



# NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *Mission Statement*

*The New Hope-Solebury School District takes pride in its commitment to excellence. We strive to inspire and empower our students to become passionate, confident, life-long learners, with the skills and strength of character to contribute to a diverse and ever-changing world.*

Dear New Hope-Solebury Parent,

This year your child will be given a Google Apps account that will give him/her access to some exciting and useful online tools. These tools will include:

- personal calendar
- contact list where you can store names, addresses and telephone numbers
- storage space for your documents
- productivity tool including: word processor, spreadsheet, presentation program, a drawing tool
- an email account

All of these tools are available through most Internet enabled devices that are connected to the Internet. Your child will also be able to share his/her documents with their teachers and other students within the district. Your child will be able, with permission, to view and edit others' work and have others view and edit their work. All tools and files he/she creates will be stored on the Internet rather than on any specific computer or server.

Your child's teacher and technology specialist will be working with your child to help them learn how to use these resources appropriately and will be reviewing the district's policies related to these tools. A listserv will be sent home detailing the topics covered so that you can further reinforce this information.

With respect to electronic mail, the email box will be filtered by the District; however, the District will not ordinarily monitor electronic mail accounts or transmissions. The email account will be able to receive email from senders outside of the District; therefore, parents are urged to take an active role in monitoring their children's activities on-line. The District reserves the right to search electronic mail accounts and other information stored through Google Apps if it has reasonable suspicion to believe that a violation of Board Policy or the Network User Agreement has occurred or if otherwise permitted by law.

Please keep in mind that everyone must use these tools responsibly. Responsible use includes:

- using Google Apps for school purposes
- using Google Apps in ways that does not bully, harass or make others feel uncomfortable
- using "school appropriate" language and images in all your communications and creations
- respecting the work and privacy of others using the tools

Please remember that all district policies and regulations apply to any district provided resource.

You and your child will find Google Apps to be very helpful in daily work and will provide practice using skills that will last a lifetime. Use it wisely and have fun!

***Christina Lang, High School Principal***  
***Charles Malone, Middle School Principal***  
***Amy Mangano, Upper Elementary Principal***