

D2L | Brightspace

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

Understanding some terms...

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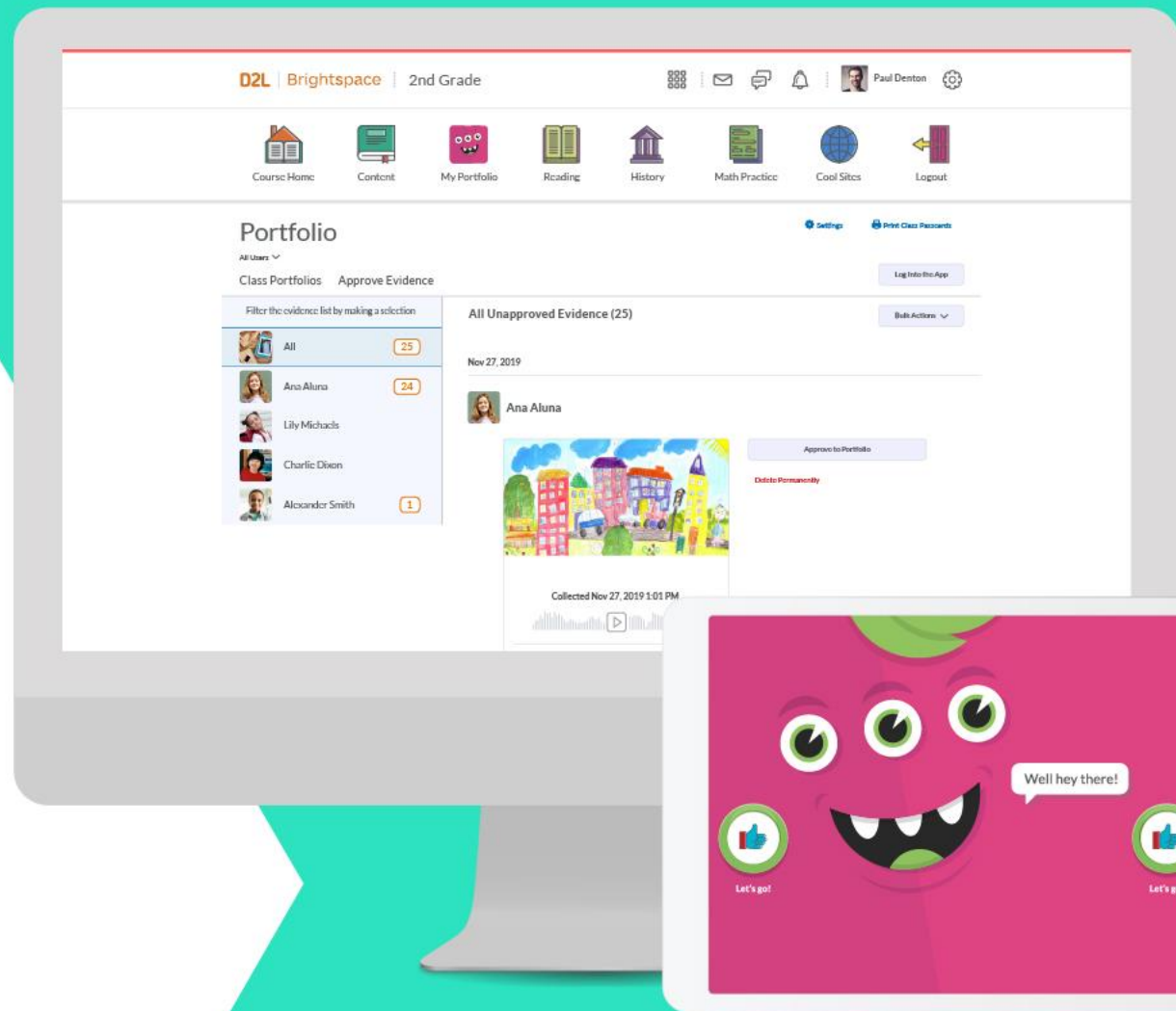
Product:
Brightspace

Online Community:
**Brightspace
Community**

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2020 SIIA CODiE WINNER

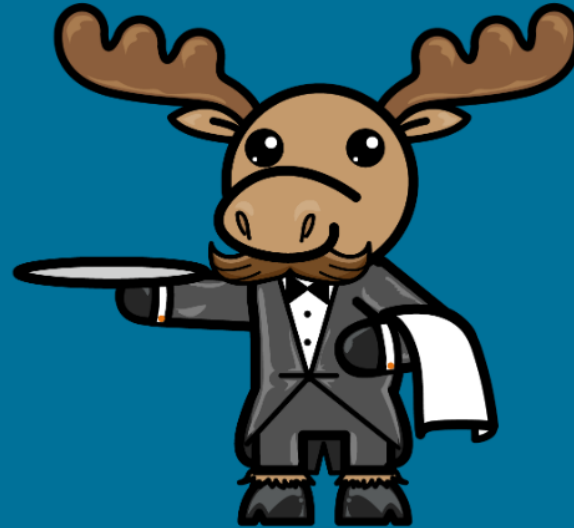
Best K-12 LMS category,
(Learning Management Solution)
two years in a row.



Where's My District's Brightspace?

Hi. D2L Moose here.

Let me help you find your
Brightspace login page.



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What is the name of your school, or organization?

Name of your school or organization?

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

Org Homepage Overview

D2L | Brightspace **Mini-Bar** [Grid Icon] [Envelope Icon] [Speech Bubble Icon] [Bell Icon] [VH Valerie Howe] [Settings Icon]

Nav Bar My Home | Calendar | Discussions | Quick Eval | Data Hub | Discover | Help ▾

Welcome, Valerie!

Widgets

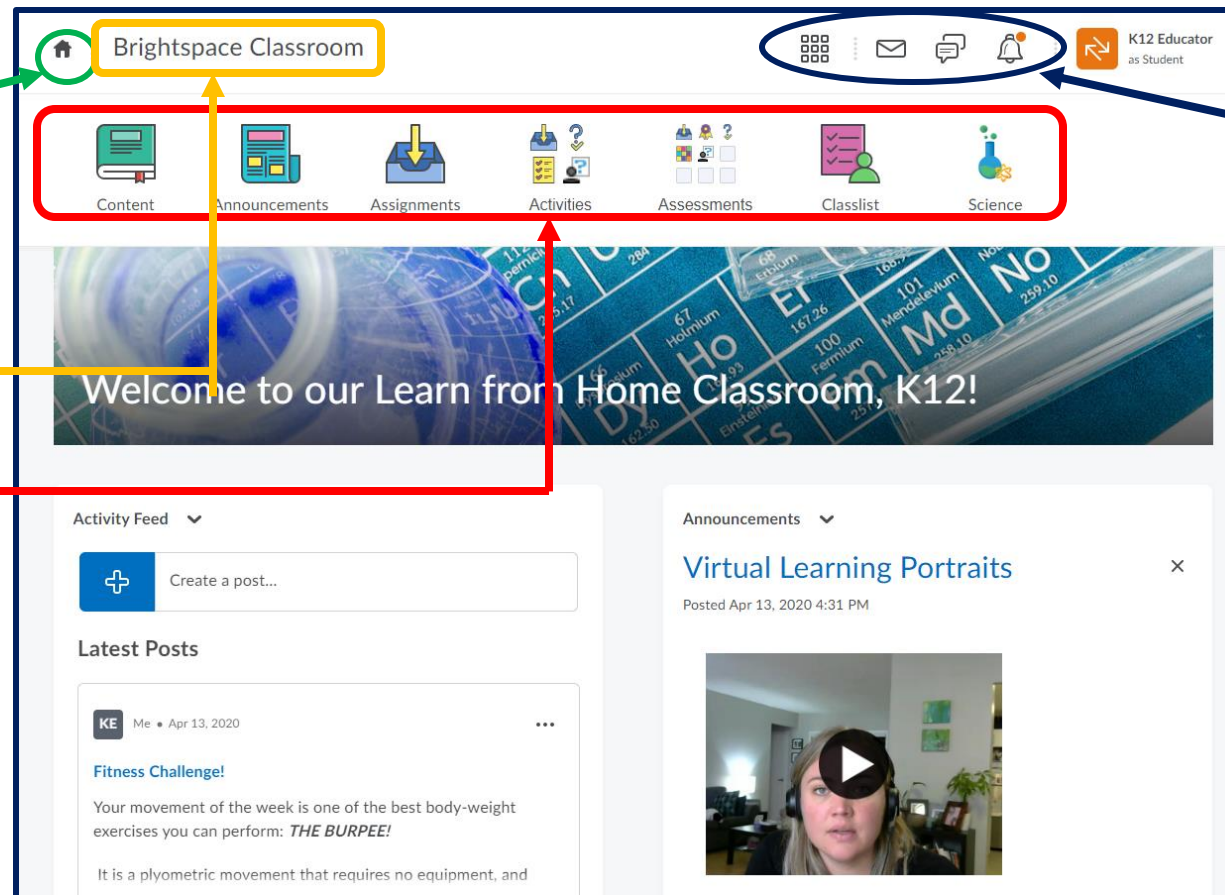
- My Courses ▾
- Announcements ▾
- COVID-19 Resources ▾
As we continue to navigate these unprecedented times, we will try to continually provide updates and resources as they become available. D2L has created a create resource space that can help alleviate some of your concerns:
<https://www.d2l.com/covid-19/>
- Updates ▾
2 Unread Discussion Posts
- Calendar ▾
Sunday, April 5, 2020 ▶
Upcoming events ▾





What's on the Course Homepage?

Return to Homepage

Return to Course Homepage

Nav Bar



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

Examples of Course Homepages

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

This screenshot shows a Brightspace Classroom homepage. At the top, the page title is "Brightspace Classroom". The navigation bar includes icons for a home page, a grid, an envelope, a speech bubble, a bell, and a user profile for "KE K12 Educator". Below the navigation bar is a row of eight icons representing different course functions: Content, Announcements, Assignments, Activities, Assessments, Classlist, Science, and Course Admin. The main content area features a large banner with a background image of a periodic table and laboratory glassware, with the text "Welcome to our Learn from Home Classroom, K12!". Below the banner are two columns of content. The left column has an "Activity Feed" section with a "Create a post..." button and a "Latest Posts" section featuring a post titled "Fitness Challenge!" from "KE" dated "Apr 13, 2020". The right column has an "Announcements" section with a post titled "Virtual Learning Portraits" dated "Apr 13, 2020 4:31 PM" and a video thumbnail.

This screenshot shows a Brightspace Grade 10 Science homepage. At the top, the page title is "Grade 10 Science". The navigation bar includes icons for a home page, a grid, an envelope, a speech bubble, a bell, and a user profile for "Heather Ryan as Student". Below the navigation bar is a row of icons representing different course functions: Content, Discussions, Assignments, Grades, Class Progress, and Quizzes. The main content area features a large banner with a background image of laboratory glassware and a person's hands, with the text "Grade 10 Science". Below the banner are two columns of content. The left column has an "Activity Feed" section with a "Create a post..." button and a "Latest Posts" section featuring a post titled "Inquiry Lab" by "Gina Hernandez" dated "Oct 2, 2018 1:11 PM". The right column has a "Scientist of the Week" section featuring a "BLOGSPOT" for "Marie Maynard Daly" with a bio and a list of statistics: Innovation 6, Impact 5, and Obscurity 9.



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

Find your course

The screenshot shows the D2L Brightspace interface. At the top left, the logo 'D2L | Brightspace' is visible. In the center, the text 'Course Selector' is followed by a red arrow pointing to a grid icon (3x3) which is highlighted with a red box. To the right of the grid icon are icons for email, chat, and notifications, followed by a dark button labeled 'AC'. Below this navigation bar is a horizontal menu with 'My Home', 'Calendar', 'Discussions', and 'Quick'. A large image of a forest is partially visible on the left. On the right, a list of courses is shown:

- Physics 1202 - Phys1
- Brightspace Secondary - BSS1
- Brightspace Elementary - 01

Each course entry has a pin icon to its right. A red arrow points to the pin icon for 'Brightspace Secondary - BSS1', with the text 'Pin your course' written next to it.

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.

1 Course Admin

Course Admin

Course Administration

Category Name

Site Setup

2 Course Offering Information Homepages Navigation & Themes

3 Active

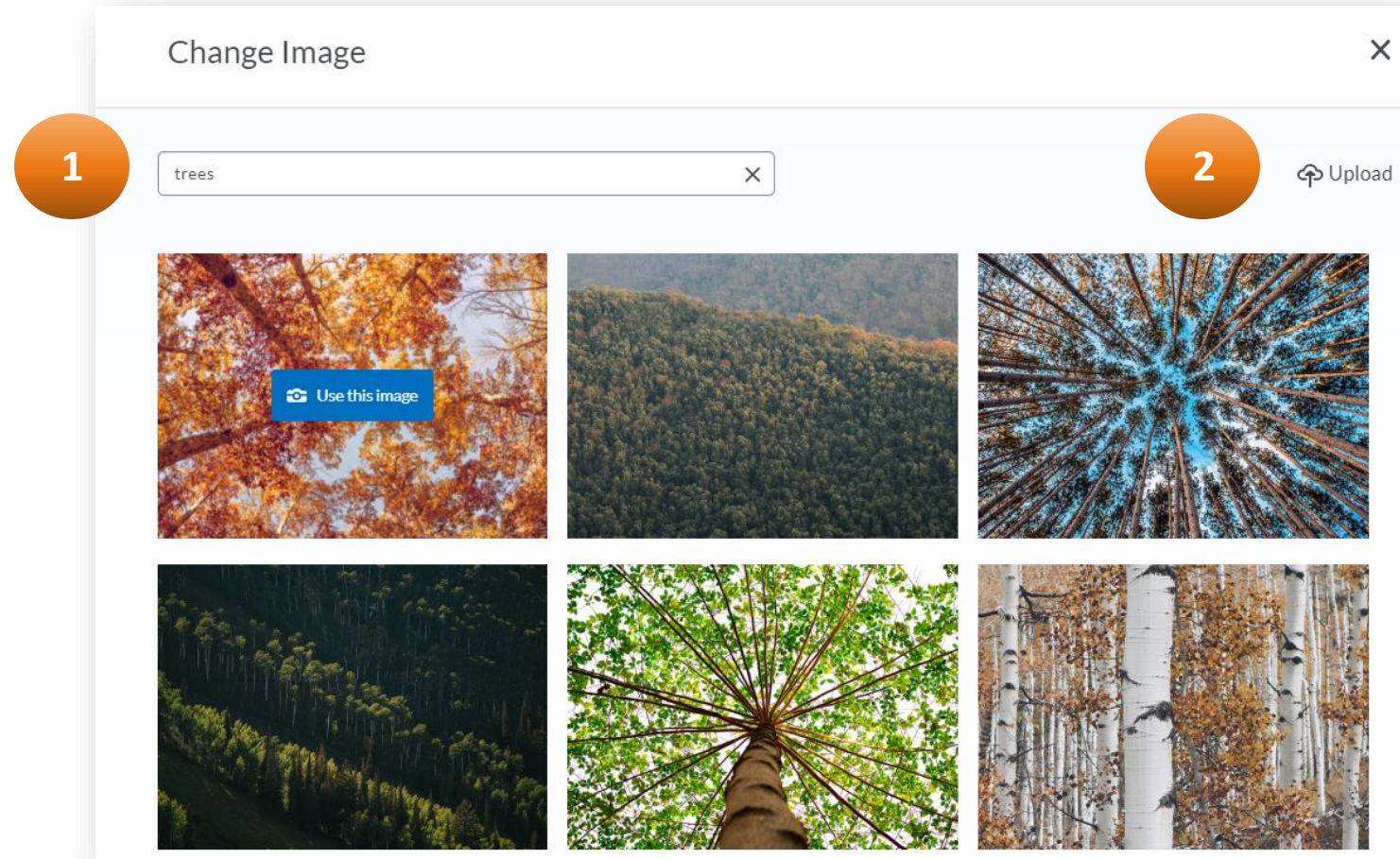
Course is active

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

1

Customize Banner Text

Welcome to our online classroom, {firstname}!

Course Name Custom None

[What replace strings can I use?](#)

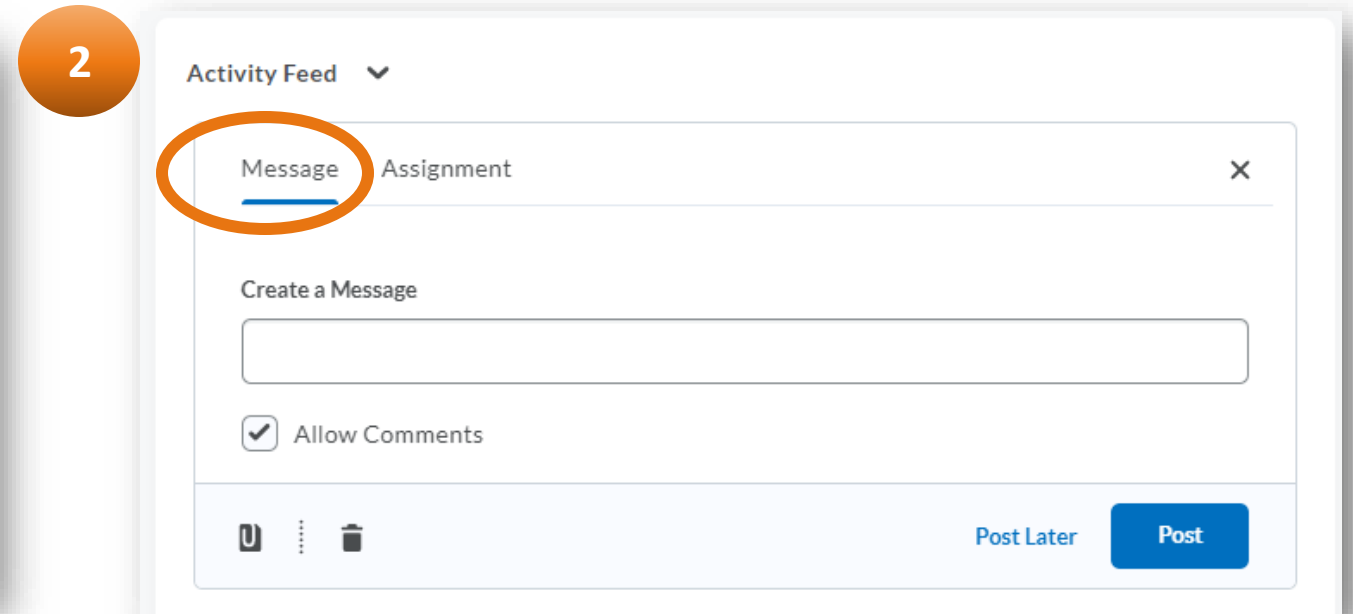
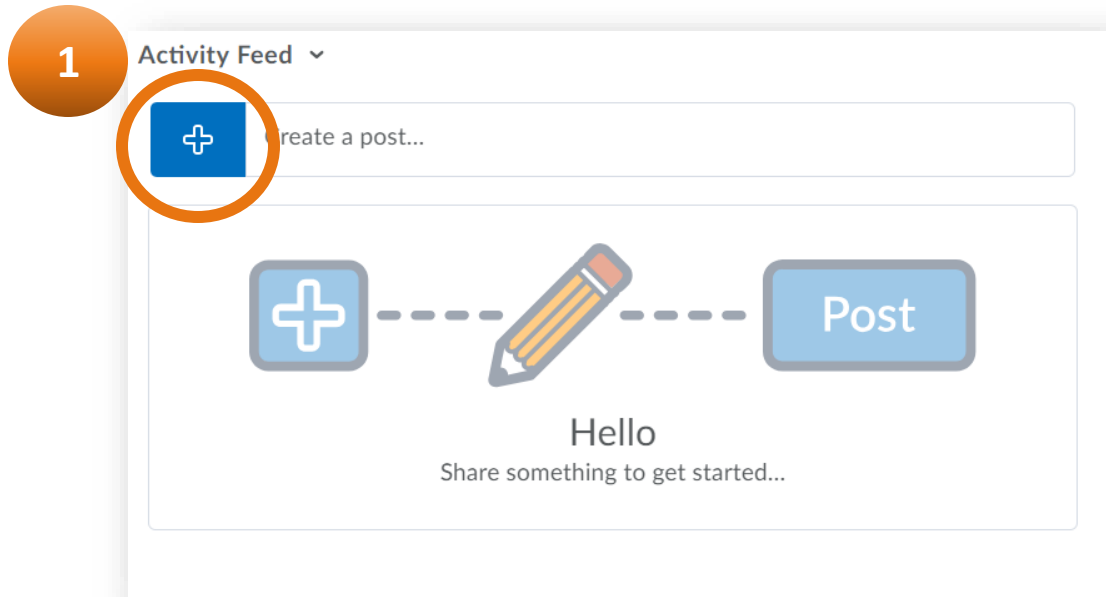
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Save Cancel

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}!

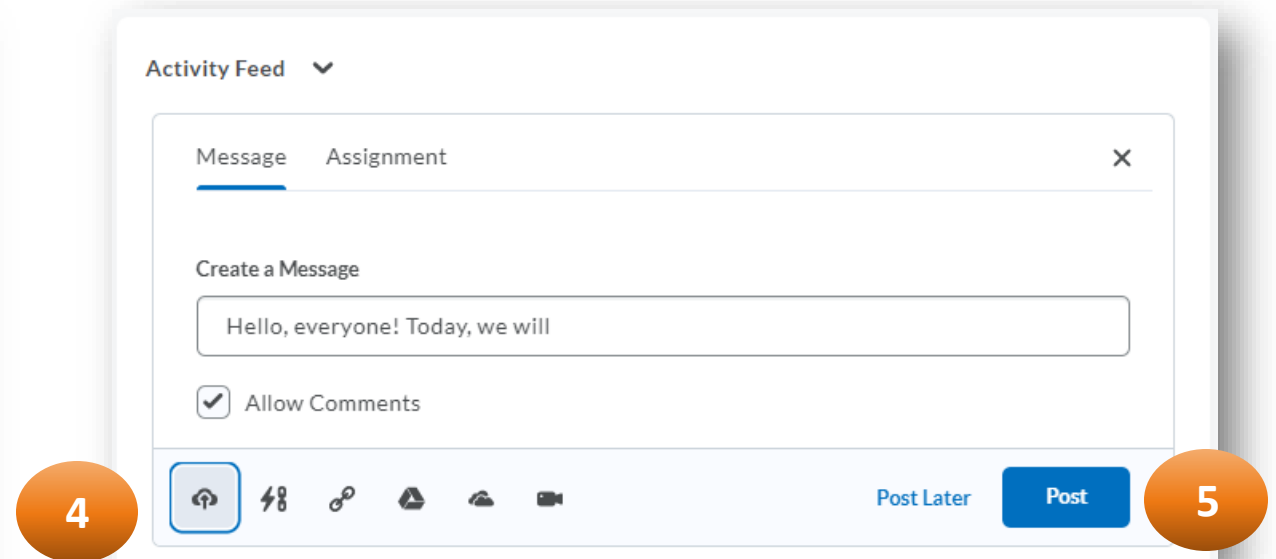
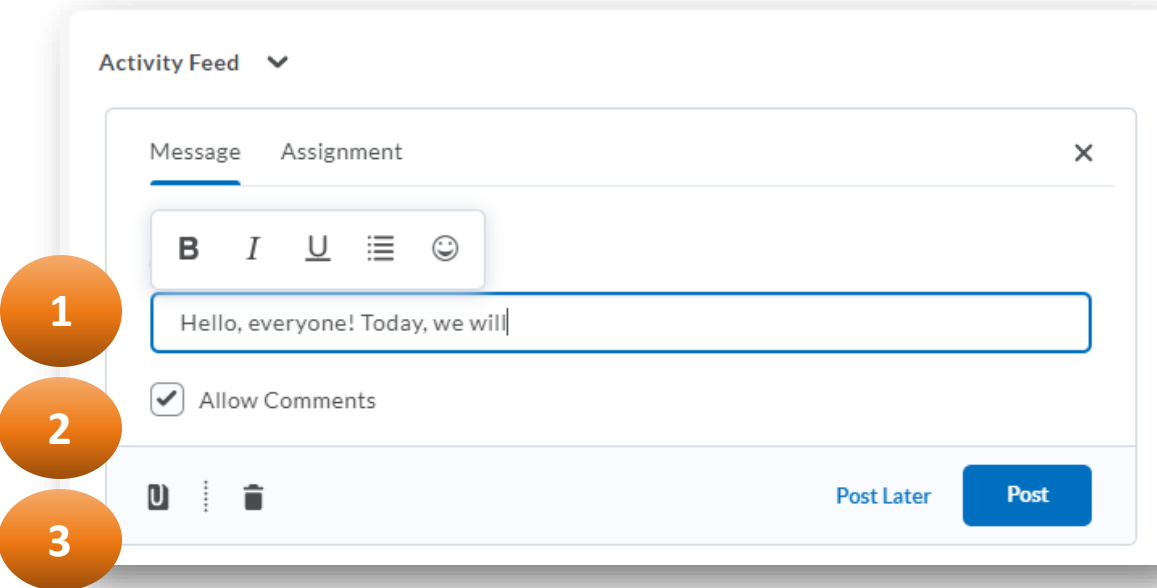
1. By default, your Course Banner will display your course code. To customize your banner text, erase the course code in the text field and type in your own message
2. Once you're happy with your message, click "Save." Voilà! You have a personalized welcome message that you can update and edit at any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

Create a post in Activity Feed!



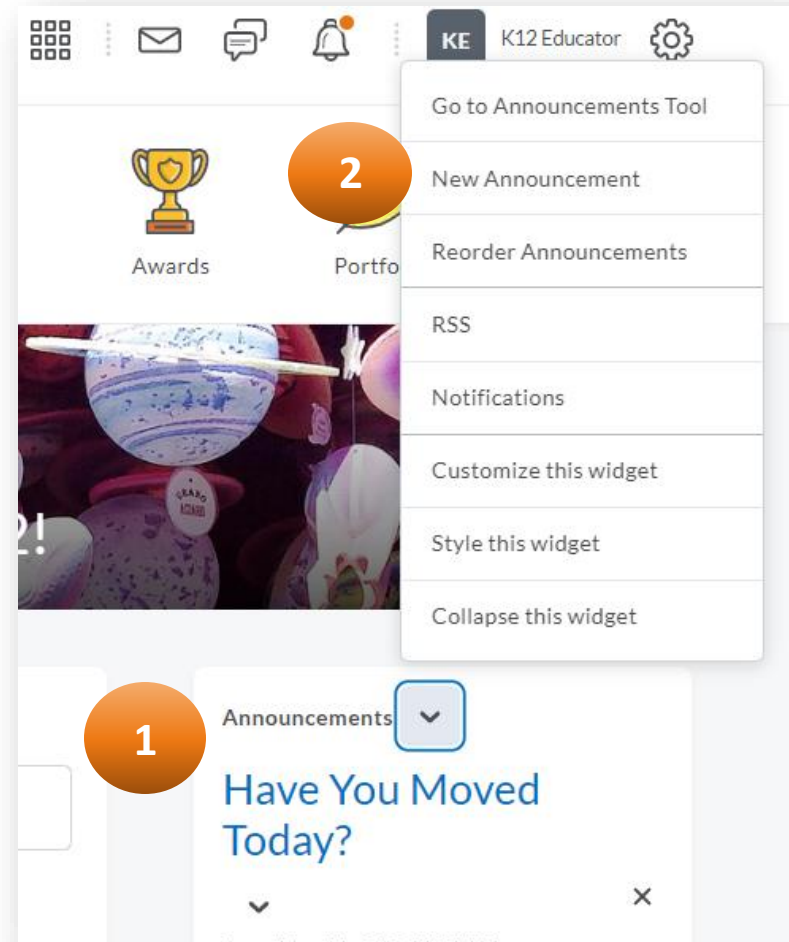
1. To get started, click the blue add button to see your posting options
2. By default, the “Message” option will be selected

Create a post in Activity Feed!



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.

Create a post in Announcements!



1. Click the down arrow to open the Announcements' menu
2. Click "New Announcement"

Create a post in Announcements!

The screenshot shows the 'New Announcement' form. At the top, it says 'New Announcement' with a dropdown arrow. Below that is the 'General' section. Callout 1 points to the 'Headline*' text input field. Callout 2 points to the 'Content*' rich text editor, which includes a toolbar with icons for video, image, link, paragraph, bold, italic, underline, list, font family, font size, and color. Callout 3 points to the main text area of the rich text editor. Callout 4 points to the 'Publish' button at the bottom of the form. The bottom of the form also shows 'Save as Draft' and 'Cancel' buttons, and a partially visible 'Availability' section.

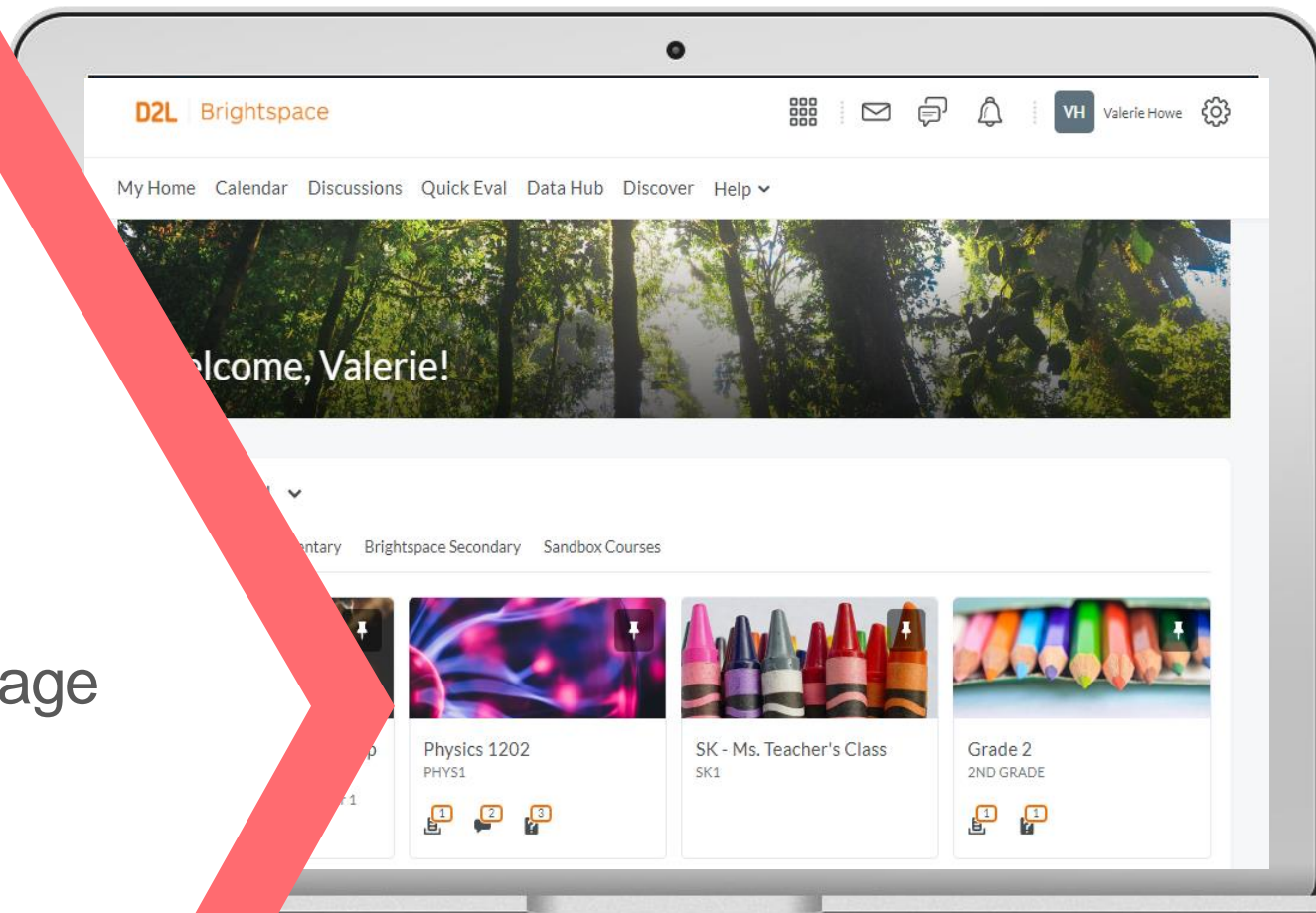
1. Give your Announcement a Headline/title
2. This is where you can insert files, add items from your Google Drive, insert a Video Note and more. This is also where you can format and style your written post
3. Type in your message, information or instructions for your students
4. Publish your post to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



Learning Objectives:

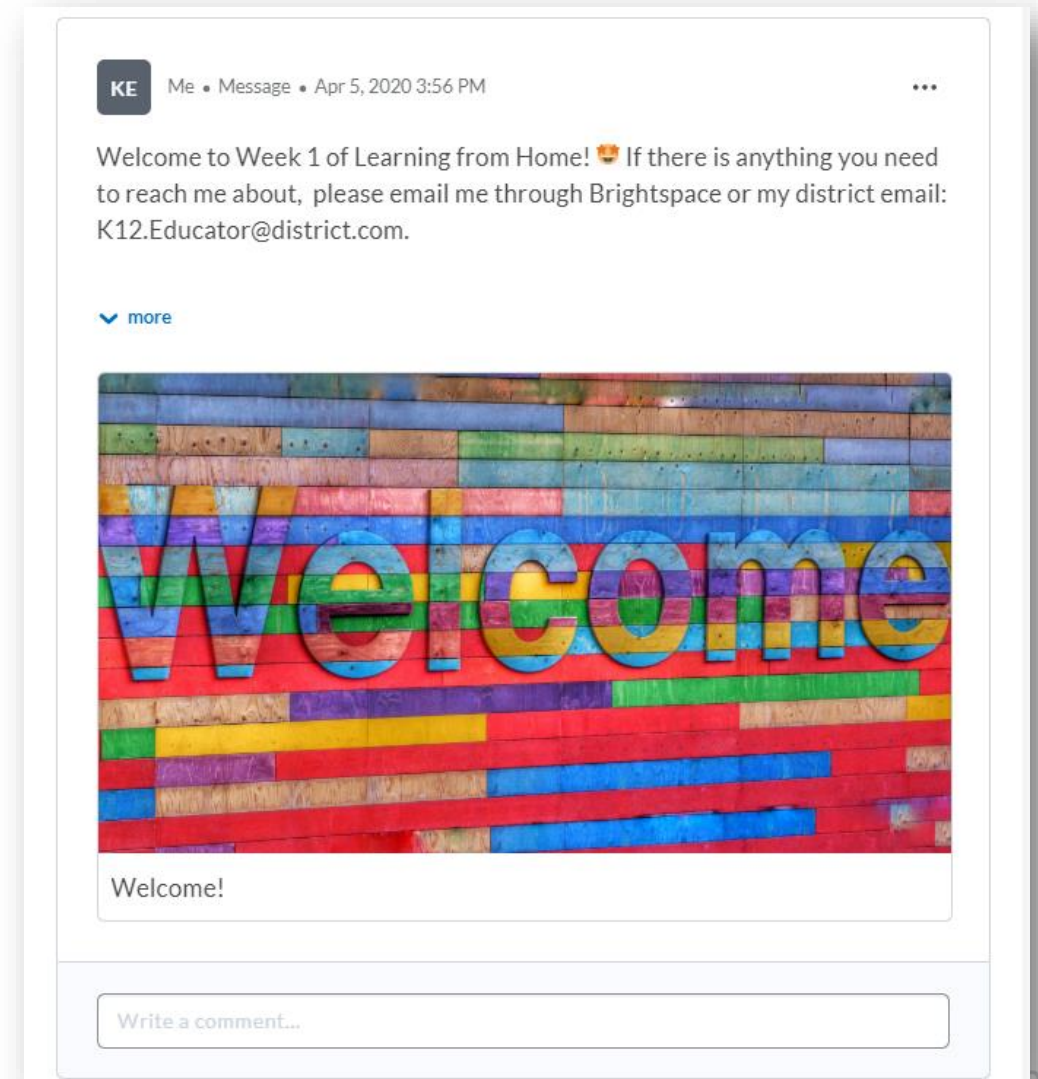
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Give This a Try!

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Announcements</u> • <u>Activity Feed</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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 • <u>Discussions</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Content/Lessons Tool</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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 • <u>Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Creating Groups -Creating Individual Student Groups -Creating Unique Learner Pathways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Brightspace Portfolio</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Review and Approve Portfolio Items -Oversee and View Individual Portfolios -Brightspace Portfolio: Bring Your Own Device (for learners) -Portfolio AT HOME • <u>Assignments</u> • <u>Discussions</u> • <u>Quizzes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Quiz Question Converter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Rubrics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Create an Analytic Rubric -Create a Holistic Rubric • <u>Grades</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Entering Grades -Associate an Activity with a Grade Item -Create a Grade Scheme • <u>Standards/Expectations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Standards: Import Standards from Course Admin • <u>Quick Eval</u>

