

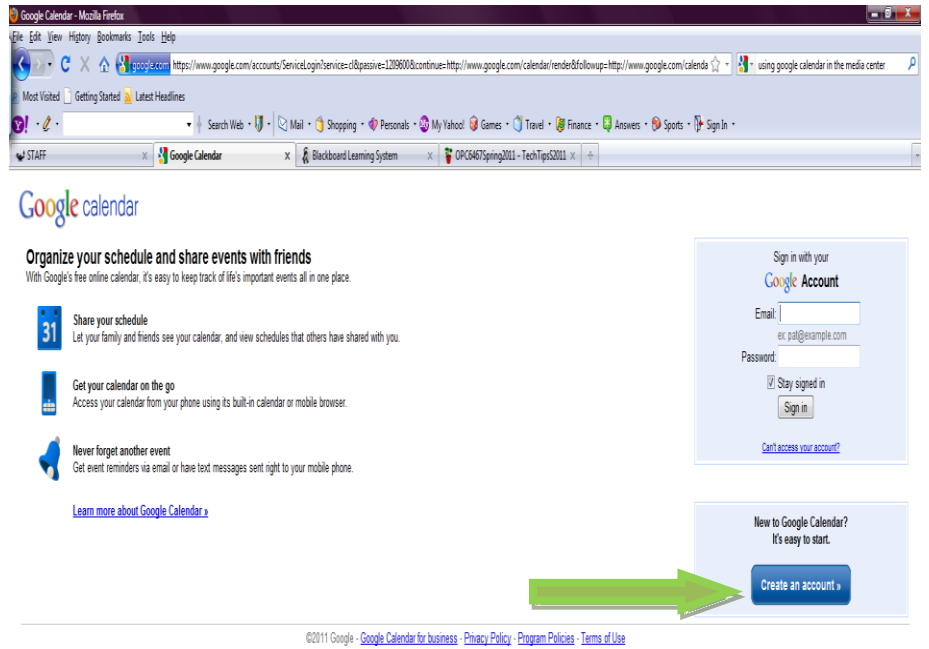
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Using Google Calendar in the Media Center

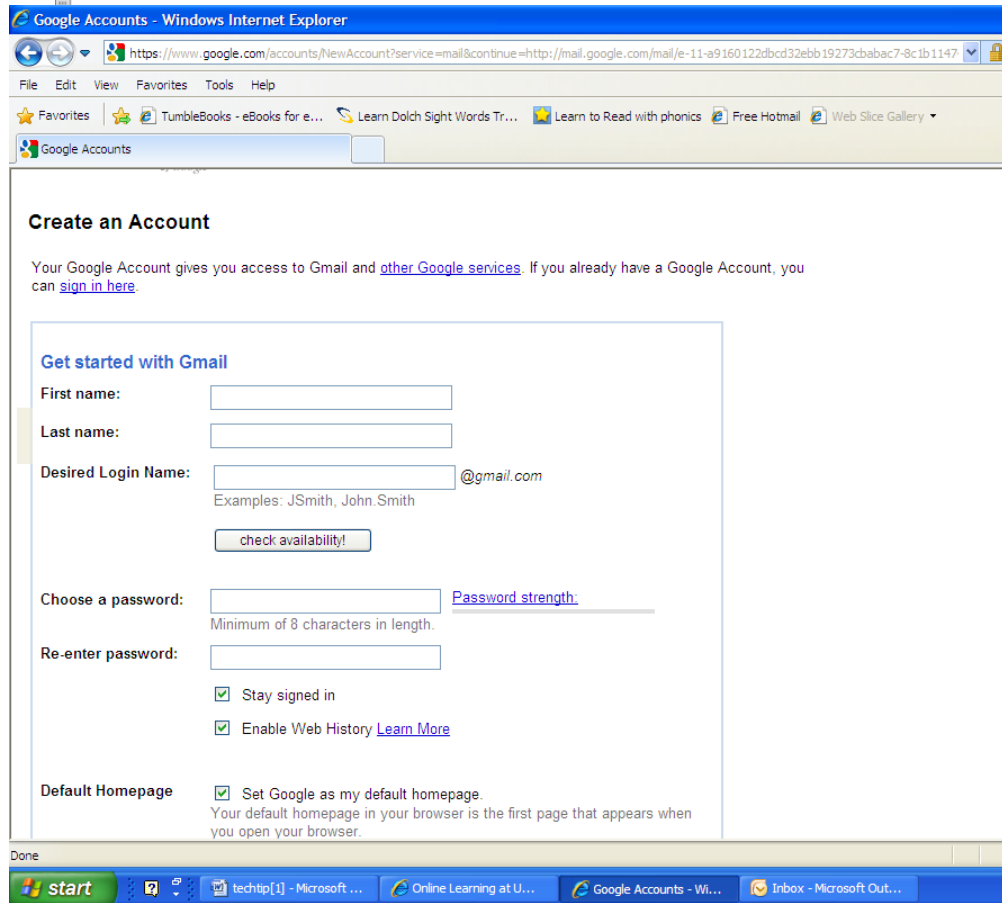
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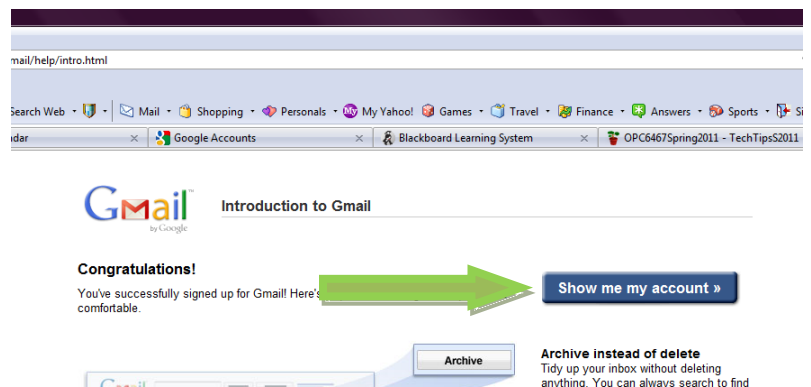
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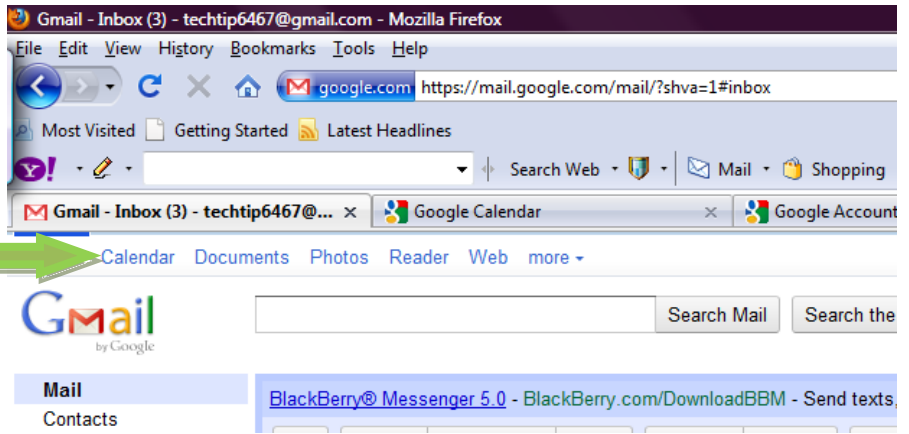
Fill out the necessary information to Create a Google account.



Click "Show me my account."

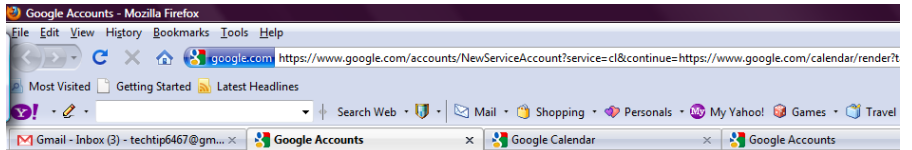


Click "Calendar"



Google will auto-fill the necessary information

Choose the correct time zone and Click "Continue"



Google accounts

Welcome to Google Calendar

Welcome back, West. Before using Google Calendar, we need to know a little more about you. Please enter the additional information below.

If you want to use the Google Calendar service as part of a separate Google Account, [click here](#). (Note: you can only be logged into one Google Account at a time.)

Get started with Google Calendar

First name:

Last name:

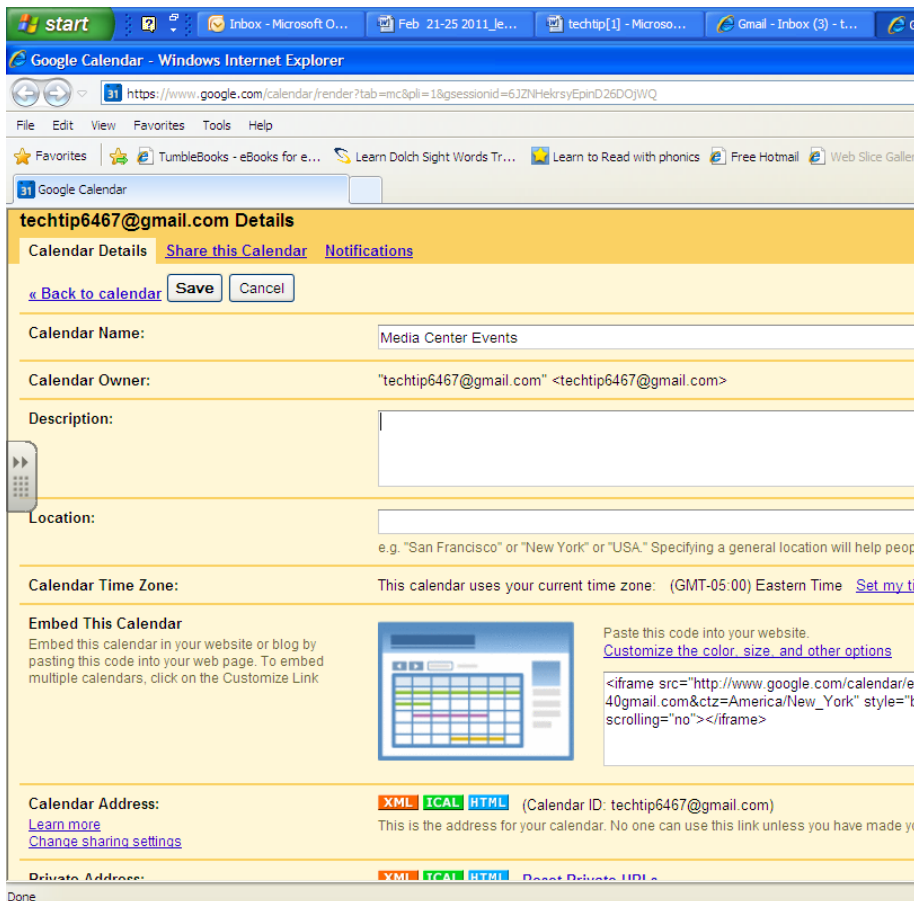
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Time zone:

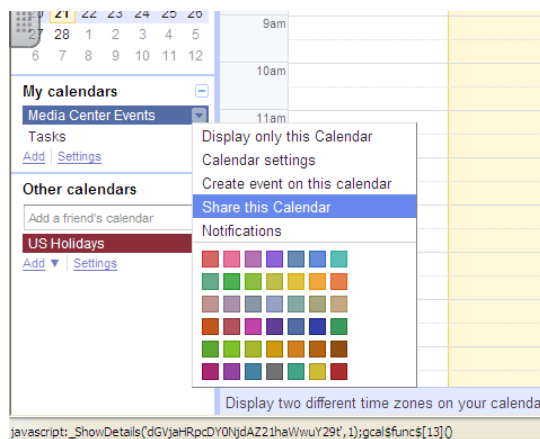
Your calendar's name will appear as your email. To change this name, click the arrow for the drop down menu, and then click "Calendar Settings."

The screenshot shows the Google Calendar interface in a Windows Internet Explorer browser. The address bar shows the URL: https://www.google.com/calendar/render?tab=mc&pli=1&gsessionid=632NHekrsyEpinD26DOjWQ. The interface includes a navigation bar with links for Gmail, Calendar, Documents, Photos, Reader, and Web. The main content area shows a calendar grid for February 2011, with a dropdown menu open over the 'My calendars' section. The dropdown menu includes options like 'Display only this calendar', 'Calendar settings', 'Create event on this calendar', and 'Share this calendar'. A green arrow points to the 'Calendar settings' option.

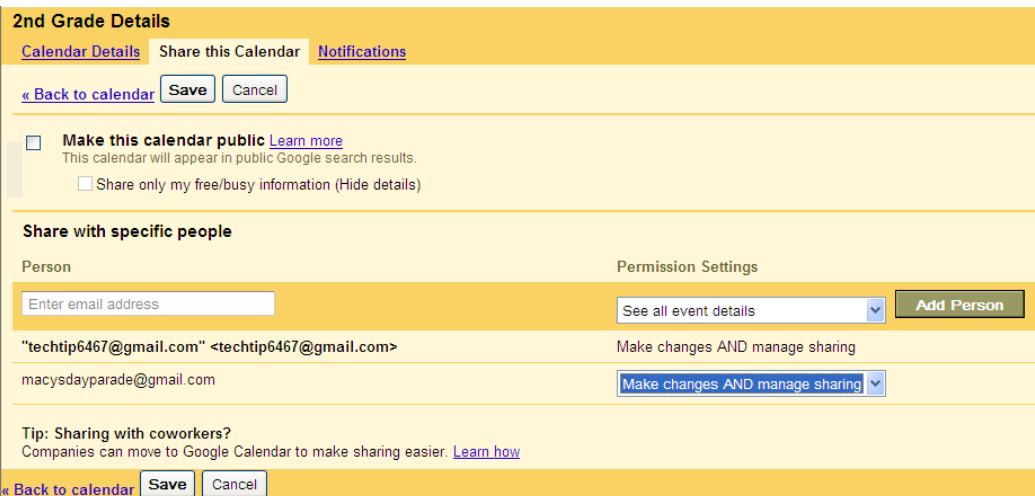
The calendar name has been filled in as “Media Center Events.” The description and location can also be filled out with your school’s information.



Click the drop down menu and click “Share this Calendar.”

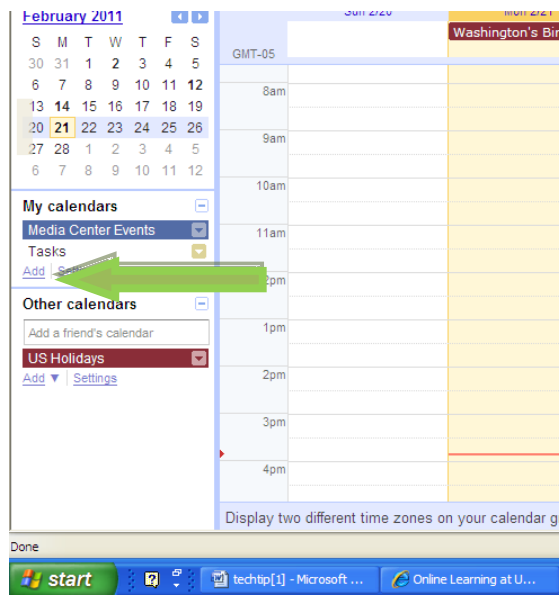


Click the box next to “Make this calendar public” so that everyone involved with the school can view the calendar.



You can also share the calendar with specific people only, such as teachers. When adding teachers, enter their Gmail addresses and change the permission settings to “Make changes AND manage sharing.” Then teachers will be able to go in and sign up for library time and classes.

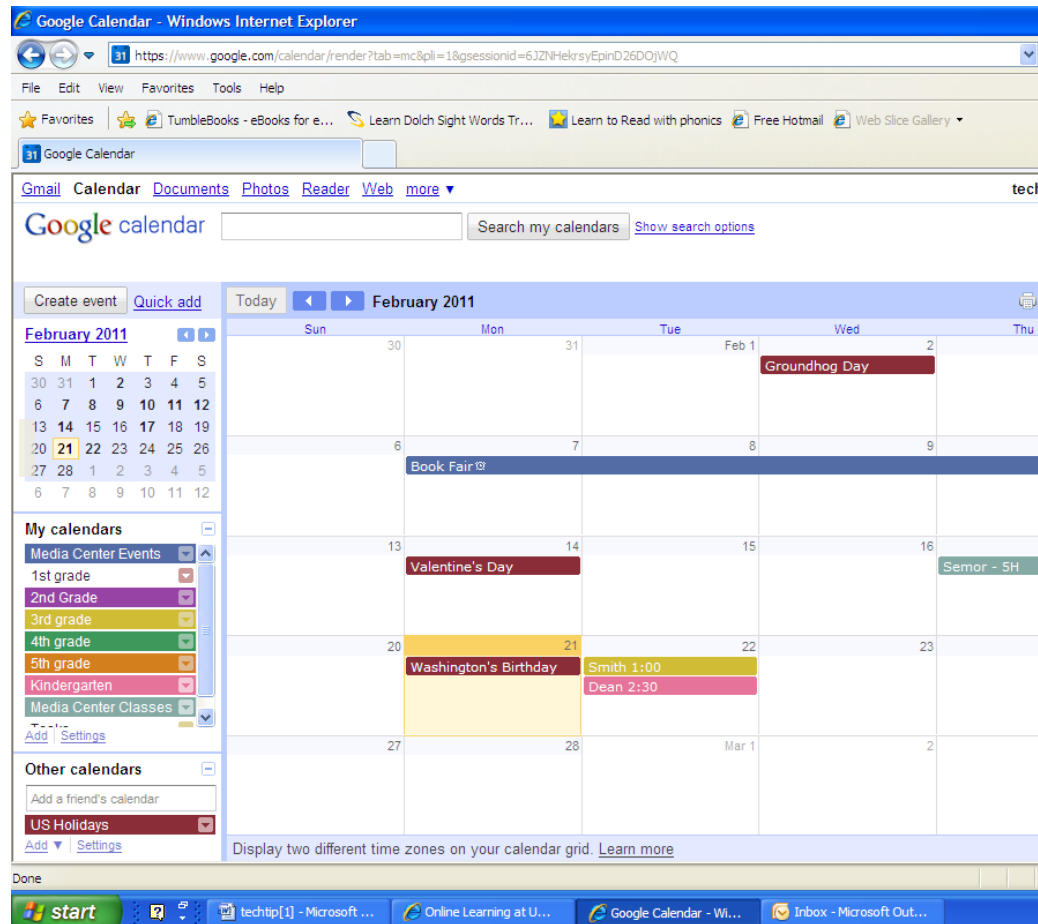
Click "Add" to add more calendars, such as calendars for each grade level or media center classes.



Here I have added calendars for each grade level, Media center events, and Media center classes. Make sure each calendar is a different color. Some examples are listed on the calendar:

Mrs. Smith's 3rd grade class is checking out books on the 22 at 1:00.

Mr. Semor has signed his class up to have the media lesson 5H – 5H being a reference number to a list of available classes.



Here are some reasons to have a shared calendar such as Google Calendar for your media center:

- Teachers can sign their class up to visit the media center to check out books or schedule a class.
- Each grade-level can be made a different color for quick and easy reference.
- It will let everyone know of upcoming media center events.
- Parents can view the calendar on the website or link it to their own Google Calendars. This way they will always know when their children are visiting the media center, so they can make sure the child has his or her book to return.

Here is an example of a Media Center using Google Calendar:

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the "Google Calendar for Media Center" page. The page title is "Shelton Public Schools - Google Calendar for Media Center - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows the URL: "http://sheltonbulldogs.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Library|Media Center Calendar". The browser's search bar and navigation buttons are visible. The calendar interface includes a sidebar with links for "privacy policy", "more info", and "Login". The main content area is titled "Google Calendar for Media Center" and shows the date "April 19, 2010". Below this, there is a message: "If you are having problems seeing the entire calendar zoom out a little. You can do this by holding down the control button on your keyboard and scrolling or view in your browsers window and go down to zoom." The calendar is titled "Library Media Center Schedule" and shows a monthly view for February 2011. The calendar grid includes days from Sunday to Saturday, with specific times and activities listed for each day. For example, on Monday, February 21st, there are activities at 9:50am Accelerated, 10:20am AR - First C, 1:45pm Elementary, and 2:40pm Elementary. On Wednesday, February 23rd, there is a "Dismissal @ 1:45pm" and activities at 9:50am Accelerated, 10:20am AR - First C, and 2:40pm Elementary. On Friday, February 25th, there is a "Winter Break No School" and activities at 9:50am Accelerated, 10:20am AR - First C, and 1:45pm Elementary. The calendar also includes a "Print" button and navigation options for "Week", "Month", and "Agenda".