



School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)
L.V. Rogers Secondary School

Academic Success ◇ Creativity and Imagination ◇ Citizenship ◇ Resiliency

Dear Parent / Guardian,

This year our school will be offering students the use of a school-managed Weebly. Weebly is a free, “walled garden” style portfolio platform where students can share their learning from Computer systems 10-12, Media Arts 10-12 and Photography 10-12 as well as show how they meeting the 4 district graduation competencies of Academic Success, Creativity and Imagination, Citizenship, and Resiliency. This private online learning environment is teacher managed and students will only be able to interact with others in the class, other teachers, and specific outside agencies based on educational need (Distance Education providers, etc).

We will be using Weebly to: Provide students a set of free tools to Showcase their learning in an eportfolio format. Providing realtime feedback from Teachers and students.

Benefits of using Weebly for Education:

- Provides a safe and easy way to support students both in and outside of the classroom.
- Helps students develop important online skills.
- Facilitates student communication with the teacher to get help or ask questions.
- Allows the teacher to monitor online conversations and intervene when necessary to keep students on task and ensure a safe environment.
- Helps foster vibrant learning communities
- Managed and monitored by the school.
- Allow students a way to work at home on any electronic platform/device regardless of software or hardware choices in the home

Why the need for a permission slip?

Our school is subject to the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act [http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/ID/freeside/96165_00]. In accordance with this Act, our school must ensure that it is protecting the privacy of all students under my care. As such, I cannot use personal and identifiable information of a student (e.g., first name, last name, school, grade, teacher, class, etc.) including student work without written consent of the student’s parent or guardian. Below are possible identifiable privacy risks and ways to minimize them.

What are the identifiable privacy risks?

The Weebly web platform requires users to register for a weebly account.

It requires users to register by uploading a username, as well as a first and last name. However - they do not require a “real” full name and students may use a pseudonym if they wish.



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According to the Weebly for Education agreement (see: <http://education.weebly.com/privacy/>) all student data will never be shared with any Third Party unless ordered by subpoena, warrant, etc and there is no advertising data extracted from student accounts. However, because Weebly is located outside of Canada, these accounts are “governed by California law, excluding that state's choice of law rules. FOR ANY DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES CONSENT TO PERSONAL JURISDICTION IN, AND THE EXCLUSIVE VENUE OF, THE COURTS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.” Also “Each party may disclose the other party's Confidential Information when required by law but only after it, if legally permissible: (a) uses commercially reasonable efforts to notify the other party; and (b) gives the other party the chance to challenge the disclosure.” This disclosure clause is subject to privacy laws in effect in Santa Clara County, California. This also makes it subject to US Federal Law, including the Patriot Act.

To protect the students’ privacy, Our school recommends that they register using a pseudonym (shared only with members of our class). I further recommend that they opt out of promotional communication with the company You may opt out of emails you receive from Weebly or any of our partners for promotions, sweepstakes, contests or newsletters by visiting <http://www.weebly.com/weebly/unsubscribe.php>. While in class, students will receive training on proper privacy settings and the importance of protecting their privacy as well as that of fellow classmates. For example, students with pseudonyms would be instructed to not include their name within the text of homework assignments. Furthermore, all “best practice” steps have been taken by our domain administrator to limit the amount of data uploaded and shared with Weebly Servers. Our Web site includes Social Media Features, such as the Facebook Like button [and Widgets, such as the Share this button or interactive mini-programs that run on our site]. These Features may collect your IP address, which page you are visiting on our site, and may set a cookie to enable the Feature to function properly. Social Media Features and Widgets are either hosted by a third party or hosted directly on our Site. Your interactions with these Features are governed by the privacy policy of the company providing it. We recommend that these features not be used in a classroom setting. This agreement will last from time of signing until completion or withdrawal at LV Rogers. If the ToS (Terms of Service) required by Weebly change, and those changes impact this agreement, you will be notified in writing and further consent required to continue. These changes will be done prior to the school year, at the end of the school year and during the mid year semester change - three times a year - by the school’s head of technology in conjunction with school administrators. The head of technology will be responsible to monitor ToS changes and account deletion.

Please give consideration as to how this tool will enhance your child's learning in our school. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 250-3352-5538. If you consent to your child's use of Weebly as described above, please complete the form attached and return it to the school. Should you decide that you do not want your child to have access to this web 2.0 tool, please indicate that by checking off the appropriate opt out box on the attached form and an alternative will be provided without any affect to your child's grade.

Sincerely,
Lori Jones
Teacher
LV Rogers Secondary



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Consent Statement:

I, _____, parent or guardian of
_____ (Student Name)

agree to the collection, use, disclosure and storage of my child's personal information inside or outside of Canada while using the technology described above for the purposes of engaging in the class activities described above. I am aware of and understand the identifiable privacy risks as described above and will support the classroom teacher in minimizing the exposure of my child's and other people's personal information while my child is using the technology and review materials the teacher provides.

Please check the first box below if you wish for your child to use a pseudonym for the purposes of this service to minimize exposure of his/her or other people's information to 3rd parties that are not part of this class or who are not otherwise entitled to this information.

Student accounts will be deleted upon withdrawal or completion from LV Rogers or at the request of Parent/Guardian. Students will have the option to download and keep work/data prior to deletion.

	By checking the box on the left, I request that my child use a pseudonym
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OR

I, _____, parent or guardian of

do **NOT** agree to the collection, use, disclosure and storage of my child's personal information inside or outside of Canada while using the technology described above for the purposes of engaging in the class activities described above and request that an alternative activity be provided for him/her.

	By checking the box on the left, I request that my child NOT participate in the Weebly activities and ask that an alternative activity be provided for him/her
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This consent is valid for the duration of the student's enrollment at LV Rogers Secondary School unless revoked by me in writing and delivered to the teacher.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____