

New Features:

Web Site Alerts

Create & Manage Site Alerts:

Web Site Alerts are a great way to get very important information to the public and are the first thing any parent, student, staff or community member will see upon reaching your website. These are great for getting information out quickly to end users regarding snow days, emergencies and major events that are happening. Districts can create alerts that are displayed on all school sites district wide. Schools can create alerts for their own school. All alerts can be scheduled so they appear and disappear when you want.

Additionally, alerts are stored in a running history and can be reused, so you don't have to add the same information every time it snows. Only one district alert and one school alert (for a maximum of two alerts) can be active at any one time. You'll find this tool in the district and school "Manage Web Site" area.

Viewing Alerts on Public Sites:

Users will see district and school alerts as a red banner across the top of your site, regardless of which theme you have chosen. Website content including navigation will be pushed down below the district and school alerts. At a school website, the district alert (if it exists) is always shown above the schools alert. Each alert is dismissible by clicking the x next to it. The alert won't come back until you visit the site again after closing your browser or opening the site in a new tab of your browser.



Google Custom Search

Adding Google Custom Search to your Public Site:

Google Custom Search is now an option that can be enabled site wide for your school or district. The new tool is configured in the Manage Web Site Area of your school or district. You will first need to acquire a Google Custom Search Engine ID from Google and then you can apply that to the eChalk system. The tool will then be added to your site and accessible from any page in the system. Check our help center to ensure you set up the Search Engine properly.

Viewing Google Custom Search Results:

Once the search is enabled on your site, end users will be able to start searching for any content included on your pages. The search tool itself will be included in the header of each theme and is available on all screen sizes. **The results and formatting come directly from Google.** For best results, make sure that you leave the format for web search as "Overlay" and for Image Search as "Popup". **The results provided come directly from Google and are not altered or filtered by eChalk.**

Major Enhancements

Content Management

Delete Pages:

Any user with permission to manage the web pages for a school, district, class or group will now have the ability to permanently delete user created pages that are no longer wanted. Any published page that is deleted will automatically be unpublished as it is deleted. Landing pages for schools, districts, classes and groups cannot be deleted until another page is selected as the landing page (we still need to have some page active and marked as the landing page so we know where to send your users when they go to your home page). System pages like profile, calendar, directory and login pages cannot be deleted.

Resources

Get Shareable Links for Files:

Users can now share files without having to publish them on a web page, feed post, lesson, etc. Simply navigate to the file you wish to share in any school, district, class, group resources or my files and get a shareable link (which will make the file publicly accessible). This link is a permanent link, so long as the file is shared. If at any time you no longer wish the file to be accessible, you can remove the shareable link from the file which will disable the link – not delete it. That way you can reshare it again without having to distribute the url (especially useful if you accidentally unshare it).

Bug Fixes

Links Lists	Links to file resources in links lists were changed every time a page was published. Now these links will have permanent URLs and will not change when you publish the page.
Event Block Calendar Link	Links to the monthly calendar also changed every time the page was republished, so it was difficult to share a link to a monthly aggregated calendar. With this release that link to view the “Full Monthly Calendar” is now a permanent link and will not change when the page is republished.
Navigation Menus	There was an issue with very long navigation lists that scroll beyond the bottom of a page on certain small screens resulting in an inability to access certain navigation menu areas. With this release all items are now displayed properly and scroll functions work properly so there are no more issues with the navigation menu on small screens.
Navigation Menus	Certain page content would intermittently cause navigation menus to appear to always remain open after opening the menu. This has been corrected and navigation items are behaving normally.
iCal Subscribe	On IOS devices, end users saw an option to copy the iCal link to the clipboard. However IOS does not allow the browser to have access to the clipboard so this function does not work. Since there is no way to make the copy to clipboard option work on IOS devices, the system will now detect the device and only display the copy to clipboard function to devices where it can operate correctly.

Web Page RTE Bullet Lists	Bullet lists were using a larger font size than the other text in an RTE block and selecting a new font size was introducing unwanted line breaks. This has been corrected and now all text is the same size unless it is manually specified to be different and there are no more issues adding unwanted line breaks.
Web Page Header Feeds	When clicking the show attachment button on a header feed, the page was autoscrolling back to the top. This no longer occurs.
Reprise Theme	Certain text in the reprise theme directories was difficult to read and blending into the background. This has been updated to always have a better contrast
Reprise Theme	Web Links were not automatically underlined in tables. Now they are automatically underlined in tables
Marquee Theme	The “More” menu option was appearing past the end of the navigation bar. This is now displayed properly.
Brochure Theme	Footer image links were displayed with a line beneath the image. This has been changed so there is no longer a line below the image.
News Theme	In the News Theme, certain header link list text was being truncated. This has been corrected so the text is not truncated.