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## **PDF**

Create a Microsoft Word or Publisher Document and then Save As a PDF. Forward the PDF to the school's webmaster.

## **Google Doc**

If you have a single page for starters, you could do this, although a site gives you many more options. If you're just getting started, a single page like a PDF or Google Doc isn't a bad option at all.

## **ToolBox Pro Site**

There are two sides to [Toolbox Pro](#). One is the internal side which requires student login to view. The other is the website side which does not require student login to view. For some Toolbox Pro features such as learning modules (lessons), quizzes, games, student document storage, or the chat feature you will need to develop the former and have students log in. If you are looking just looking to put some information on a webpage, you would use the latter. Toolbox Pro does have some built in features that can be instructionally useful. There are some videos on Toolbox Pro that give instructions on how to use the site. If you the public side of Toolbox Pro as your web presence, forward the URL of your homepage to the school's webmaster.

## **A Third Party Tool**

There are some excellent and easy-to-use, internet based, third party web building sites available. Two of the most popular are [Weebly](#) and [Wix](#). Advantages to going this route for your website include:

- Having access to professional looking templates to build upon.
- Relative confidence that you will be able to maintain what you've built as the school district goes through various iterations of supported web building tools (think Blackboard...Moodle...Toolbox Pro).
- More intuitive internal navigation than with Toolbox Pro.

These sites often have excellent instructions on how they operate. For example, here's a link to to the [Weebly Help Center](#) and the [Wix Help Center](#). If you use his option, forward a link to the homepage to the school's webmaster.

## **A Google Site**

Google Apps also has a tool for creating a website called [Google Sites](#). One advantage of using Google to create your website is that the Google suite of tools are meant to easily integrate with each other. The navigation of Sites is a little less intuitive than some of the other tools but there are some templates available. If you use this option, forward a link to the homepage to the school's webmaster.

## **A Blogger.com Site**

A blog is different than a regular site in that your latest post serves as a home page by default. You can, however, make a static page into your home page. Tim's weekly notes is an example of a Blogger.com site. You can sign in with the same Google user name you have now.