

Student Google Apps accounts are now **LIVE!**

Over the past couple months our Information Services department has been busy preparing and implementing an exciting new service for our staff and students. This service is called 'Google Apps'.



Google Apps allows students and staff to achieve an unprecedented level of communication, organization and collaboration through the use of free online applications provided by Google.

Using their Google account, students can:

- Use the email application (gmail) to communicate with their teachers and collaborate with other students. Has your student ever needed clarification on an assignment? Their peers and/or teachers are now just an email away.*
- Easily receive class announcements. Teachers can send a message to all of their students simply by addressing their course by id.
- Never forget an assignment at home. The Google Docs are 100% compatible between school and home, accessible from anywhere with an Internet connection. Documents, Spreadsheets, Calendars, Presentations are all available at any time, from anywhere.
- Video Sharing. Students doing Video projects at school now have a safe medium for sharing their work. Teachers can upload their videos and only other KPBSD users can view them.
- Collaborate with other students. Now students can work together on group assignments from the comfort of their own homes. Multiple students can contribute to documents simultaneously.

As of Jan 5th, we have 'gone live' and students can now access their accounts from anywhere by visiting the following website: <http://start.g.kpbsd.org> and logging in with their KPBSD computer account username and password.

*As with any activity on the Internet, care should be taken to protect students. We encourage you to speak to your students about proper Internet/email use. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like additional info you can email gappsinfo@kpbsd.k12.ak.us.



Gmail

<http://mail.g.kpbsd.org>

Keep your personal email address, but use Google's email interface - without ads to easily communicate with your friends and teachers. It comes with a spam filter and loads of storage space.



Calendar

<http://calendar.g.kpbsd.org>

Organize your life - keep a calendar for yourself, share calendars with your friends, and subscribe to public calendars to stay on top of school and district events.



Start Page

<http://start.g.kpbsd.org>

Access your g.kpbsd.org account from a single page that you can customize to give you simultaneous access to email, calendars, to-do lists, weather forecasts, and a host of other useful information and tools.



Docs

<http://docs.g.kpbsd.org>

Create and share documents, spreadsheets, and presentations online, and download them to your favorite desktop applications. Great for collaborative projects that are accessible from anywhere.