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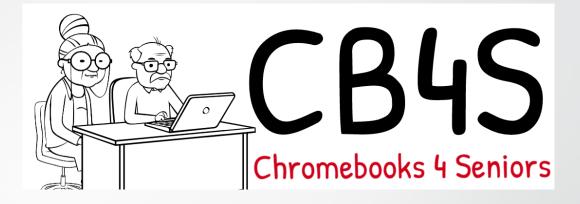
All about Chromebooks for those who don't know why they are so good & some tips for those using them

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Chromebooks 4 Seniors The remedy for the aches & pains of computing

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The Virtual Chromebooks Meetup is coming! Meetings will be announced soon! Chromebooks In Kindergarten Through 3rd Grade



Chromebooks In Kindergarten Through High School



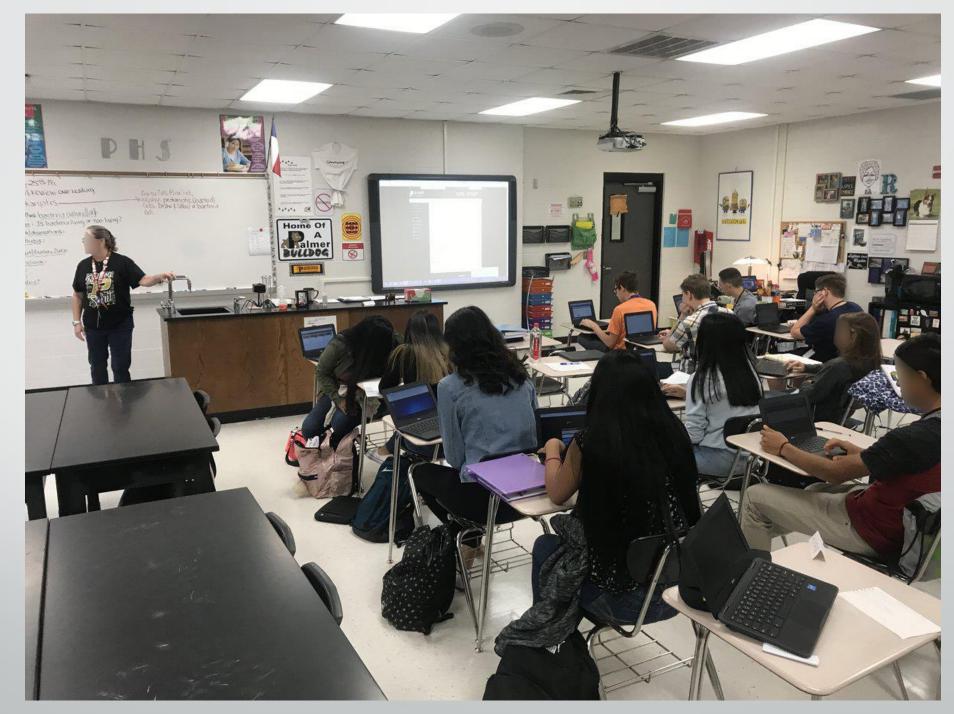
Kindergarten



6th Graders



High School



What do you do on a computer?

- email
- Facebook
- Games
- Look up information ("Google it")
- Banking & Pay bills
- Make purchases (Amazon & more)
- Skype
- YouTube
- Other?

Chromebooks

- Launched 2012
- 2015, the category overtook MacBooks in the U.S.
- Two million units in Q1, 2015
- Fueled by the K-12 education market

Widely Used in Education

- 58 percent of U.S. K-12 schools.
- Windows is in second with around 22 percent and the combined impact of MacOS and iOS are close behind at 19 percent.
- It's a rapidly shifting landscape. Three years earlier, Apple's products represented nearly half of devices being shipped to U.S. classrooms.

http://www.futuresource-consulting.com/Press-K-12-Education-Market-Qtr4-0317.html

Pros

• They boot quickly.

- They're effectively impervious to viruses (though not phishing, so make sure Mom and Dad know to watch for).
- Generally speaking, they're very inexpensive -- usually anywhere from \$200-400 depending on size and features.
- Voice commands: You can say "OK, Google" from the launcher to invoke Google's voice-powered assistant.
- Tight integration with everything Google: Gmail, Drive, Calendar and so on. That means any document created in, say, Google Docs is automatically archived to Drive. It's like full-time, automatic backup for nearly everything the user does.
- Good battery life.
- Simple keyboards.
- Come with all essential software.
 - Easy to carry.

Cons

- There's a bit of a learning curve, especially if Mom and Dad are already accustomed to Windows.
- Printing can be a challenge. Chrome OS doesn't allow for USB connections, but it does support wireless printing -- provided your printer supports Google Cloud Print. And even if it does, setup isn't always easy.
- Gmail is not everyone's favorite mail client, at least when accessed via the Web (which is how it's done on a Chromebook). It's ugly and non-intuitive, and likely to cause confusion. But if your folks already use, say, Outlook or Yahoo, it's a simple matter to connect to those services.
- Relies on the Internet.

- Chromebook shipments grew by a stunning 38 percent in 2016 compared to 2015.
- Gartner estimated 9.4 million Chromebooks shipped, compared to 6.8 million units in 2015.
- However, overall PC shipments in 2016 declined about 6.2 percent.

- 2016 may go down as the best year ever for Chromebook shipment growth. Gartner is estimating shipments to continue growing in the coming years but at a slower pace.
- In 2017, Gartner is projecting Chromebook shipments to be about 10.9 million units, a growth of about 16.3 percent compared to 2016.
- In 2018, the shipments will total about 11.9 million units, a growth of 8.6 percent.

There is also growing interest in Chromebooks from businesses in the finance and retail sectors.

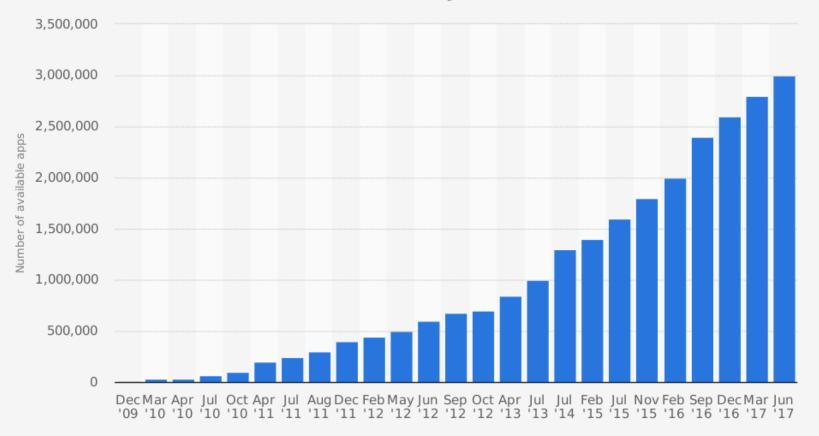
Companies are using Chromebooks as no-frills mobile thin clients, considering they are cheap to deploy and easy to manage.

Chrome Web Store vs Google Play

- Chrome Web Store is where you can find thousands of apps, extensions, and themes designed for your Google Chrome browser.
- Google Play lets you browse and shop for your favorite music, movies, and books. You can also download apps and games for your Android phone or tablet.

The number of available apps in the Google Play Store was most recently placed at 3.3 million apps in September 2017, after surpassing 1 million apps in July 2013. Google Play was originally launched in October 2008.

Number of available applications in the Google Play Store from December 2009 to June 2017



Source Android; Google; App

Additional Information:

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Chrome OS Systems Supporting Android Apps

- ASUS Chromebook Flip C100PA
- Acer Chromebook R11 (CB5-132T, C738T)
- The latest Chromebook Pixel (2015)
- Samsung Chromebook Plus
- 2017 Models yet to be released

The models currently able to utilize Android Apps (as of June 23, 2017) are:

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The models currently able to utilize Android Apps (as of Nov 18, 2017) are:

Acer Chromebook R11 (CB5-132T, C738T)	Dell Chromebook 11 Convertible (3189)	Lenovo Flex 11 Chromebook
Acer Chromebook Spin 11 (R751T)	Dell Chromebook 13 (3380)	Lenovo N23 Yoga Chromebook
Acer Chromebook R13 (CB5-312T)	eduGear Chromebook K Series	Lenovo N22 Chromebook
Acer Chromebook 11 N7 (C731, C731T)	eduGear Chromebook M Series	Lenovo N23 Chromebook
Acer Chromebook 11 (C771, C771T)	Edxis Education Chromebook	Lenovo N42 Chromebook
Acer Chromebook 14 (CB3-431)	Google Chromebook Pixel (2015)	Lenovo Thinkpad 13 Chromebook
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Asus Chromebook C300SA / C301SA	Lenovo Thinkpad 11e Chromebook (Gen 3)	Samsung Chromebook Plus
Asus Chromebook Flip C302	Lenovo ThinkPad 11e Yoga Chromebook (Gen 3)	Samsung Chromebook Pro
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CTL J2 / J4 Chromebook		Sector 5 E1 Rugged Chromebook
Dell Chromebook 11 (3180)		Viglen Chromebook 11

Chrome OS Systems Supporting Android Apps

Manufacturer	Device	Status ¹			
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	Chromebook Spin 11 (R751T)	Stable Channel			
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	Chromebook 11 (C740)	Planned		Chromebook Pro	Stable Channe
	Chromebook 11 (C730 / CB3-111 / C730E / CB3-131)	Planned		Chromebook 3*	Beta Channel
	Chromebook 14 (CB3-431)	Planned		Chromebook 2 11" - XE500C12	Planned
	Chromebook 15 (CB515-1HT/1H)	Stable Channel	Sector 5	E1 Rugged Chromebook	Planned
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	Chromebook 15 (CB3-531)	Planned	Toshiba	Chromebook 2	Planned
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	Chromebox Commercial	Planned			

https://www.chromium.org/chromium-os/chrome-os-systems-supporting-android-apps

6 Reasons Why a Chromebook Should Be Your Next Computer

It only weighs 3 pounds. You can take it anywhere! Lasts for 10 hours! No need to carry a charger everywhere.

Portability

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Google Apps All your documents are in the cloud! They'll save automatically so you can access them anywhere

Boot up in 5 seconds! No slowdown no matter how much you do.

5 Security No viruses! The Chromebook is always up to date and always safe.

It only costs \$300. No add ons, no extra fees.

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Brand	Name	Month	Screen	Resolution	CPU model	CPU speed	Core	Octane	Memory	Storage	Battery	Weight Ib	Weight kg
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Acer	Chromebook 11 N7 (touch C731T)	Jan	11.6"	1366x768	Intel Celeron N3060	1.6 GHz	2	8200	4 GB	16-32 GB	12 hr	2.98 lb	1.35 kg
Acer	Chromebook Spin 11 (R751T)	May	11.6"	1366x768	Intel Celeron N3350	1.1 GHz	2	11600*	4-8 GB	32-64 GB	10 hr	3.09 lb	1.4 kg
Acer	Chromebook Spin 11 (R751T)	May	11.6"	1366x768	Intel Celeron N3450	1.1 GHz	4	11700*	4-8 GB	32-64 GB	10 hr	3.09 lb	1.4 kg
ASUS	C302CA Flip	Jan	12.5"	1920x1080	Intel Core m3-6Y30	900 MHz	2	22500	4-8 GB	32-64 GB	10 hr	2.65 lb	1.2 kg
ASUS	C302CA Flip	Feb	12.5"	1920x1080	Intel Core m7-6Y75	1.6 GHz	2	30600*	8 GB	64 GB	10 hr	2.65 lb	1.2 kg
ASUS	C302CA Flip	Jan	12.5"	1920x1080	Intel Pentium 4405Y	1.5 GHz	2	14600	4 GB	32 GB	10 hr	2.65 lb	1.2 kg
Dell	Chromebook 3180 Edu	Feb	11.6"	1366x768	Intel Celeron N3060	1.6 GHz	2	8600*	2-4 GB	16-32 GB	10 hr	2.79 lb	1.27 kg
Dell	Chromebook 3189 Edu	Feb	11.6"	1366x768	Intel Celeron N3060	1.6 GHz	2	8600	4 GB	16-64 GB	10 hr	3.22 lb	1. <mark>4</mark> 6 kg
Dell	Chromebook 3380 Edu	Feb	13.3"	1366x768	Intel Celeron 3855U	1.6 GHz	2	16000	4 GB	16-64 GB	10 hr	3.54 lb	1.61 kg
Dell	Chromebook 3380 Edu (touch)	Feb	13.3"	1366x768	Intel Celeron 3855U	1.6 GHz	2	16000	4 GB	16 GB	10 hr	3.54 lb	1.61 kg
HP	Chromebook x360 11 G1 (edu)	Apr	11.6"	1366x768	Intel Celeron N3350	1.1 GHz	2	11600	?-8 GB	32-64 GB	10 hr	3.17 lb	1.44 kg

https://zipso.net/chromebook-specs-comparison-table/

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Brand
- Screen Size
- Resolution
- CPU Model
- CPU Speed
- Core
- Camera/Mic

- Memory
- Storage
- Battery
- Weight
- HDMI
- Price

• LTE

Touchscreen

Acer Chromebook R11

Google Chrome OS

Automatically downloads and installs security and software updates, so you don't have to waste your time managing patches and waiting for restarts.

11.6" 10-point multitouch screen for hands-on control

Typical 1366x768 HD resolution. IPS technology for wide viewing angles. Energy-efficient LED backlight.

Intel[®] Celeron[®] processor N₃₁60

Entry-level quad-core processor for general e-mail, Internet and productivity tasks.

4GB system memory for basic multitasking

Adequate high-bandwidth RAM to smoothly run multiple applications and browser tabs all at the same time.

32GB eMMC flash memory

This ultracompact memory system is ideal for mobile devices and applications, providing enhanced storage capabilities, streamlined data management, quick boot-up times and support for high-definition video playback.

Acer Chromebook R11

360° flip-and-fold design

Offers versatile functionality with laptop, audience, tabletop, presentation and tablet modes.

Built-in cloud support

Easily save your files to your Google Drive account for secure access wherever you go. You can also synchronize with your other devices running Chrome and even work offline when needed. Fees may apply.

Intel[®] HD Graphics 400

On-processor graphics with shared video memory provide everyday image quality for Internet use, basic photo editing and casual gaming.

Weighs 2.8 lbs. and is 0.8" thin

Ultraportable design, featuring a smaller screen size to achieve a compact form factor. 3-cell lithium-ion battery.

Corning Gorilla glass display

Resists scratches and withstands minor impact damage.

Bluetooth interface synchronizes with compatible devices

Wirelessly transfer photos, music and other media between the laptop and your Bluetooth-enabled cell phone or MP₃ player, or connect Bluetooth wireless accessories.

Acer Chromebook R11

1 USB 3.0 port maximizes the latest high-speed devices

Also includes 1 USB 2.0 port to connect more accessories and peripherals. The USB 3.0 port is backward-compatible with USB 2.0 devices (at 2.0 speeds).

HDMI output expands your viewing options

Connect to an HDTV or high-definition monitor to set up two screens side by side or just see more of the big picture. HDCP support.

Built-in card reader for simple photo transfer

Supports SD memory card formats.

Next-Gen Intel® Wireless-AC connectivity

Connect to a Wireless-AC router for nearly 3x the speed, more capacity and wider coverage than Wireless-N. Backward-compatible with all other Wi-Fi networks and hotspots.

Built-in HD webcam with microphone

Makes it easy to video chat with family and friends or teleconference with colleagues over Google Hangouts or other popular applications.

Built-in virus protection and Google products

Work, play and do right out of the box with Search, Gmail, Talk, YouTube and Hangouts, then personalize with Chrome Web Store. Multiple layers of protection defend against viruses and malware.

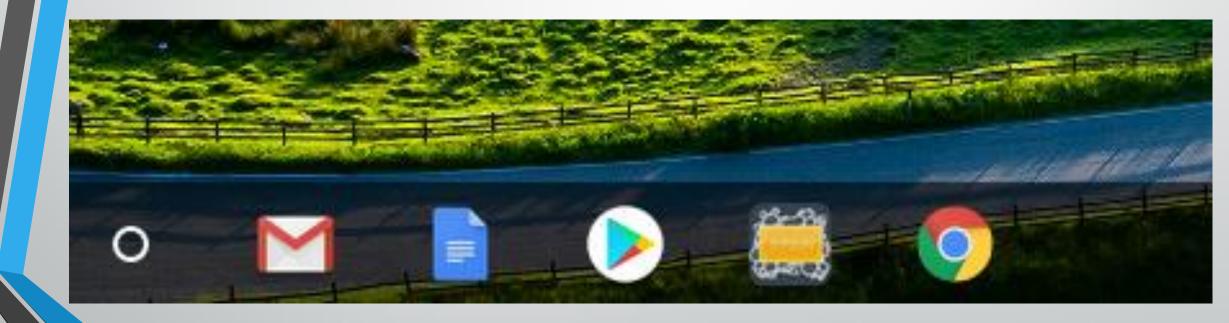
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Headphone/microphone combo jack.



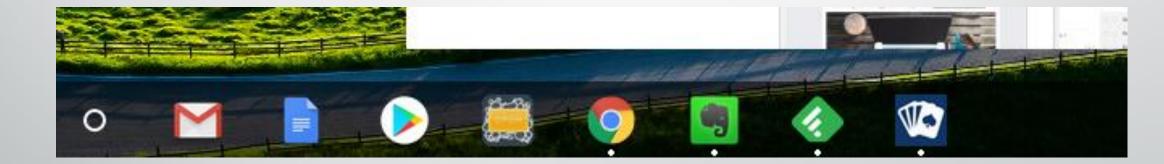


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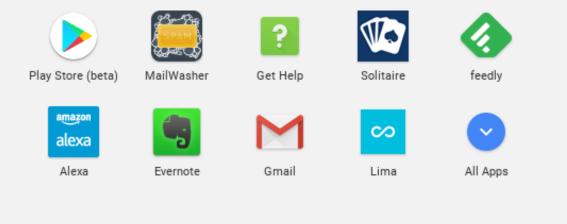


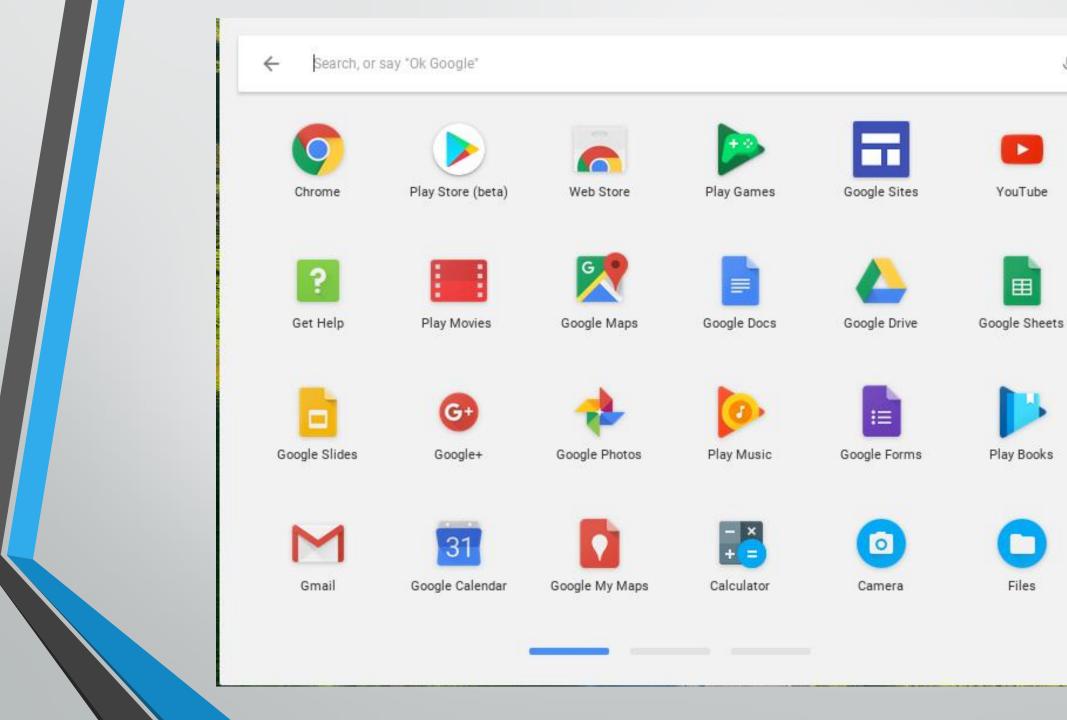


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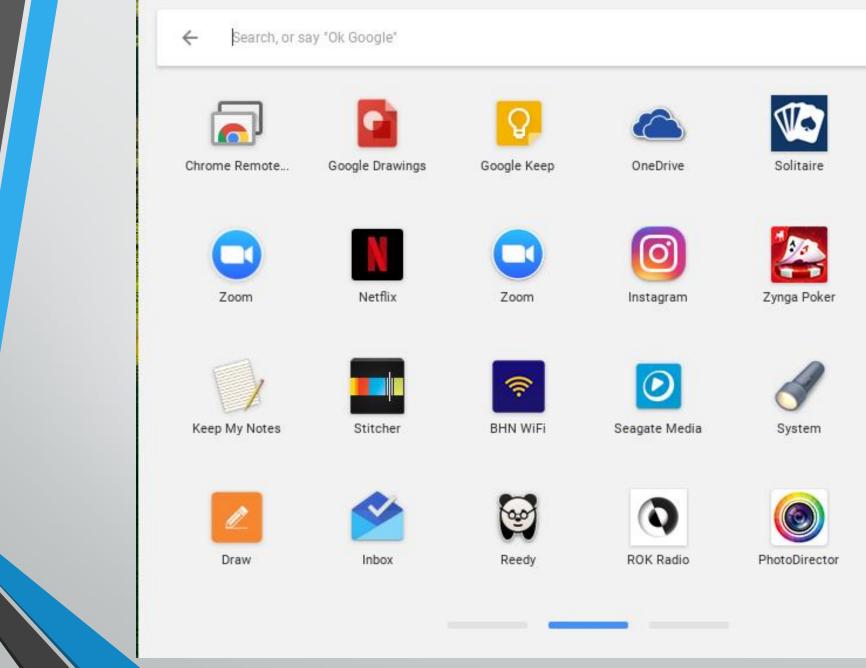
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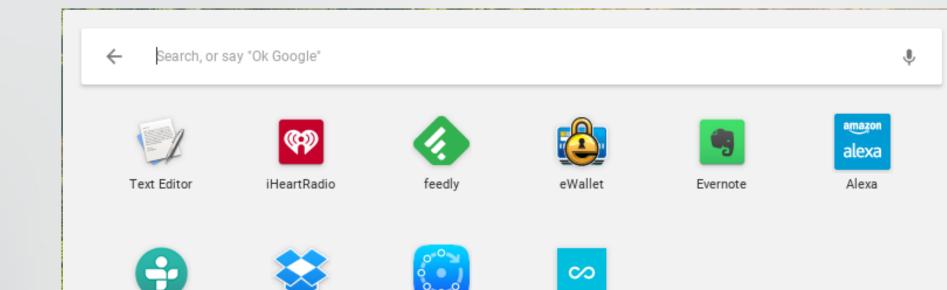
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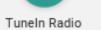
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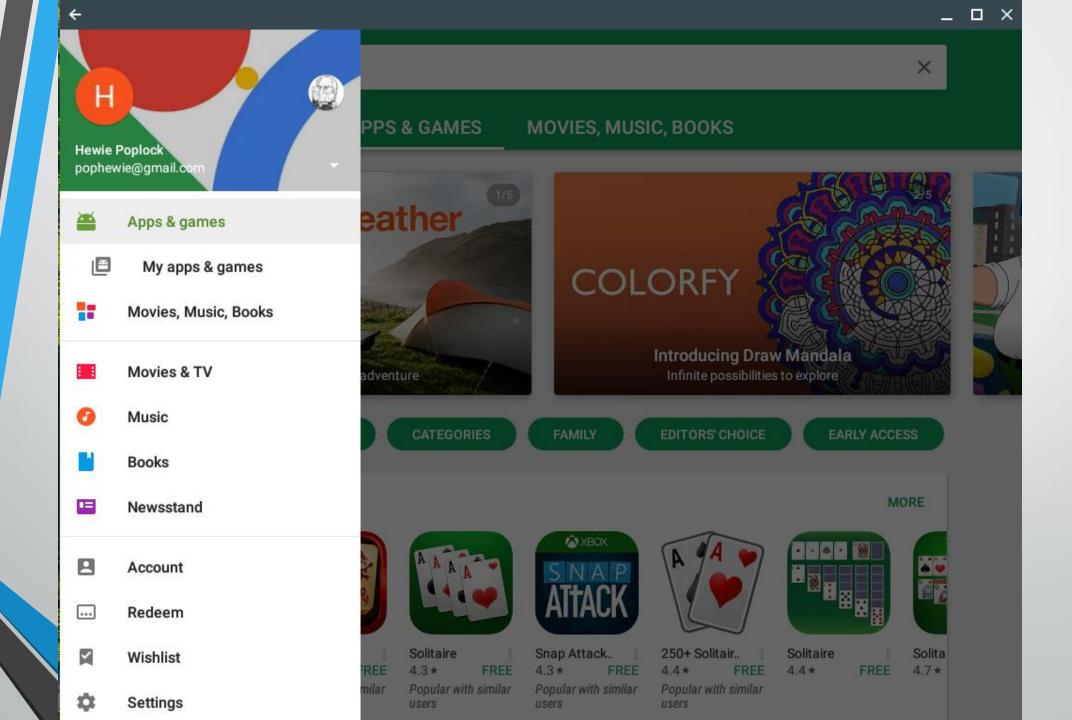
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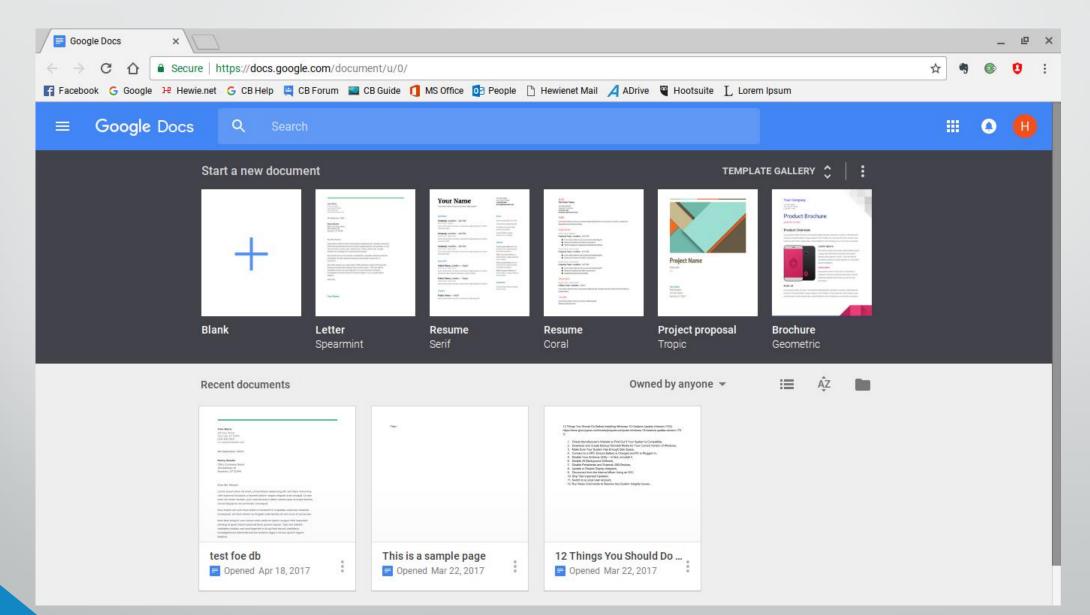
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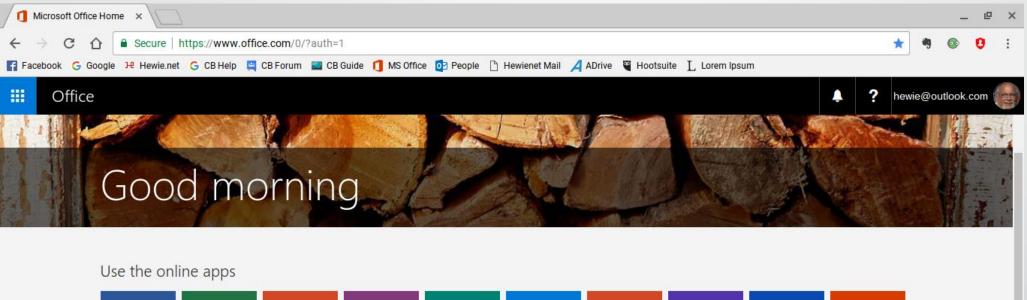
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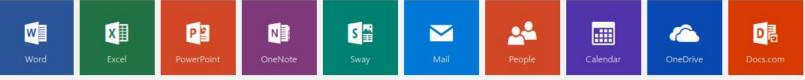
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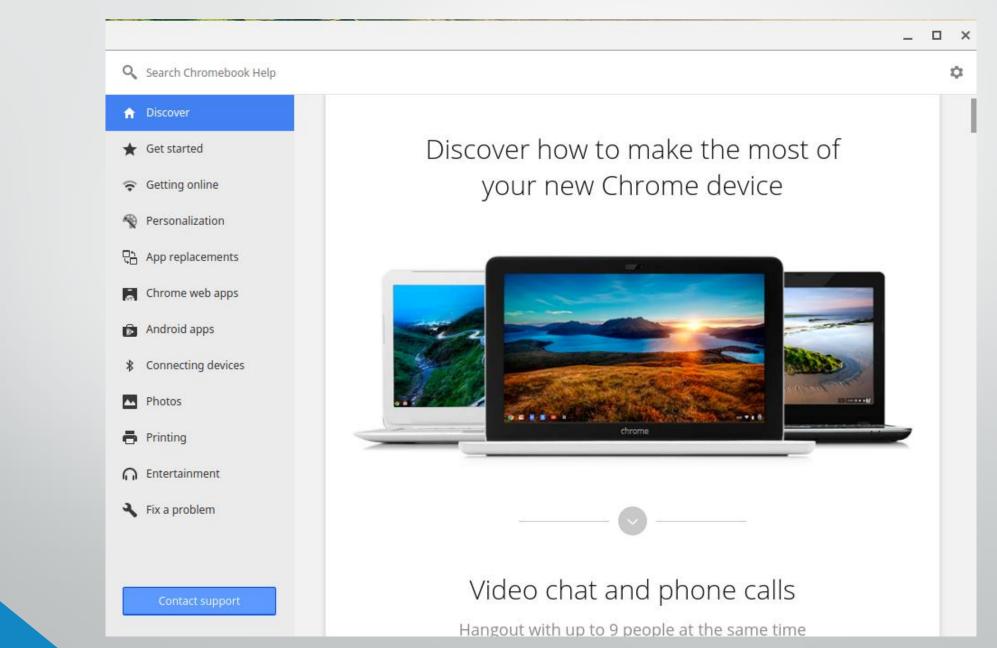
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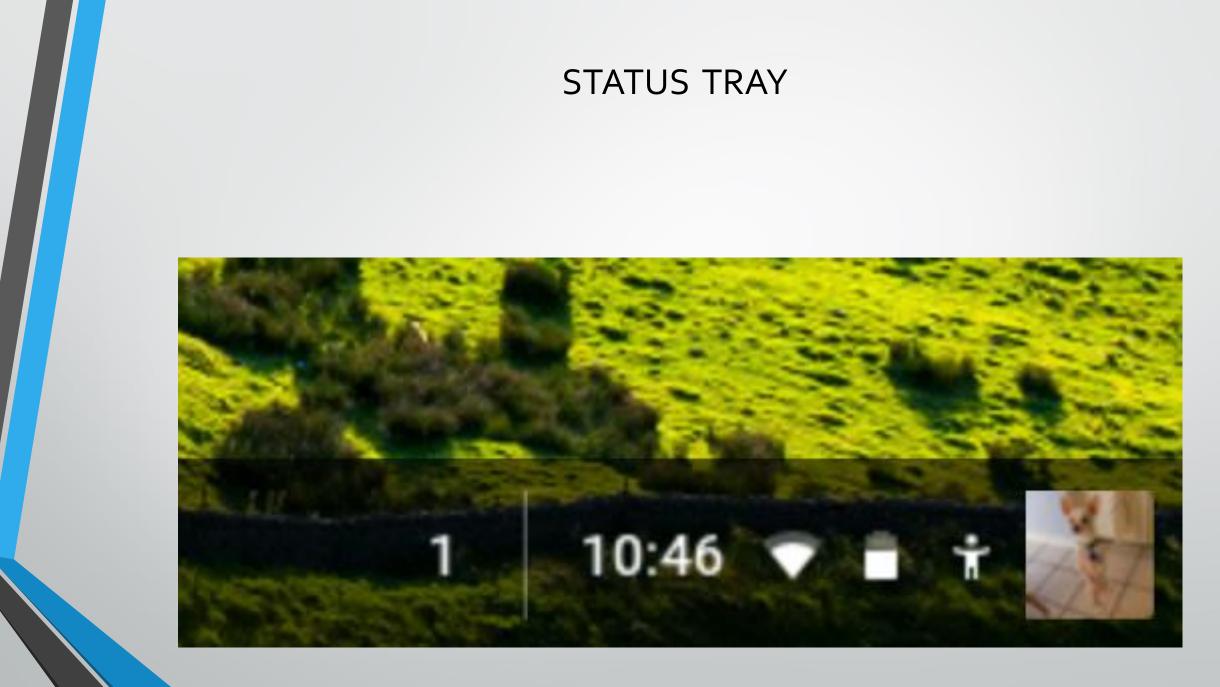


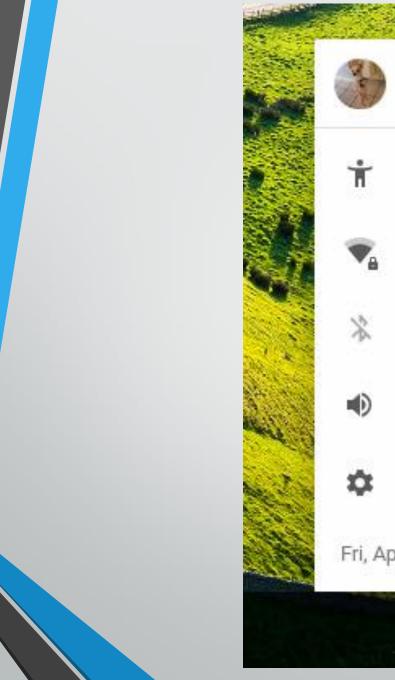
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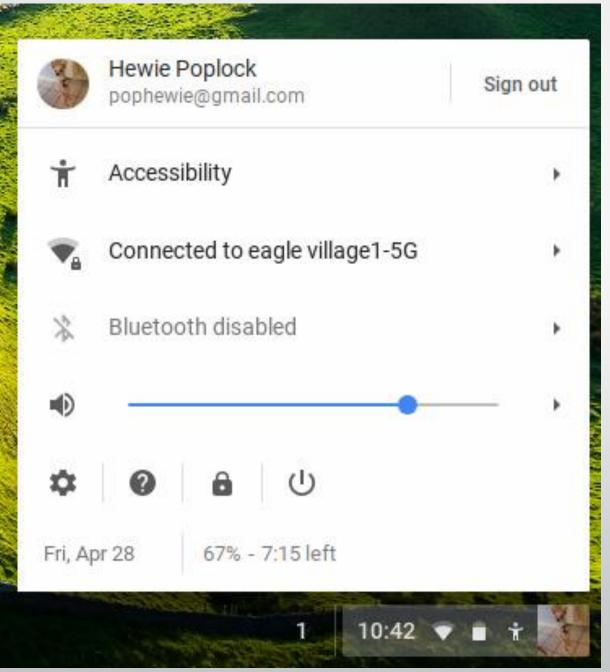
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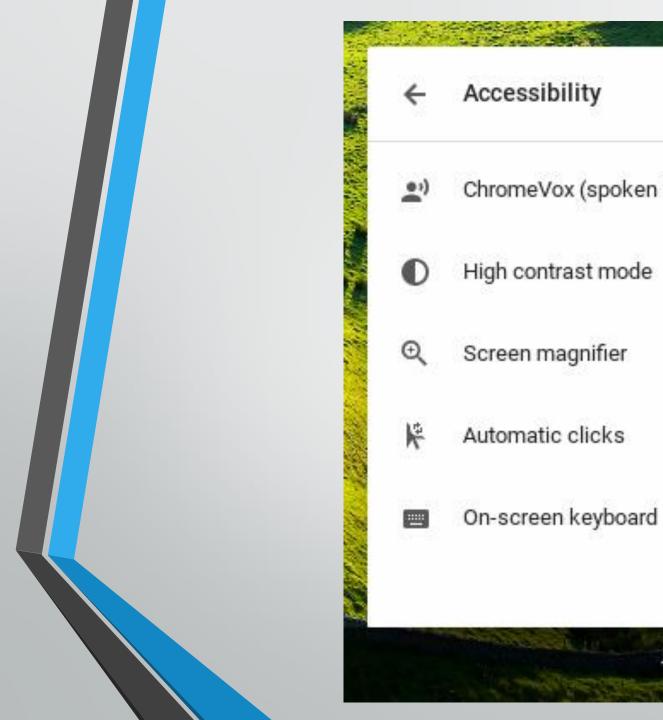
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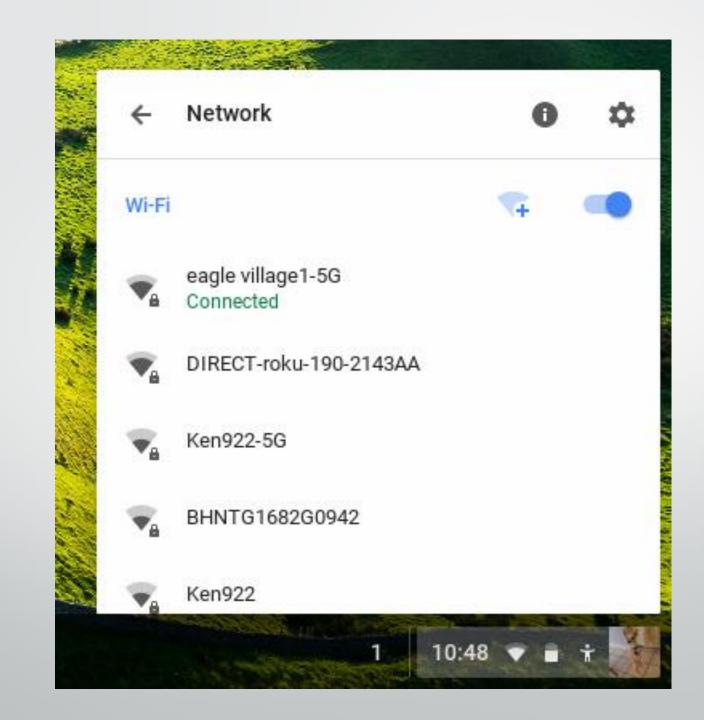


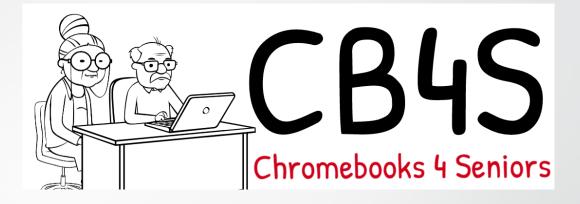






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Chromebooks 4 Seniors The remedy for the aches & pains of computing

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The Virtual Chromebooks Meetup is coming! Meetings will be announced soon!





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WHAT IS A CHROMEBOOK? WHY IS IT THE PERFECT COMPUTER FOR PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS?

Simple and secure, the Chromebook makes getting things done in and out of the classroom, at work, or at home quick, easy, and affordable. Chromebooks were introduced in June 2011. In just a short time they now comprise 58% of the computers used in K-12 school classrooms. For the parent or grandparent, this relatively inexpensive computer is far easier to use than a full-featured Windows or Mac computer would be.

They're effectively impervious to viruses. They can use Voice commands: You can say "OK, Google" from the launcher to invoke Google's voice-powered assistant. There is tight integration with everything Google: Gmail, Drive, Calendar and so on. That means any document created in, say, Google Docs is automatically archived to Drive. It's like full-time, automatic backup for nearly everything the user does. The most recent Chromebooks can use Google Play to install almost all Android Apps that are available for phones and tablets.



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Being Stylus

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Touchscreens are everywhere. I no longer have any of my "toys" without one. My desktop computer has a 23? Hannspree touch monitor. My Dell 15? laptop, Microsoft Surface 3 and the 11? Chromebook have touchscreens. Of course, the iPad, the 2 Android smartphones, and our old iPhones are touch.

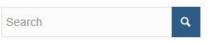
Like many of my friends & neighbors, my fingers are not as easy to control and precision is not always the norm. I attend a lot of trade shows and local events where businesses have booths where they give away advertising "stuff." Many of them now give away a stylus or a pen with a stylus. I always pick some up, to use or to share with friends.



Chomebooks Roll Out 2017-2018

August 24, 2017 / in Blog / by Hewie Poplock

Chromebooks were the computers of choice in 58% of the k-12 schools last year. It appears that the number will increase and it is predicted that Chromebooks will account for 70% of them in just the next few years. It is my opinion that if school kids, especially at the elementary school level, can easily use these computers, then senior citizens should be able to do so. Those seniors who want to use the technology, but who feel overwhelmed with Windows, Macs, or iPads can feel comfortable quickly.



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I am naturally drawn to technology that supports reading and writing. Google Docs is fully-loaded with some features that can save us time in and out of the classroom, and often times can even save us a little heartache when it comes to supporting students. One tiny little feature that packs an amazing punch is Voice Typing in Google Docs. This is a speech-to-text feature that is built-in to the most popular word processor in the world, and it is How To Pick A Printer That's Google Cloud Ready

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