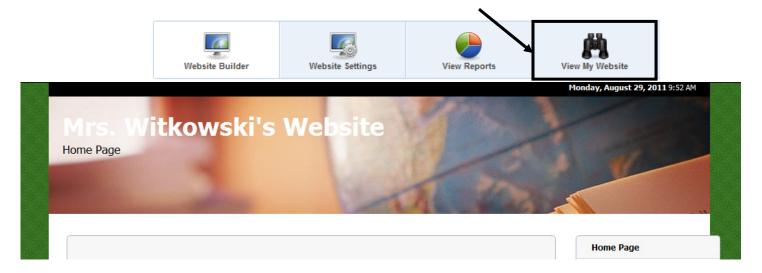


5. Select a Background Pattern.

6. Select a Theme.



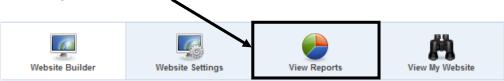
8. Click on View My Website to preview the changes.



Viewing Reports

See how many people have visited each page in your Website.

1. Click on View Reports.



2. View a chart that shows the **Page Title**, **Number of Page Views**, and the date and time **Last Visited On**.



| Page Title | # of Page Views | Last Visited on |
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