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Getting Started with Brightspace

Hello from D2L!

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Agenda

- What is Brightspace?
- District Homepage Navigation
- Course Homepage Navigation
- Tips for Getting Started and Engaging Learners
- Resources

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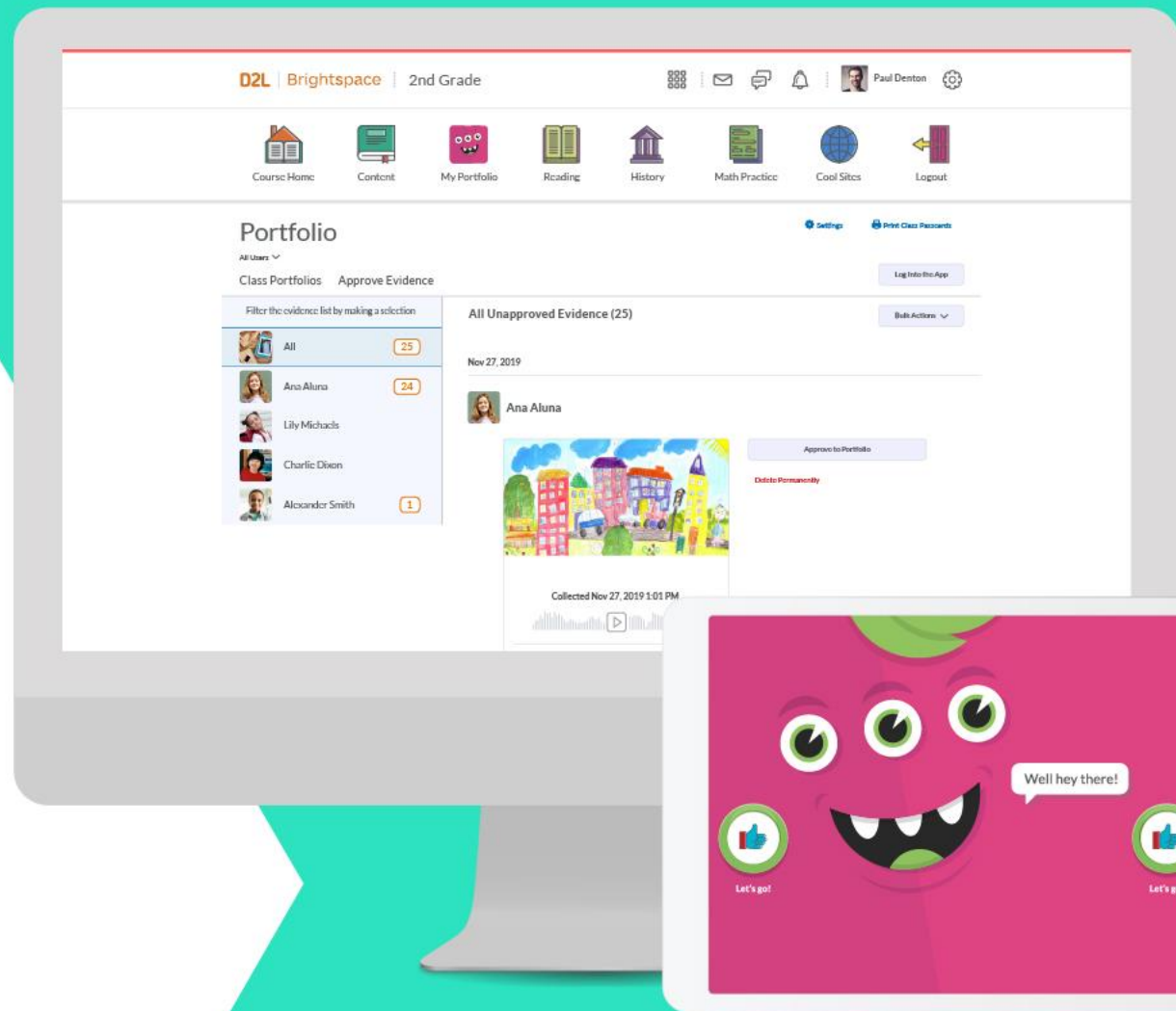# **Understanding some terms...**

Company:
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Product:
Brightspace

Online Community:
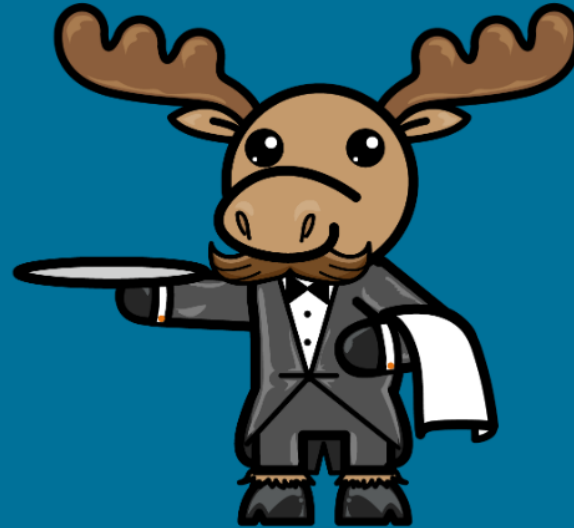**Brightspace Community**

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Where's My District's Brightspace?

https://login-finder.d2l.com/

Org Homepage Overview

What's on the Course Homepage?

Return to Homepage

Return to Course Homepage

Nav Bar
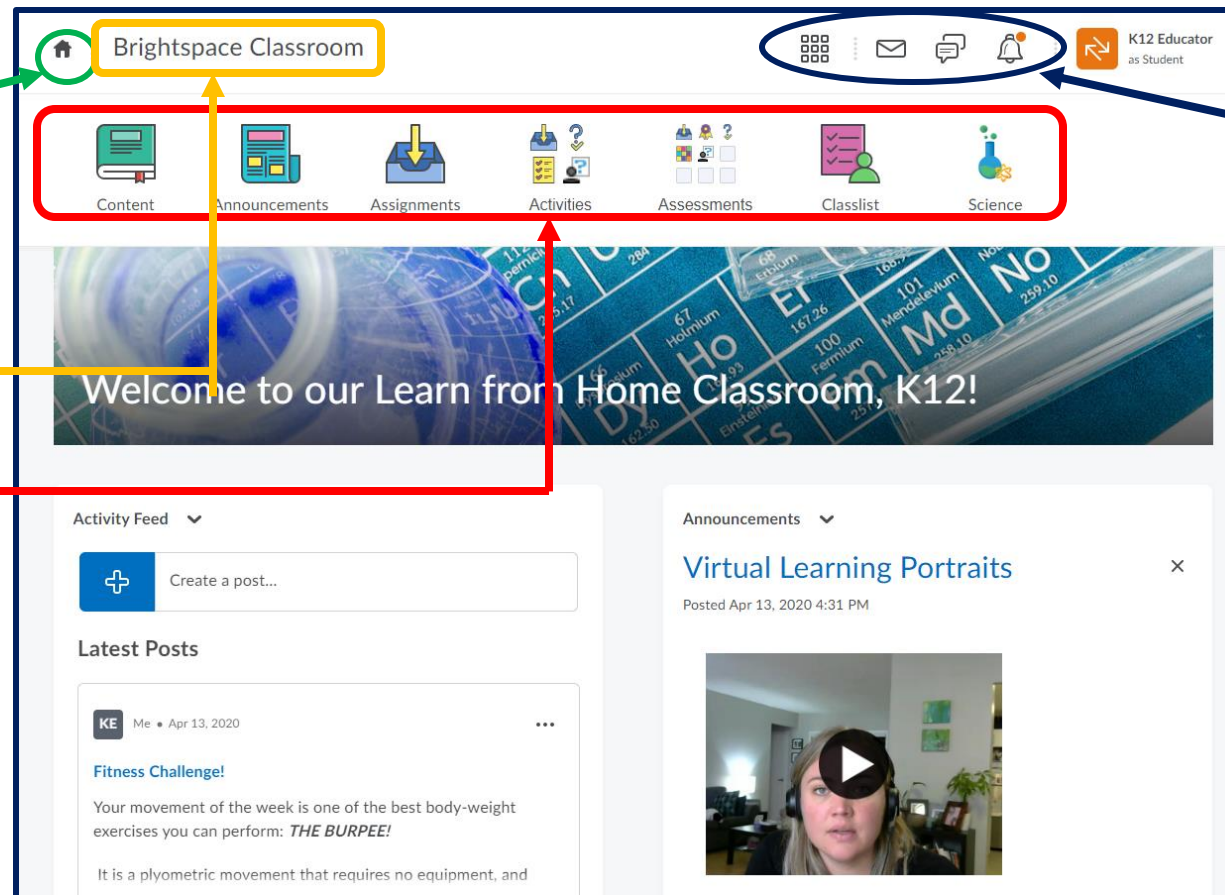
1. Waffle
   List of all your courses
2. Email
3. Chat
4. Notifications

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Examples of Course Homepages

** Course homepages may look different depending on how your District has configured Brightspace. **

Getting Started
Demo

Learning Objectives:

You will be able to:

❑ Find your courses

❑ Activate courses

❑ Navigate District and Course Homepage

❑ Customize Course Banner

❑ Use Activity Feed

❑ Use Announcements

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Find your course

Activating your course

If the course is not active, students will not see any of the content entered/ created. Once active, students can access course content.

Customize your Course Banner

1. Click the ellipsis on the top right of the Course Banner to select your options menu
2. Choose either "Change Image" or "Customize Banner Text"

Customize your Course Banner Image
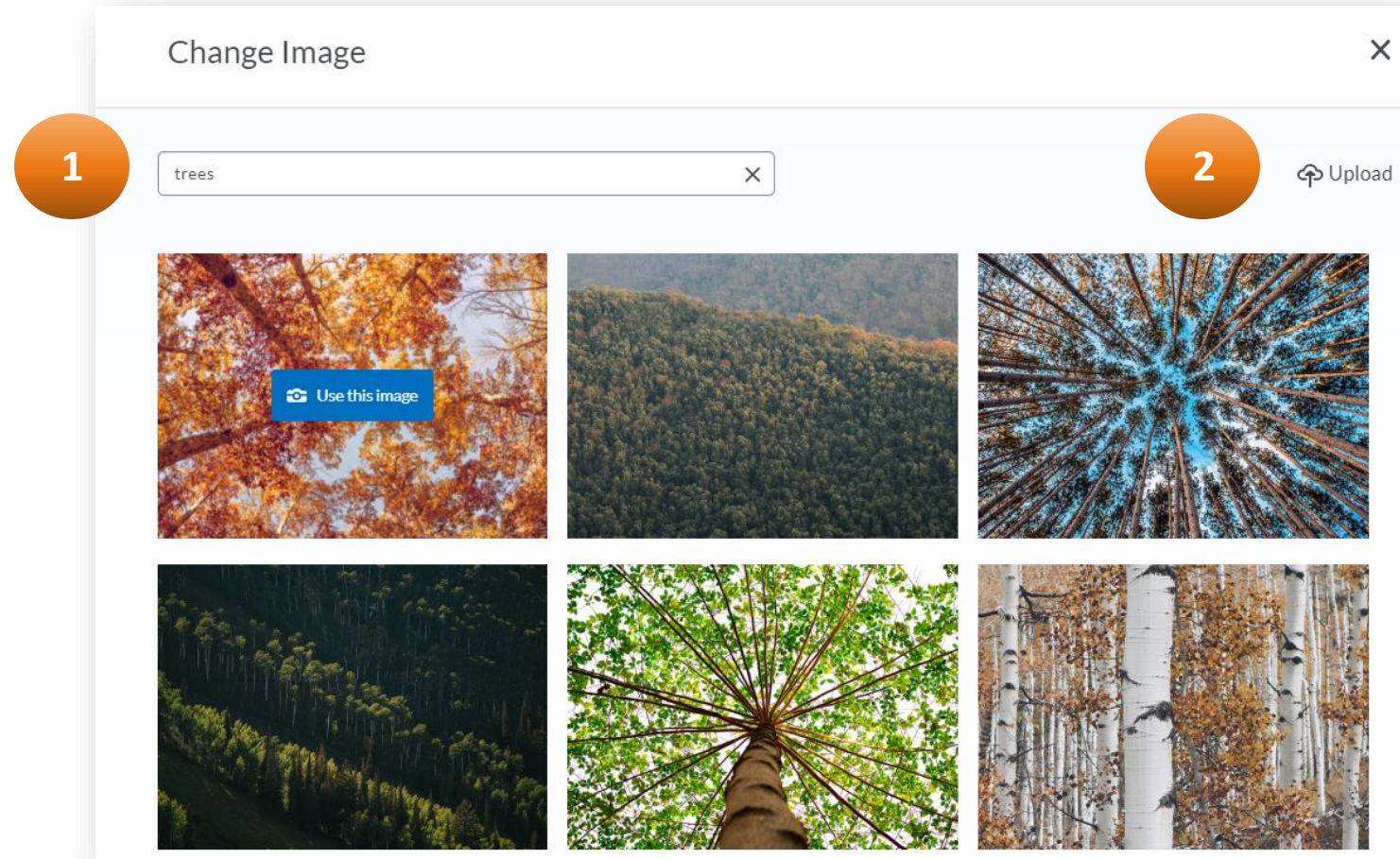
1. To use an image from our photo library, type in a search term. When you've found an image you want to use, place your cursor on the image and click "Use this image"
2. Have your own image that you'd like to use? Great! Just click the "Upload" option in the top right corner to upload your own image.

Customize your Course Banner Text

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Customize Banner Text ✕

1

Welcome to our online classroom, {firstname}!

○ Course Name   ● Custom   ○ None

What replace strings can I use?

Tip! Use the replace string {firstname} to personalize the text to include your student's name! When your student sees the banner, they'll see their own name instead of {firstname}!

2

Save   Cancel

1. By default, your Course Banner will display your course code. To customize your banner text, erase the course code in the text field and type in your own message
2. Once you're happy with your message, click "Save." Voilà! You have a personalized welcome message that you can update and edit at any time!

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Create a post in Activity Feed!
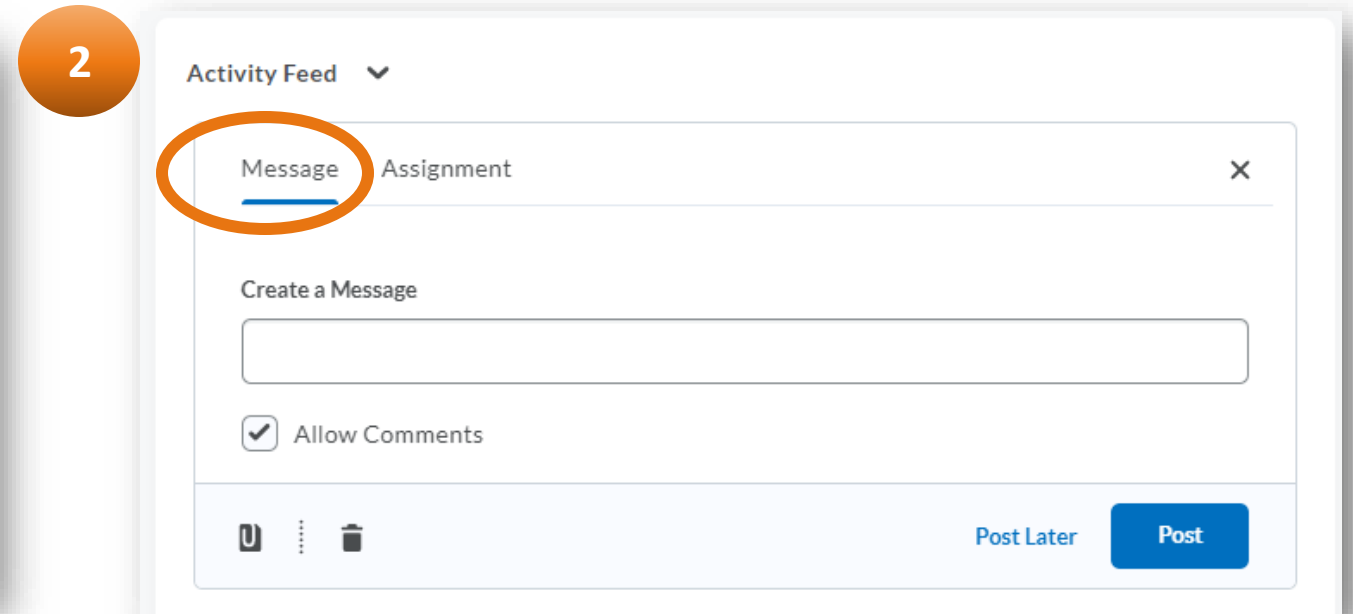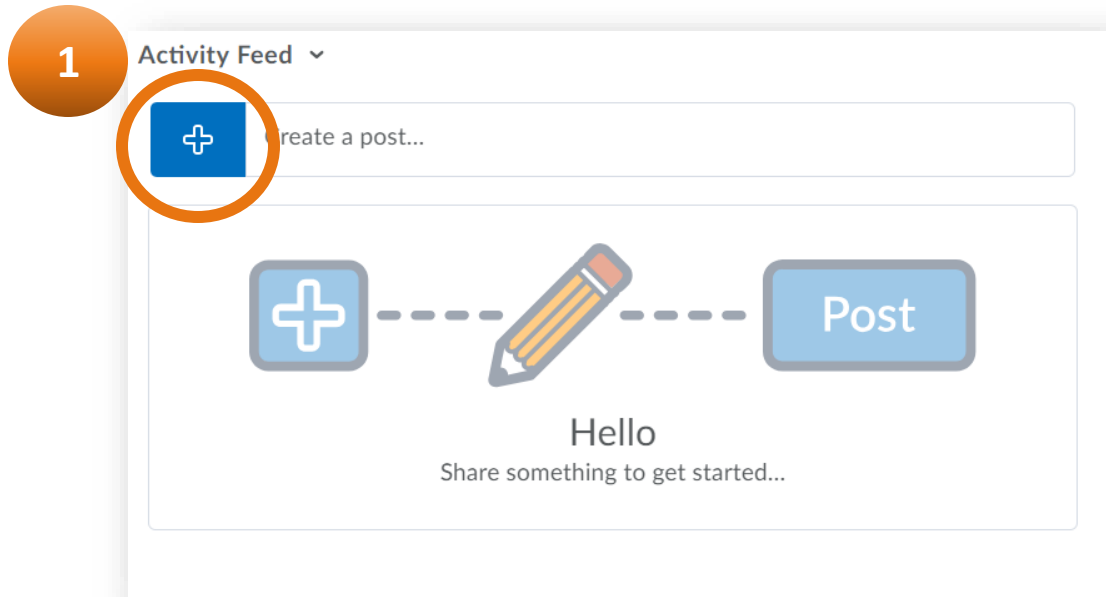
1. To get started, click the blue add button to see your posting options
2. By default, the "Message" option will be selected

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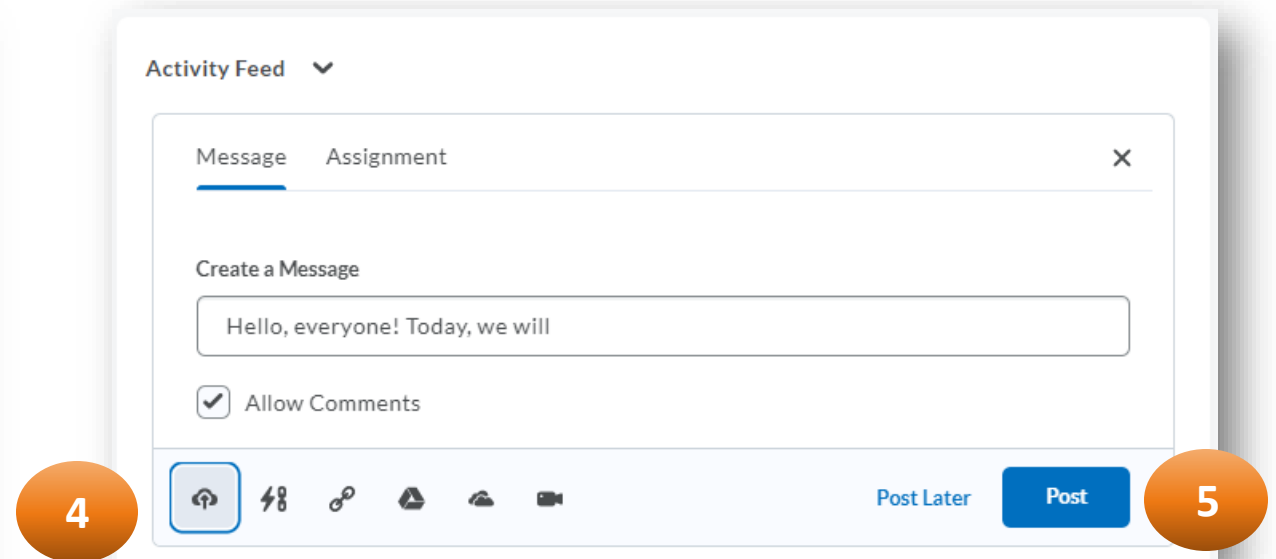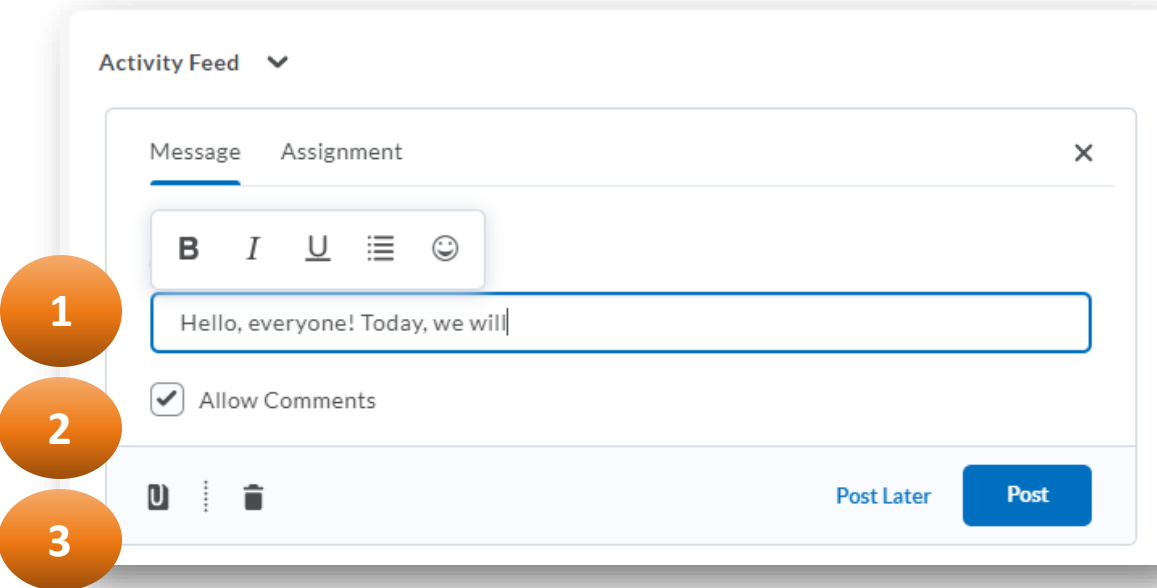
1. Click the text field to type your message to your students. Use the editing tools to help format your text or add in emoticons
2. Choose if students can make comments on the post. They will be able to make comments by default
3. Click the attachments icon to add additional information to your post
4. Select what type of attachment you'd like to add (left to right): Upload a file, Link to an Existing Activity in your course, insert a website, attach an item from your Google Drive, attach an item from your OneDrive, attach a video from the web
5. Schedule your post to post automatically later by clicking "Post Later," or click "Post" to share your message immediately.

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Create a post in Announcements!
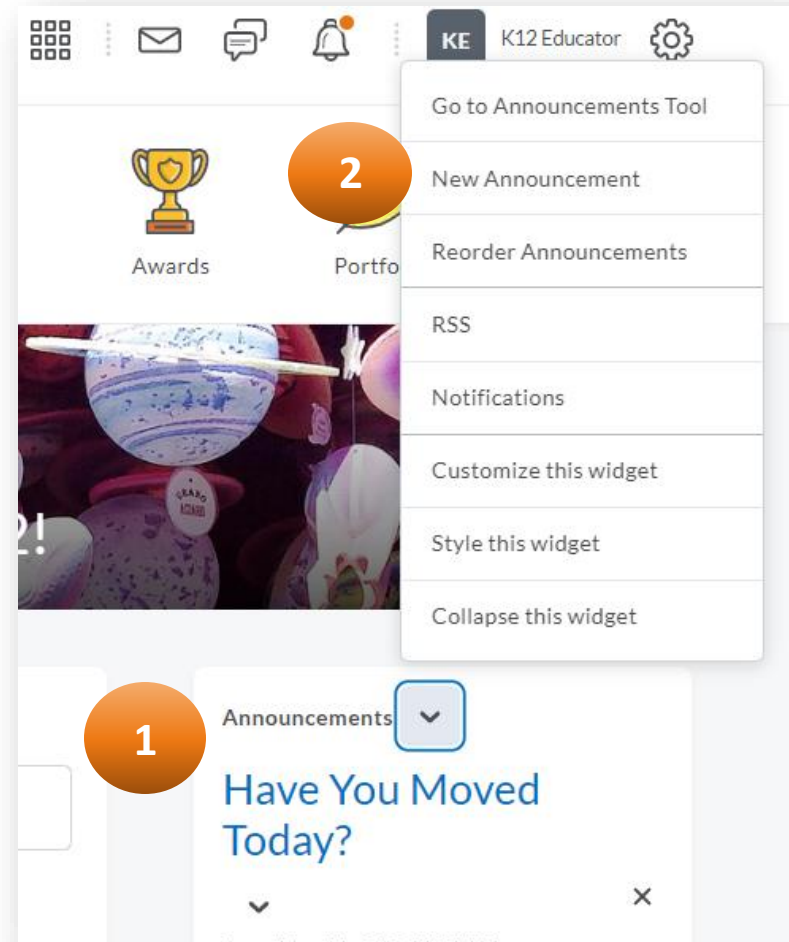
1. Click the down arrow to open the Announcement's menu
2. Click "New Announcement"

Create a post in Announcements!

1. Give your Announcement a Headline/title
2. This is where you can insert files, add items from your Google Drive, insert a Video Note and more. This is also where you can format and style your written post
3. Type in your message, information or instructions for your students
4. Publish your post to share with your students!

Learning Objectives:

Today you learned how to:

- ✓ Find your courses
- ✓ Activate courses
- ✓ Navigate District and Course Homepage
- ✓ Customize Course Banner
- ✓ Use Activity Feed
- ✓ Use Announcements
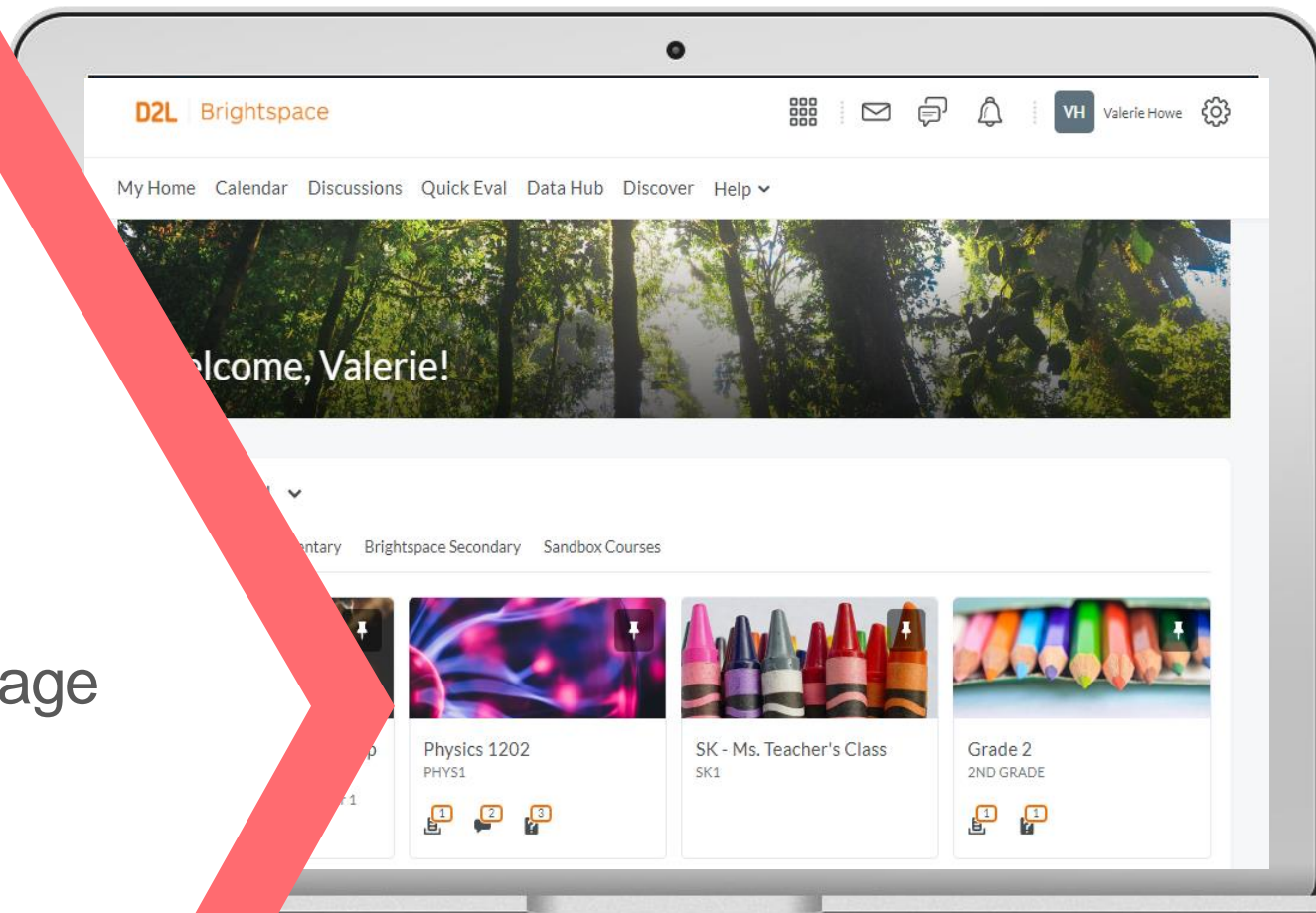
Give This a Try!

1. Welcome your students to your class by customizing your Course Banner and choose an image from our photo library that reflects your class or subject area!

2. Create a post in Activity Feed to welcome your students to their online space!

3. Make a new Announcement for your students- try using Video Note to say a quick hello and welcome your students to Brightspace!
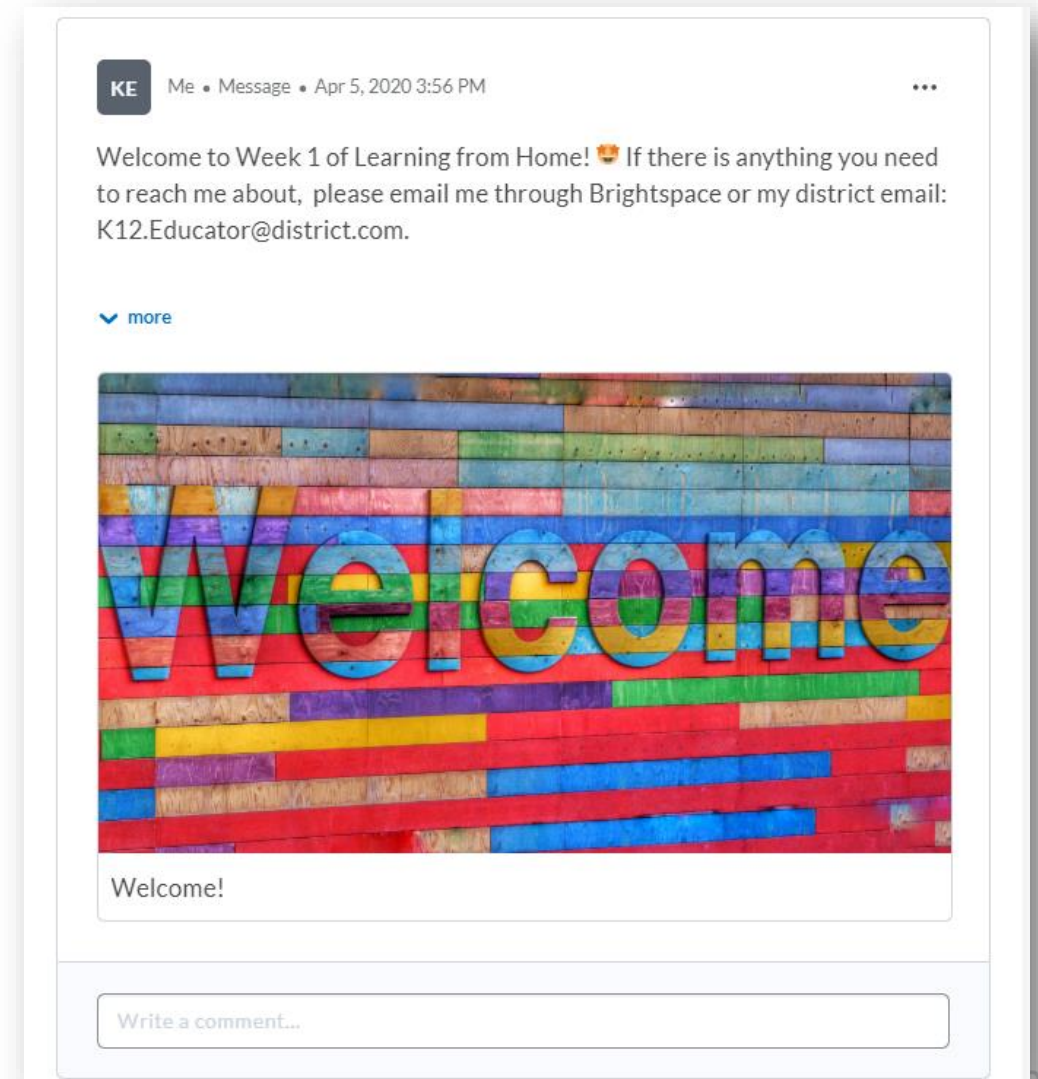
Educator Resources

Communication and Collaboration	Organizing Course Materials	Documenting Student Learning	Feedback & Assessment
• **Announcements** • **Activity Feed** -Add Attachments and Links to Posts -Create an Assignment Post in Activity Feed -Customize Notifications for Activity Feed -For posting a message -Optimize Activity Feed • **Discussions**	• **Content/Lessons Tool** -Getting Started with Lessons for Instructors -Lessons: Add a New Unit and Lesson -Lessons: Add New Materials -Lessons: Reorder Units, Lessons, Folders, and Materials -Lessons: Attach a Release Condition • **Groups** -Creating Groups -Creating Individual Student Groups -Creating Unique Learner Pathways	• **Brightspace Portfolio** -Review and Approve Portfolio Items -Oversee and View Individual Portfolios -Brightspace Portfolio: Bring Your Own Device (for learners) -Portfolio AT HOME • **Assignments** • **Discussions** • **Quizzes** -Quiz Question Converter	• **Rubrics** -Create an Analytic Rubric -Create a Holistic Rubric • **Grades** -Entering Grades -Associate an Activity with a Grade Item -Create a Grade Scheme • **Standards/Expectations** -Standards: Import Standards from Course Admin • **Quick Eval**

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