



The Gaggle

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Velocity

Coming soon, Gaggle will be getting a “face” lift. Over the course of the next few months Gaggle will be transitioning to its new Velocity interface. Velocity will make the Gaggle system much more user friendly, all while utilizing the same safety features that you had while using the “old” version of Gaggle. Utilizing Web 2.0 technology, Velocity will also increase speed as functions occur within the web page.

Velocity will have some functions similar to an outside email client, such as Outlook Express. One new feature is the ability to drag and drop messages. Like in Outlook, you can click on the message and drag it to one of your folders on the left side of your screen. When you release it over that folder, the message will then be accessible there, and disappear from the original folder.

One other difference you will see immediately from the administrative stand point, is that you will no longer

see both the Jump To and Admin menus on the left side of your screen. The Admin menu will now be located within the Jump To menu. If you pull down the Jump To menu, you will see your Admin menu inside. That then gives you the ability to open that menu up with all of the same options you had before. Your School Setup page is located there, as well as your User List and the Add Users option.

Velocity will also allow you to customize your home page with your school’s logo. Velocity allows you to upload this logo (within certain proportions) and have it be seen on all pages within your school. This feature allows you to personalize your accounts and encourage school spirit.

This is just the beginning...more on Velocity in next month’s Gaggle!



Curriculum Corner

Velocity is available for a “sneak preview” if you are interested. If you’d like to take a look at Gaggle’s new interface, feel free to give us a call, toll free, at 800-288-7750 or email us at admin@gaggle.net. Once you take this step, you will be able to access Velocity via your “Jump To” menu.

Gaggle Wins!

Gaggle.Net was recently announced as the 2008 BESSIE Award Winner for Best Communication Software for Middle Schools.

The BESSIE (Best Educational Software) awards are given out annually and “target innovative and content-rich programs and websites which provide parents and teachers with the technology to foster educational excellence.” Sponsored by the ComputEd Gazette, the BESSIE’s receive submissions from software publishers around the world. This is Gaggle’s second consecutive BESSIE award for its Student Email and Collaboration Tools.

We at Gaggle are extremely honored to win this award for the second time. We take great pride in offering students and teachers alike a safe avenue to communicate with one another.

Please don't hesitate to contact Gaggle's Customer Service staff if you have any questions!
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