



The Gaggle

Bringing you a Gaggle of News

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Gaggle Apps are Coming!!



Think Gaggle is just student email? Then you don't know Gaggle! Our highly anticipated Gaggle Apps are coming June 7th, 2010. A new customizable widget home page, simple and fun icons to access our tools, and roll-up menus will bring a dramatic new look to your account. And the new features we are adding make Gaggle the best solution for communication, collaboration, and social learning in a safe and controlled environment.

Here's what's new...

- **Social Wall** - Stay in touch with teachers and friends, join groups, post updates online or via text message.
- **Zoho Docs** - Create, edit, and collaborate on documents, spreadsheets, and presentations with other users you choose, and save with a single click to your Digital Locker.

- **Texting** - Filtered and logged teacher-student texting without sharing phone numbers.
- **Calendars** - Private or shared calendars with invitations and reminders, linked to the homework drop boxes.
- **Gaggle Tube** - Filtered access to YouTube for teachers allows you to find, preview, and play videos for your class, even if YouTube is blocked at your school.

- **My Gaggle** - Choose your theme and colors, select which widgets you need, and drag and drop them where you want.

Want to learn more? Register for one of our upcoming webinar demos, and watch for webinar training on specific features during back-to-school.

Free Webinars

See a demo of the new Gaggle Apps! Demos will run about 30 minutes. All times listed are Central Daylight Time.

Day	Date	Time
Wed.	5/26	11:00am
Thur.	5/27	3:30pm
Fri.	5/28	7:30am
Tue.	6/01	2:00pm
Thu.	6/03	10:00am

[Click here to register!](#)

Gaggle at ISTE

Are you going to ISTE in Denver this summer? Be sure to stop by the Gaggle Booth, # 774 for a short presentation about our new features. We're giving away a \$100 Macy's or Best Buy gift card at every session!

We're also presenting a panel session with Denver Public Schools on Monday, June 28th at 2:00 pm, called "How to Leverage Social Networking for Education."

Hope to see you there!

Curriculum Corner

CyberSmart! offers free lessons on internet safety for students at all grade levels. If you'd like to incorporate cyber safety into your teaching, these lessons can be used individually or as a unit. They are also aligned to ISTE's NETS for Students. To access the lessons, teachers can click Portal Links on your Jump To menu in Gaggle and click CyberSmart! Student Curriculum to open their website in a new tab or window.



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New Professional Development

With CyberSmart! Online Workshops

Gaggle has frequently been asked about professional development that would assist educators with teaching internet safety and netiquette, as well as how to integrate our 21st century tools into existing curriculum. We've always offered customized training opportunities, and this year added monthly webinars on specific topics, but wanted to add something more.

So last month, Gaggle announced our new partnership with CyberSmart! Online Workshops, to offer schools and districts professional development to meet the many needs of today's educators. The five professionally-facilitated workshops they offer are a natural fit to our philosophy of student safety combined with technology tools to engage learners of all ages. And their courses give teachers an authentic online learning experience they can translate easily to their own classrooms.

The workshops are based on the research-based model of professional learning communities, and are aligned to ISTE standards for teachers. Two of their workshops can also meet new guidelines for schools using Erate funding for technology purchases.

Their workshops are **S-M-A-R-T**:

- S**-Safety and Security Online
- M**-Manners, Bullying, and Ethics
- A**-Authentic Learning and Creativity
- R**-Research and Information Fluency
- T**-Twenty-First Century Challenges

Are you looking for a way to help teachers learn and teach 21st century skills? Would you like to take full advantage of technology in the classroom? Do you want to maximize your investment in Gaggle and other technology? CyberSmart! is your answer!

To learn more, give our sales department a call at 800-288-7750.

Tech Talk

Improved Data Integration

How would you like to walk in the first day of school and find not just Gaggle accounts ready for all of your students, but also a user group already created for each one of the classes you teach? You could immediately send email to any of your classes with a single click, or quickly set up a homework drop box linked to each class!

If your district is using Gaggle's data integration process (available to subscription users only) to create and manage student accounts, they may be able to add our new User Group data integration to this.

Phone-Based Account Retrieval

Do you struggle with getting login information to your students? If you use our data integration, you can let students access their new accounts by providing information online, generating an automated phone call providing their account information.

ASK ADMIN...

Question: The Locker link on the Directory is gone. How do I access files others are sharing?

Answer: Files accessible to you are now found in your own locker, so you can see everything in one place! And to share with someone else, just click on the Not Shared link on your file then click To see your Contacts, and select the user(s) or group(s) you want to share with. They'll get a notice via email that your file is available, and it will show in their locker.

Please don't hesitate to contact Gaggle's Sales or Customer Service staff if you have any questions!

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