***Get a Blog***

In Chrome or Firefox, go to <http://edublogs.eanesisd.net/>

Click “Get a blog/log in”

Log in with your EISD username and password (Ex: TK12345@eanesisd.net and Cats\*\*\*\*)

At the top of the screen, you will see this:



Hover over **“My Sites”** and select your own blog’s **dashboard.**



From DASHBOARD, look down the left side column and select

SETTINGS

GENERAL

* Fill in **title of your blog**. Create a blog title that starts

 with your first name: ex: Tracy’s Blog or Tracy’s Talk

* Fill in **tagline of your blog**. This is like a subtitle. Some people use a favorite quote. Others leave an invitation to read or a message of welcome. Leave this blank if you don’t want a tagline.
* Set **timezone** to UTC -5 (minus 5)
* SAVE CHANGES

From DASHBOARD, look down left side column and select

 USERS

 YOUR PROFILE

* DO NOT change your username
* DO NOT change your password
* Change the **NICKNAME** to your first name, last initial, class period EX: **tracyk2**
* Use dropdown “Display Name Publicly As” to select your newly created **NICKNAME**. This is **required**.
* Save changes

From DASHBOARD, select

 POSTS

 ALL POSTS

 HELLO WORLD

* Hover over the HELLO WORLD
* Click the word “trash” to put it in the trash

From DASHBOARD, select

 PAGES

 ALL PAGES

 SAMPLE PAGE

* Hover over the SAMPLE PAGE
* Click the word “trash” to put it in the trash

The next step for today is joining your teacher’s class blog.

Go to DASHBOARD

 MY CLASS

 JOIN A CLASS

* search for tkriese
* click “send a request to join”
* Mrs. Kriese will accept you into the class via the class blog dashboard.

From DASHBOARD, select

 APPEARANCE

 THEMES

There are over 200 themes to choose from! However, these are key points to keep in mind as you choose your theme:

**Your theme must give your visitors the ability to easily find their way around from the front page**. This means you may NOT choose these three hard-to-navigate themes:



You may choose a **one-column theme** like the ones below, but notice that because there is no sidebar--only a footer area--all your links, your visitors map, and any fun widgets like virtual pets **will only be visible at the bottom** of your blog. Visitors will have to scroll to the bottom to find these things.



You may use a **photo-showcase, magazine layout theme** like those below, but your blog won’t look very good until you a) write several posts that use photos and b) learn how to use the “set featured image” option for photos. That lesson will be at the end of next week.

Suggestion: Choose a non-magazine, non-photo gallery theme for the first few weeks until you have more content and many photos, THEN switch to a theme that will showcase that content. Changing themes is as easy as a few clicks of the keyboard.



After you have chosen your theme, click ACTIVATE.

**Congratulations! Your blog is up and running!**