**Make Your Own Webpage**

Developing a webpage for your classroom is a great way to allow students and parents to access resources such as homework assignments, class calendars, syllabus, useful links, etc. Below is a list of a few free website design options:

[www.weebly.com](http://www.weebly.com)

[www.tagworld.com](http://www.tagworld.com)

[www.zoomshare.com](http://www.zoomshare.com)

[www.Netfirms.com/free](http://www.Netfirms.com/free)

[www.freewebs.com](http://www.freewebs.com)

We chose to use [www.weebly.com](http://www.weebly.com) because it is a free and easy host for webpages. The following steps provide a guideline on how to create a website.

Getting Started:

* Go to [www.weebly.com](http://www.weebly.com)
* Create your free website by picking a user name and password

Beginning Steps:

* The first thing you will be asked to do is choose a title for your site
* Then it will ask to choose a website address with three different options. Choose Option A, and create a sub-domain of weebly.com, i.e. <http://methods2009.weebly.com>

Customizing:

**Elements**

* There are four choices under elements;
1. Basic-You can choose text, paragraph and picture settings. This is the setup for your webpage.
2. Multimedia-Here you can add videos, pictures, and upload files.
3. Revenue-Connects you to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) where you can set up an online store
4. More- Other options are included under “More” to further develop your website

The above options can be accessed by clicking and dragging.

* To edit each page click the “Elements” tab where you will find different options of elements to add to your pages. You can then drag the element you wish to include onto the specific page you want it to appear. Then once the element is on your page, you can click on the box to edit it.

**Designs**

* Click the designs tab and choose from a variety of layouts
* There is also a list of themes that will narrow your search when choosing a template.
* There is also an option called “customize” where you can create your own webpage layout.

**Pages**

* To create new pages on the webpage click the “Pages” tab where you will see Manage Pages. Then click on “New Page” where you will see the option to create a Page Name. Then click save. When you are done creating these pages you will see them appear on your homepage.

**Settings**

* Here you will find general settings that allow you to manage your website. Such as passwords, titles, address, etc.

Publishing

* Click on the publish button in the upper right hand corner of the webpage
* A box will pop up and “Congratulate” you on successfully publishing to the internet
* You also have the option to register your page. This option is not free.
* You can let your friends know that your site has been published through facebook, twitter, or by e-mail.

This is one of many available website builders that is free and easy to use. Hopefully this guideline can help you start up your own website to benefit your classroom.