



Professional
Learning

Setting up Your Classroom

Creating Custom Widgets

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Welcome
from D2L!



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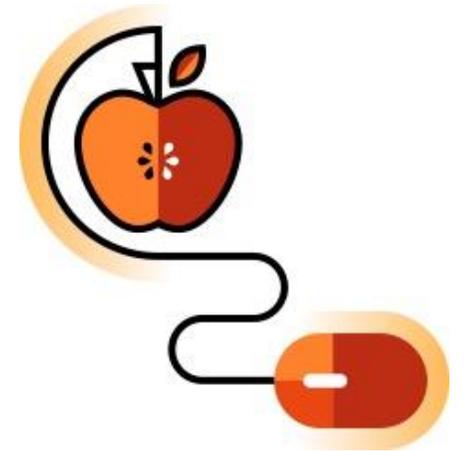
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Why Custom Widgets?

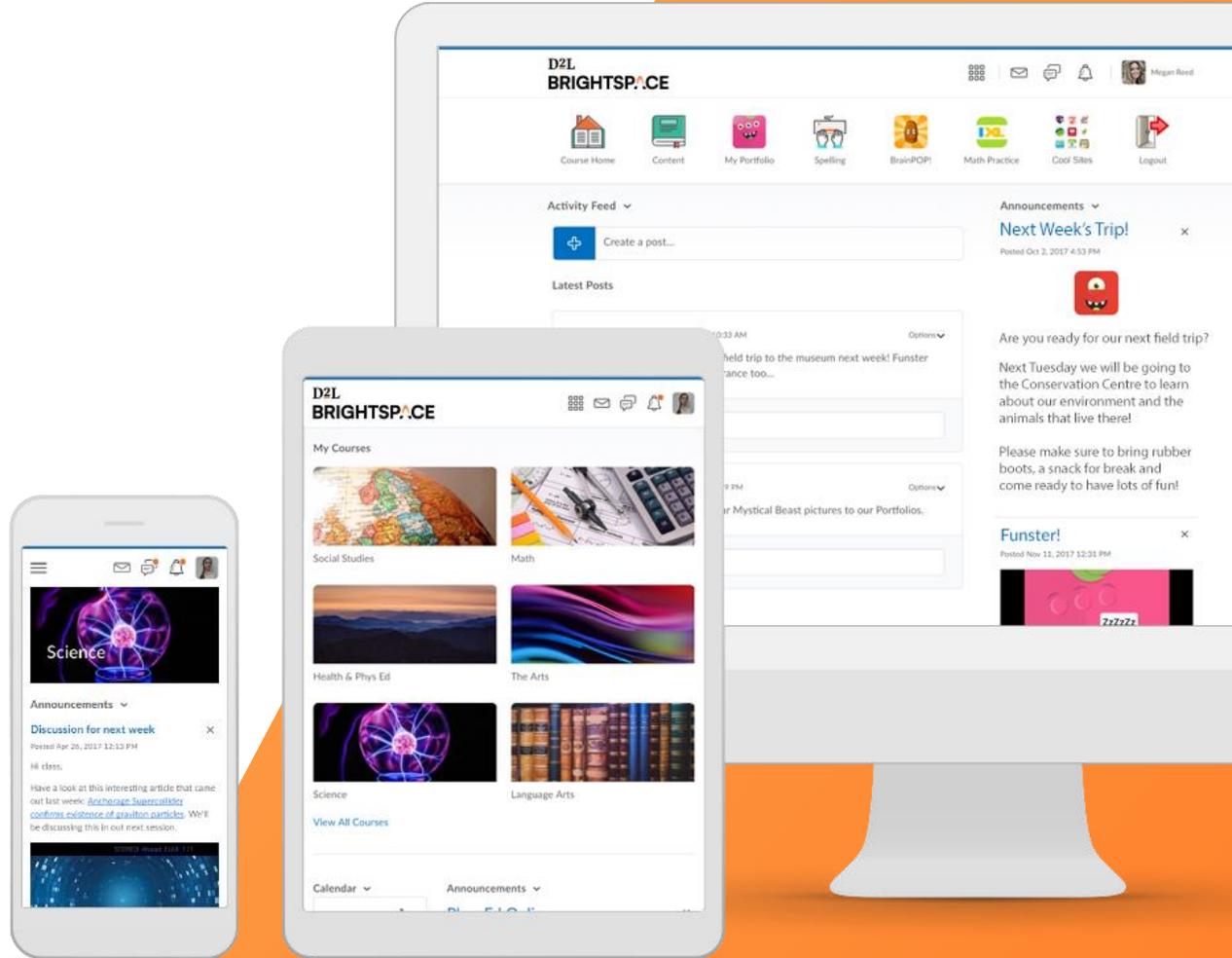
- Personalize your online classroom
- Engage with students
- Easily display resources and highlight important information
- Makes your online classroom a more inviting place for students to learn
- Can provide increased teacher presence using a Bitmoji and videos built into the widget



Live Demo

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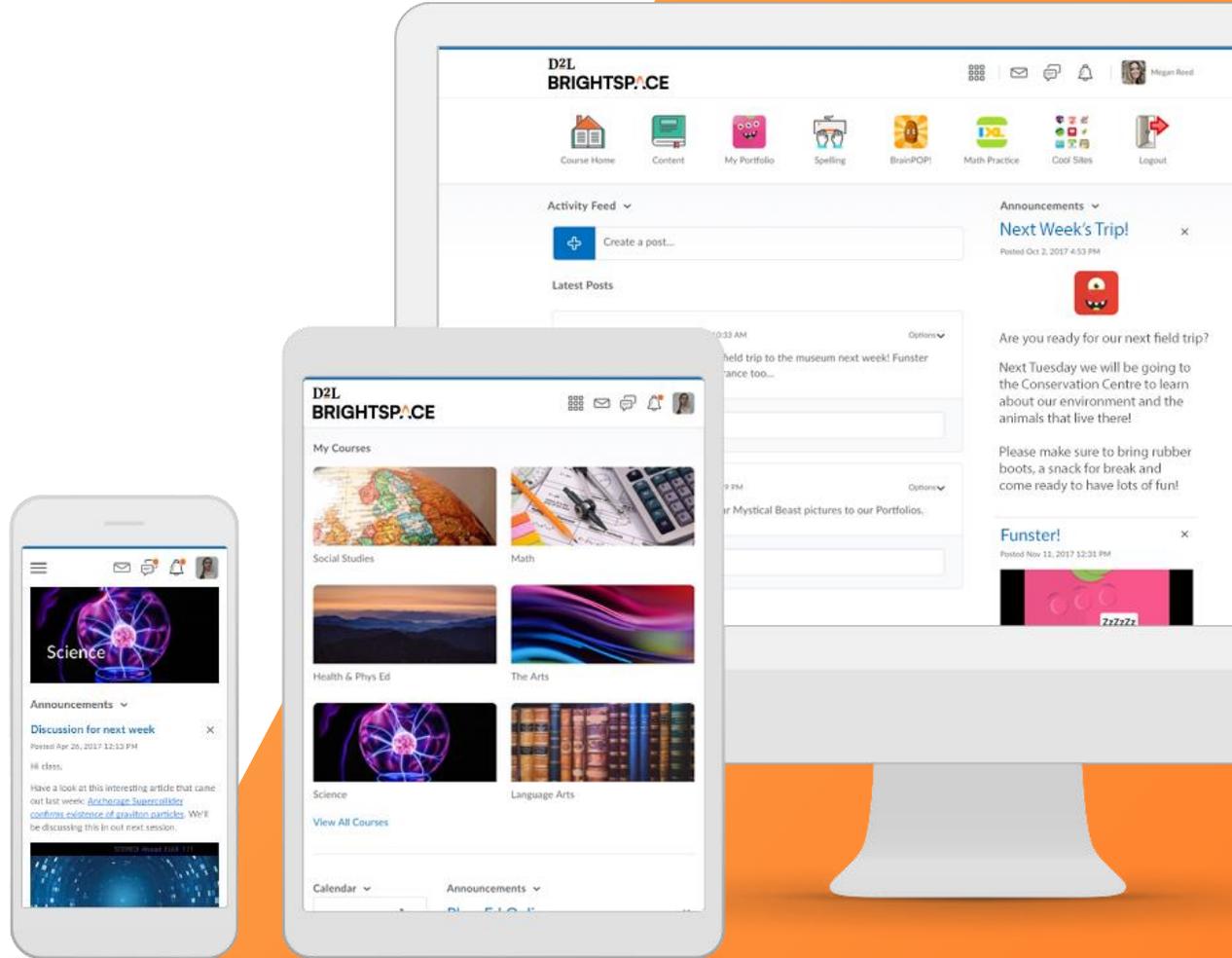
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Back-to-School Micro-Learning Sessions

		August 30th Setting up your Classroom	August 31st Assessment	September 1st Evaluation and Feedback
Morning	10:00 – 10:20am	Personalizing your Homepage	Portfolio to Document Learning	Class Progress
	10:30 – 10:50am	Communicating with Students	Creating Assignments 101	Setting Up your Gradebook
	11:00 – 11:20am	Creating Custom Widgets	Multimedia Rubrics	Using Mastery View to Assess Expectations
Afternoon	1:00 – 1:20pm	Creating Multimedia Lessons	Differentiated Discussions	Quick Eval
	1:30 – 1:50pm	Creating Custom Content	New Quiz Experience	Sending Automated Reminders
	2:00 – 2:30pm	Brightspace Parents and Guardians	Office Hours	Office Hours

Additional Resources

Custom Widget Resources

- [Creating a Custom Widget](#)
- [Adding the Work To Do Widget to Your Homepage](#)
- [Configuring the Work to Do Widget](#)

General Resources

- [Ontario's VLE page](#)
- [One-minute workflows](#)
- [K12 Educators Getting Started](#)
- [Ontario End-User Support](#)

Thank you!

If you have questions about today's presentation...

- [Register](#) and join us for Office Hours Wednesday and Thursday at 2pm
- [Contact your TELT](#)
- Email us at k12ont@d2l.com

How to Create a Bitmoji Classroom



Slides



Before you begin
you will need...

- A blank [Google Slides](#) presentation
- Your Bitmoji
- The [Bitmoji Chrome Extension](#)

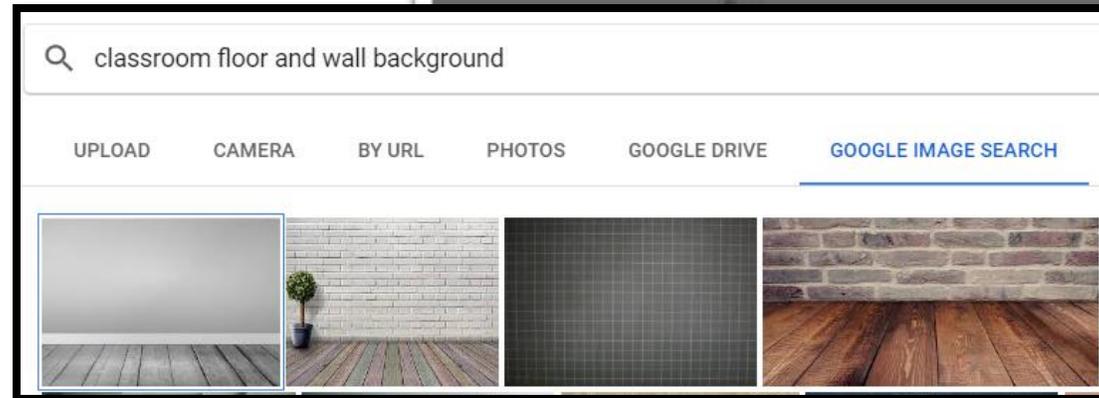
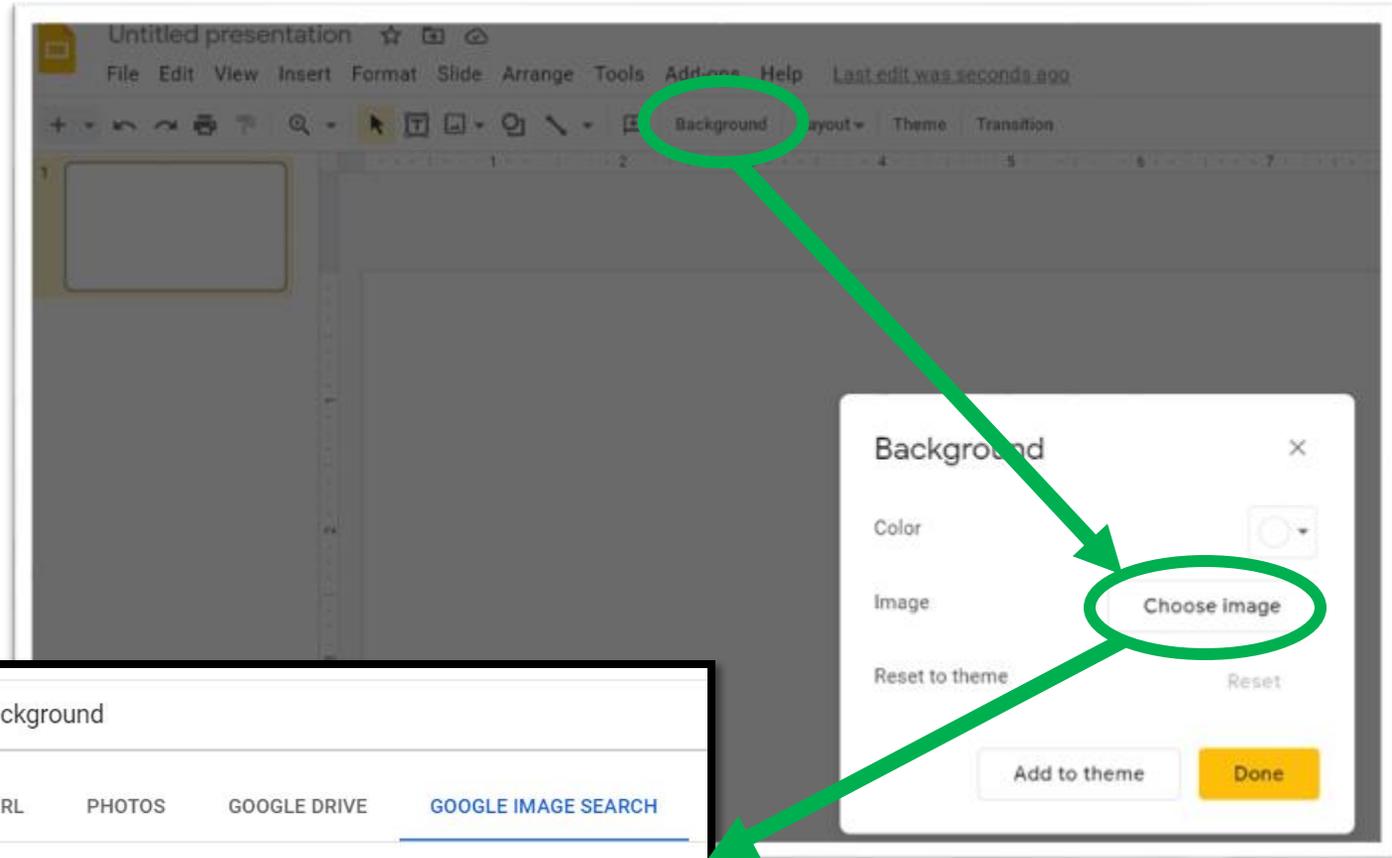
How to make a Bitmoji Classroom...

Open Google Slides and create a new blank presentation. Delete any text boxes from the slide

To create a background that cannot be moved by students, select:

Background > Choose Image

***Tip:** When searching, “wall and floor background” gives you lots of great options!*



How to make a Bitmoji Classroom...

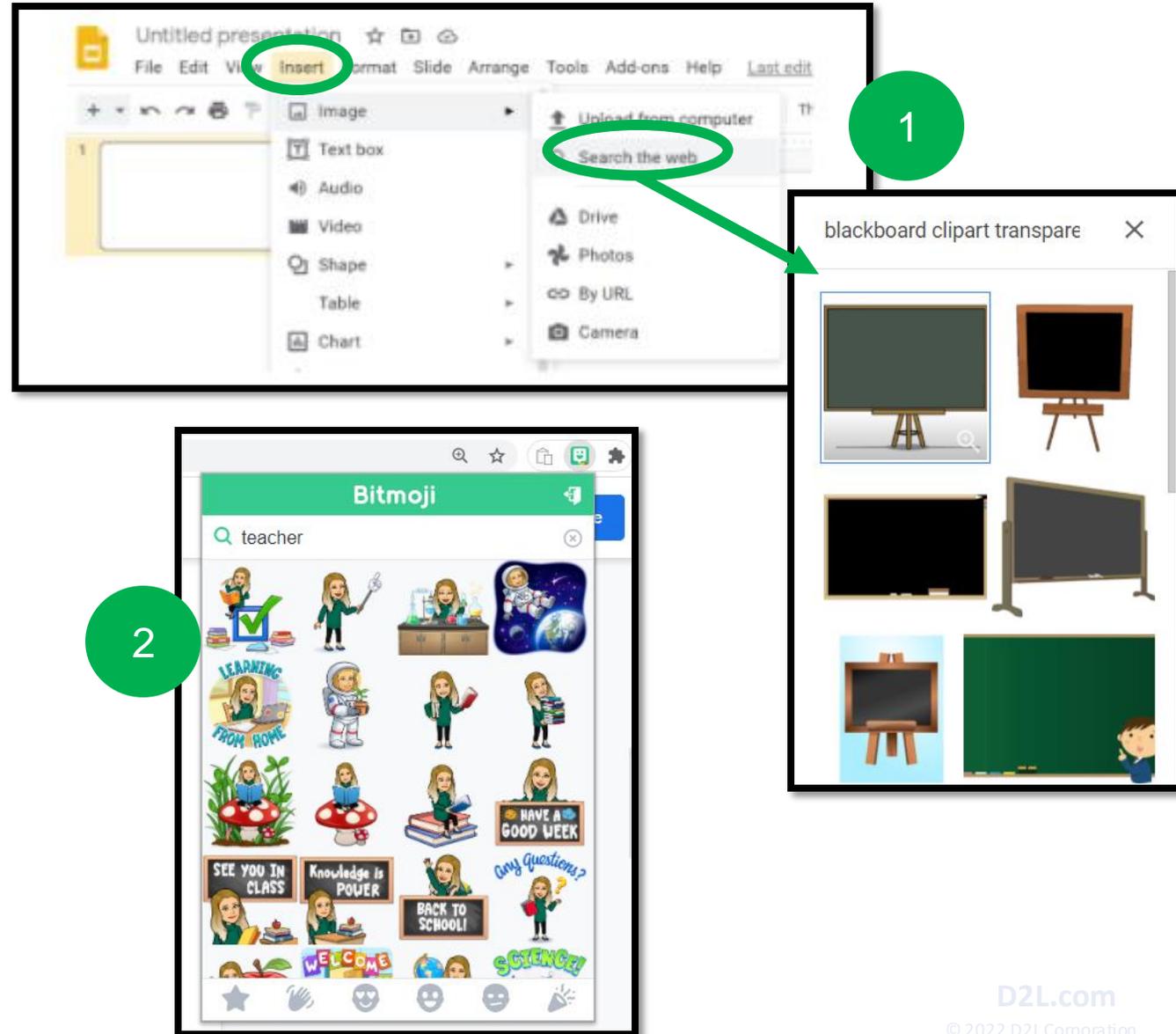
Insert images of items you would typically find in a classroom:

Insert > Image > Search the web (1)

Tip: Put “transparent” in front of the item name to ensure you do not see white around the image.

Add your Bitmoji to your decorated classroom using the **Bitmoji Chrome extension (2)**. Find the Bitmoji you want to add, then drag and drop it into your classroom or copy and paste.

Tip: Search “pose” to find standing options that look more realistic in your classroom.

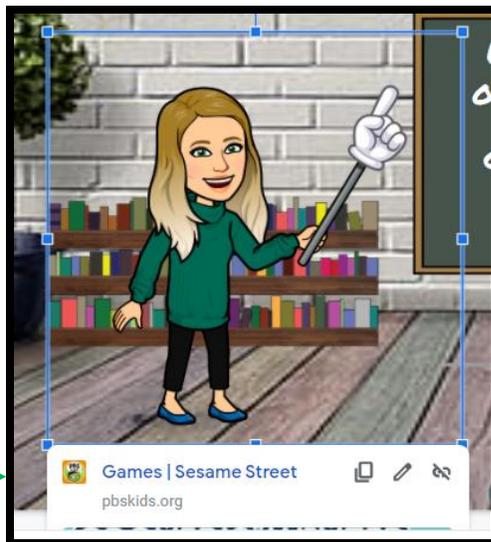


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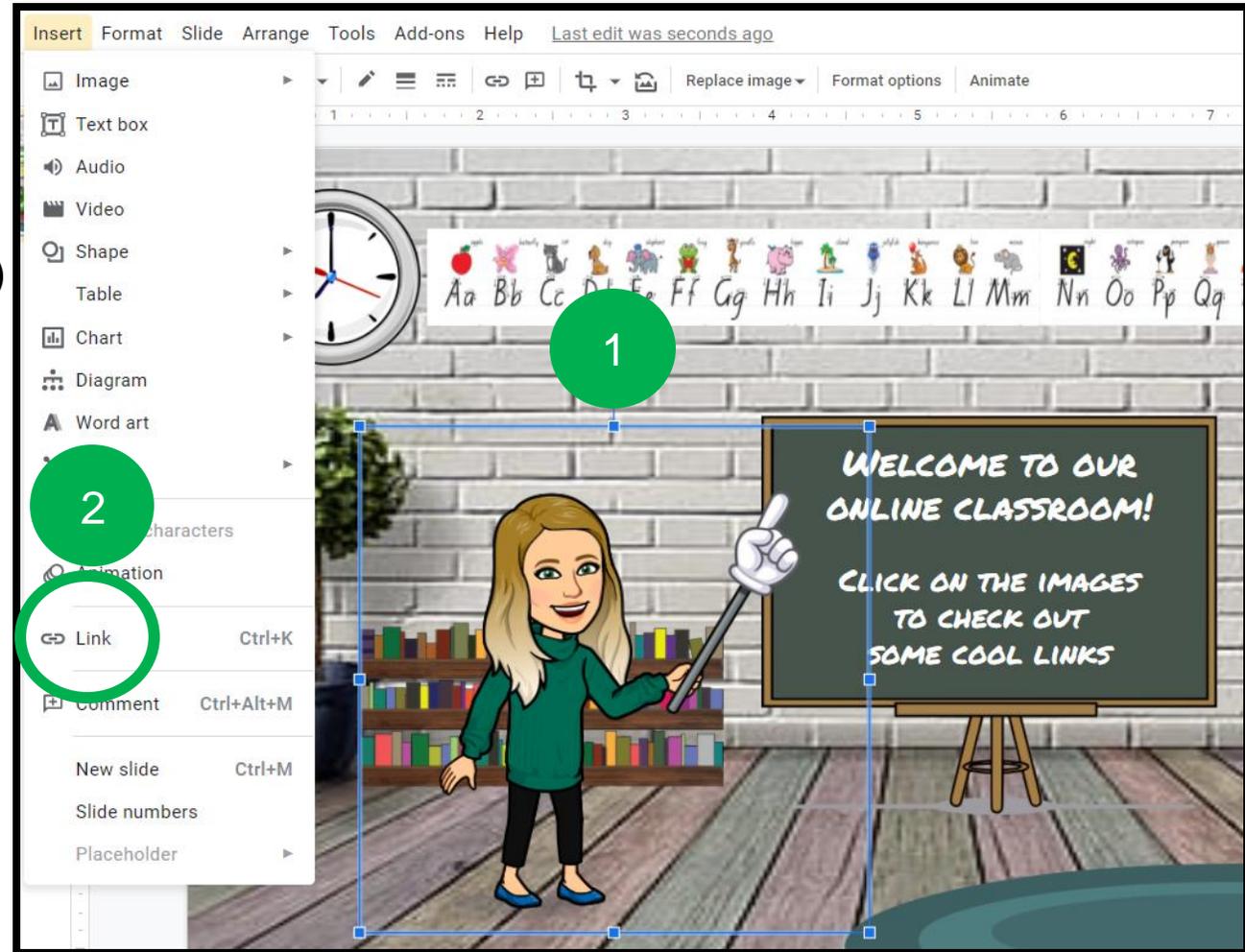
Make your classroom interactive by adding links to images.

To add a link, **select the desired item (1)**,

Then **Insert > Link > Paste Link Address > Apply (2)**



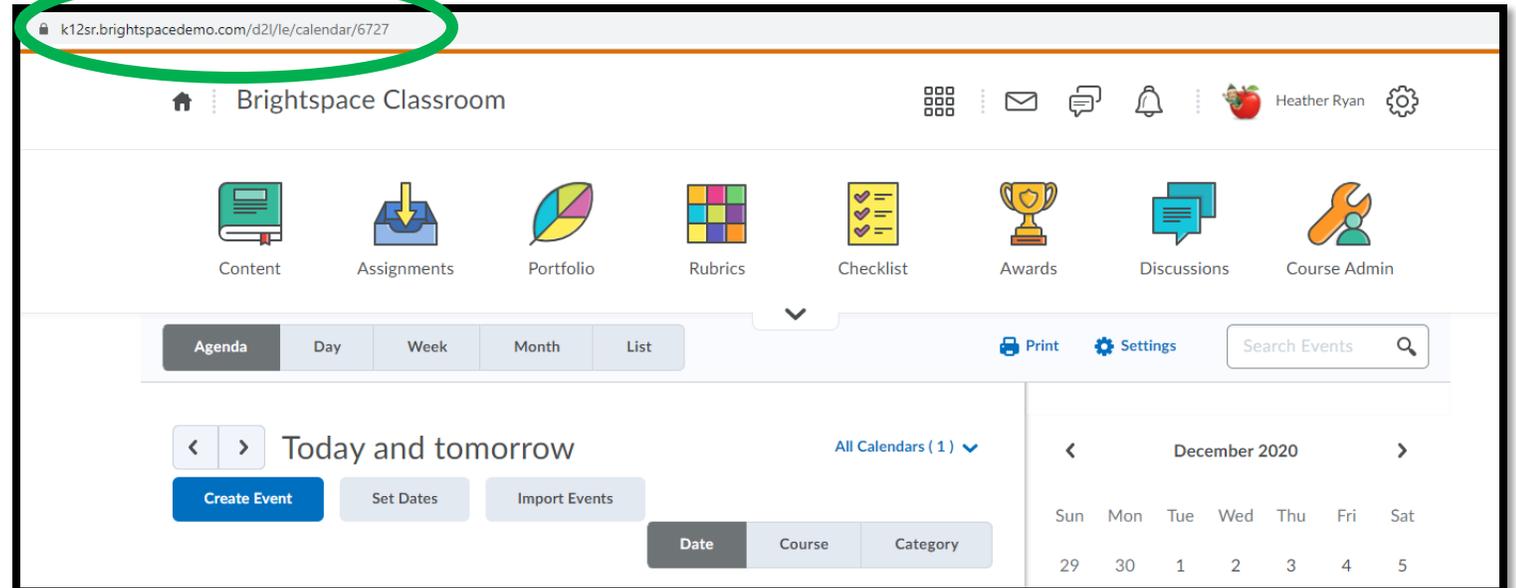
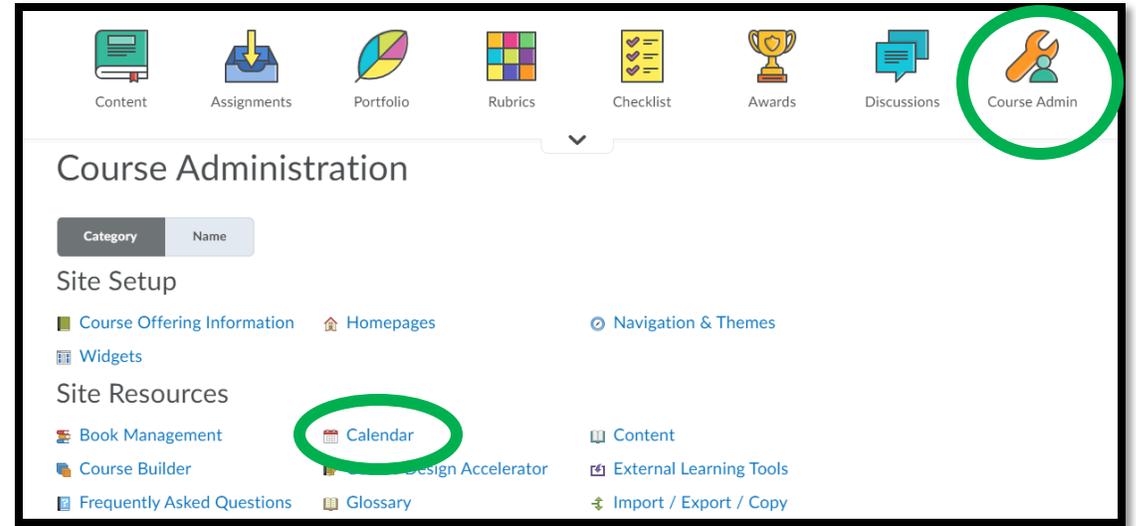
Tip: Once a link is applied, when you hover your cursor over the item, you will see the linked site information.



How to make a Bitmoji Classroom...

To add a link within your Brightspace course, go to that page and copy the URL in the address bar.

You can add tools (ex. Calendar, Awards, etc.) by going to: **Course Admin > select the desired tool > Copy URL**



For example, you might link your clock to your **Brightspace Calendar** instead of having it on your Navbar.

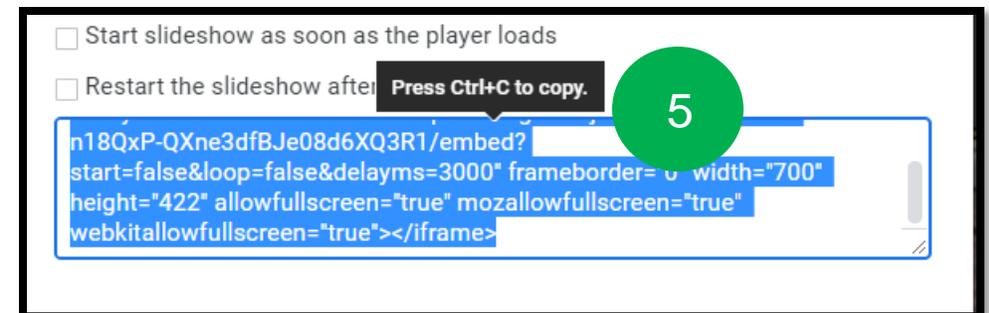
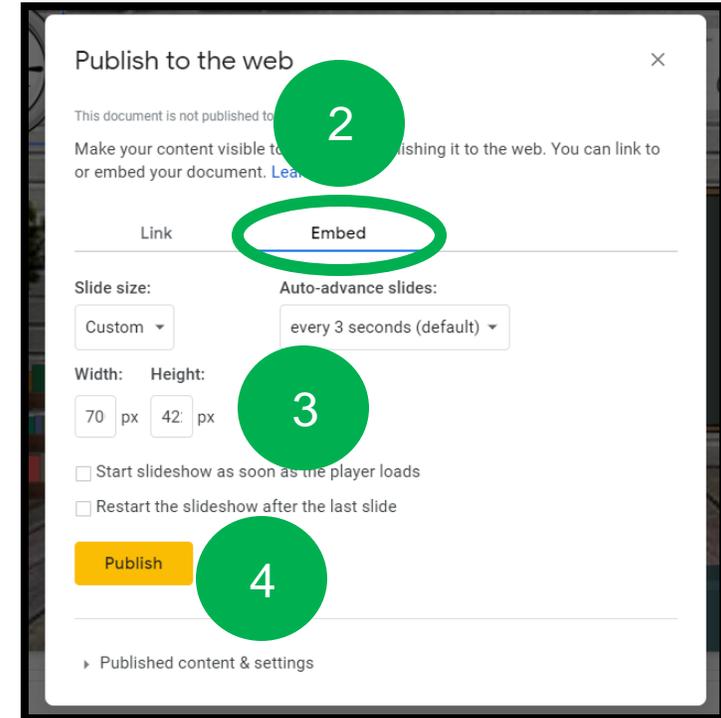
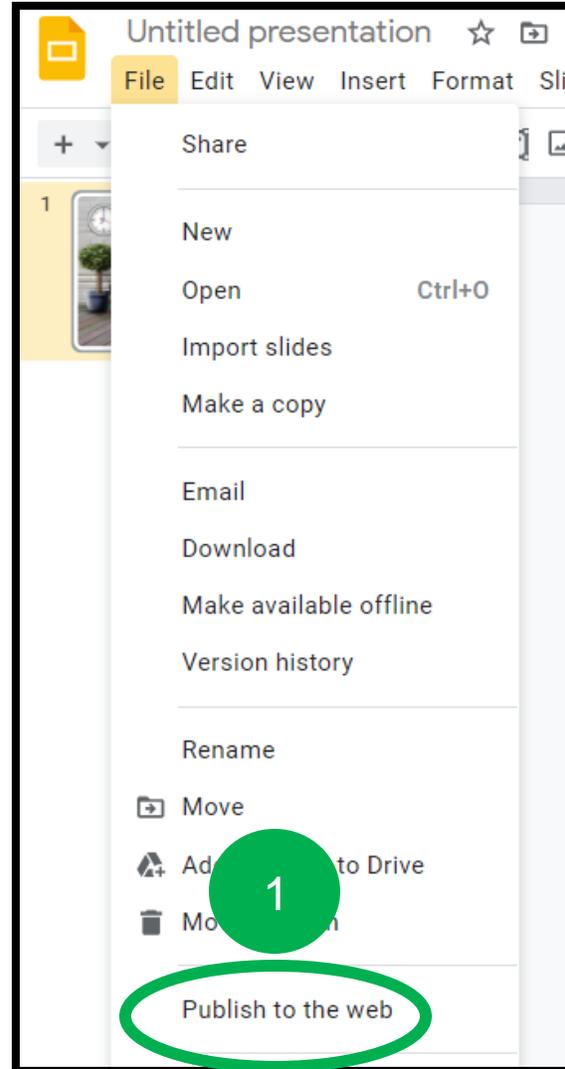
How to make a Bitmoji Classroom...

In Google Slides, go to **File > Publish to the Web**

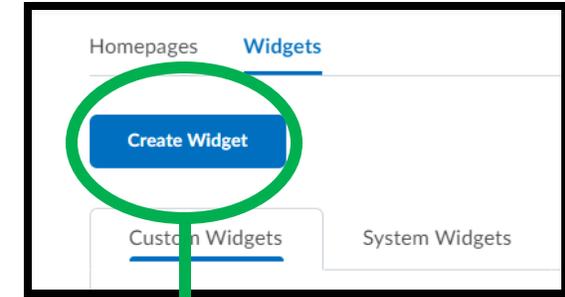
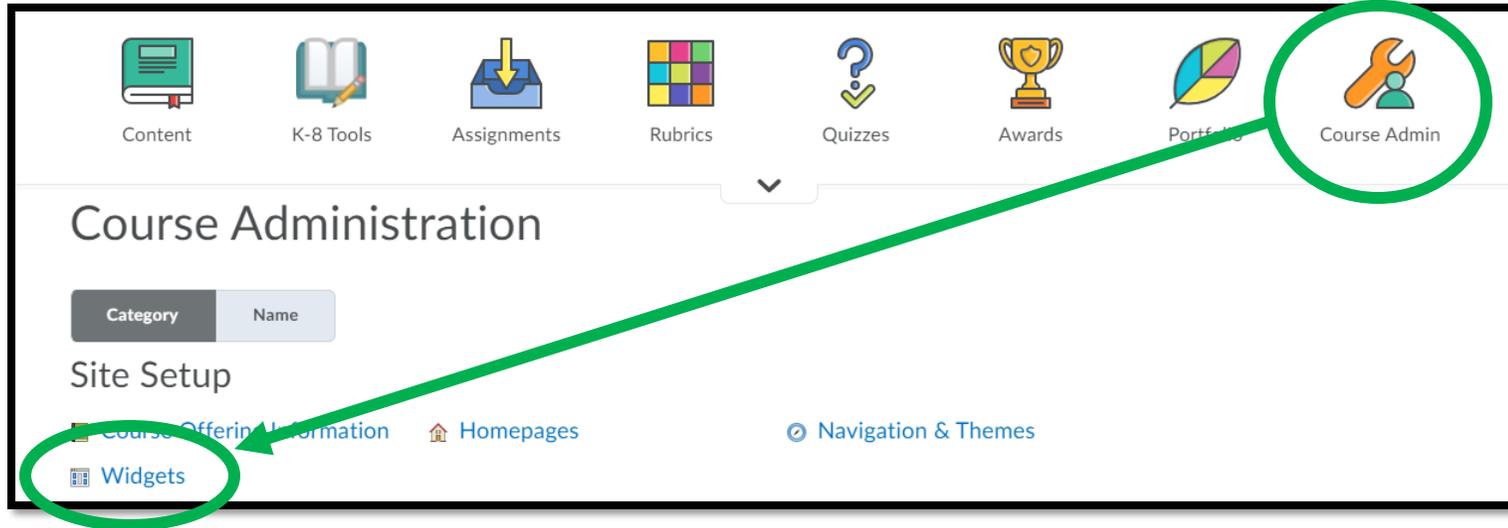
In the screen that pops up, you will want to copy the Embed code by selecting **Embed** (2).

Tip: To ensure the best fit within your homepage, change the Slide Size (3) to Custom and make the Width 700. The Height will adjust automatically.

Click **Publish** (4) and then select the Embed code (5) and **copy**.



Create a Custom Widget



A screenshot of the 'New Widget Properties' form. The form has three tabs: 'Properties', 'Release Conditions', and 'Content'. The 'Properties' tab is selected. The form contains a 'Name' field with an asterisk and a 'Description' field. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Save and Close', 'Save', and 'Cancel'.

In your Brightspace course, click
Course Admin > Widgets > Create Widget

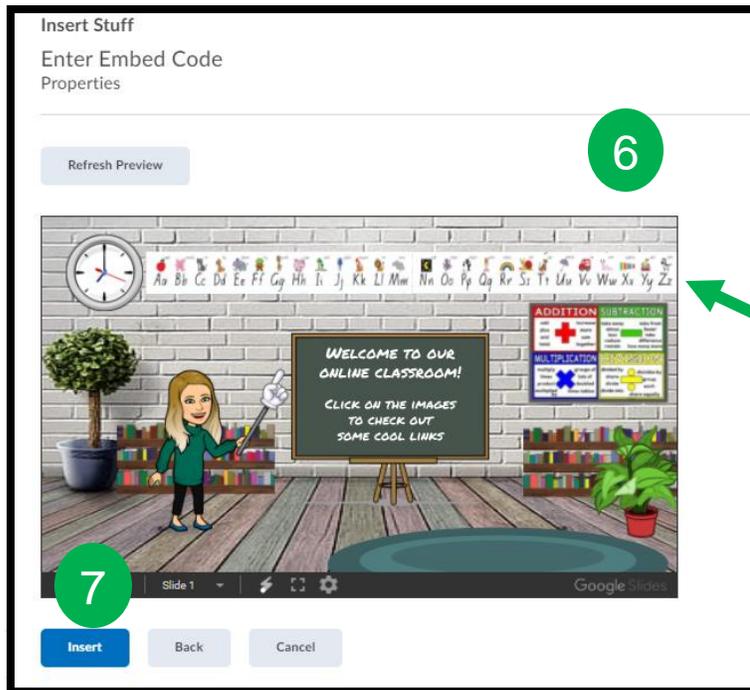
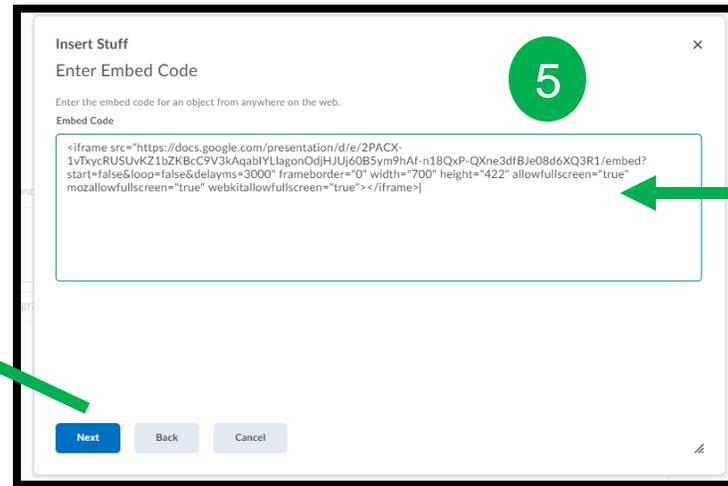
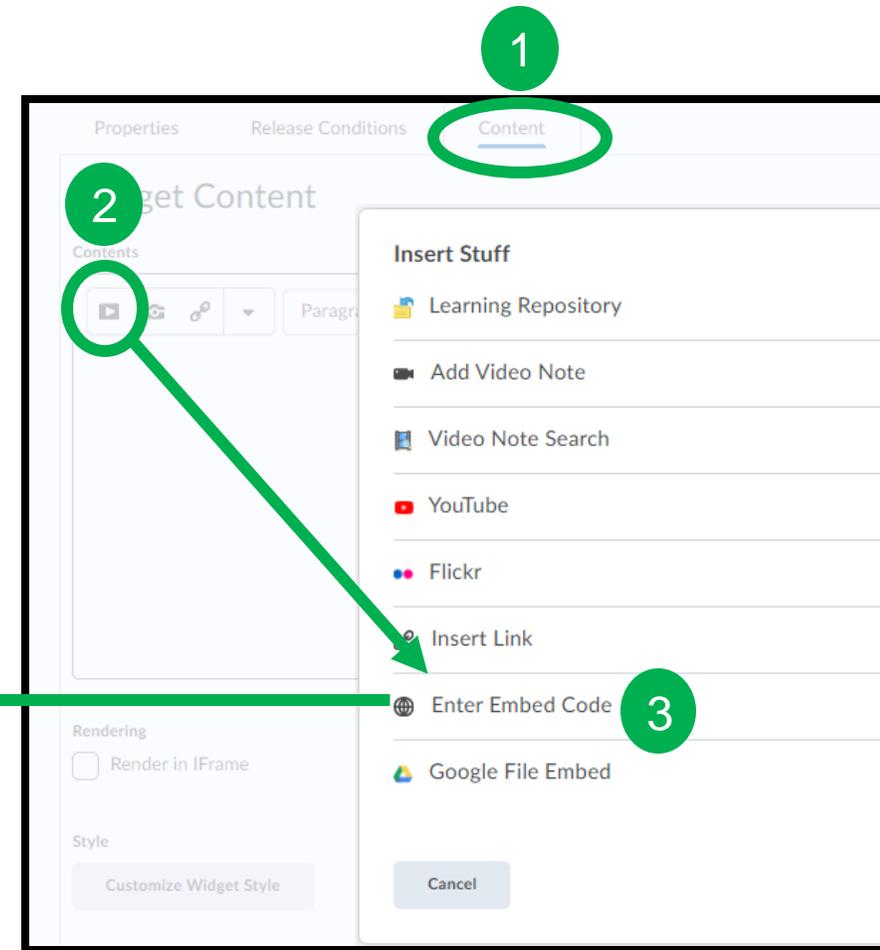
Under **Properties**, enter a name and description for the widget

Create a Custom Widget

To add the Embed code you copied, click **Content (1) > Insert Stuff (2) > Enter Embed Code (3)**

You can paste the Embed code into the box and click **Next (5)**.

A preview will display and at the bottom of the screen you can click **Next (6)**. Click **Insert (7)** to add to your widget.

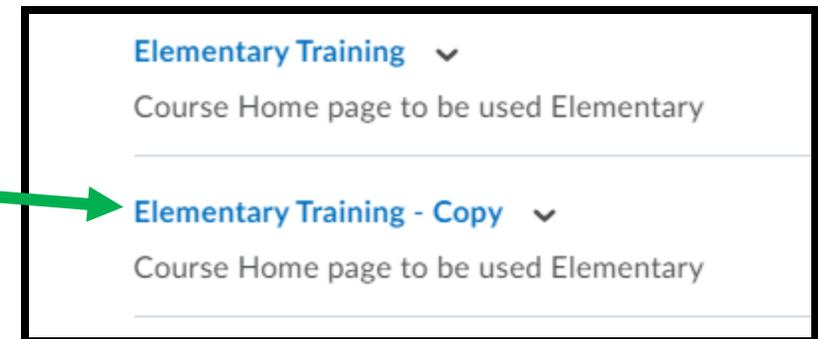
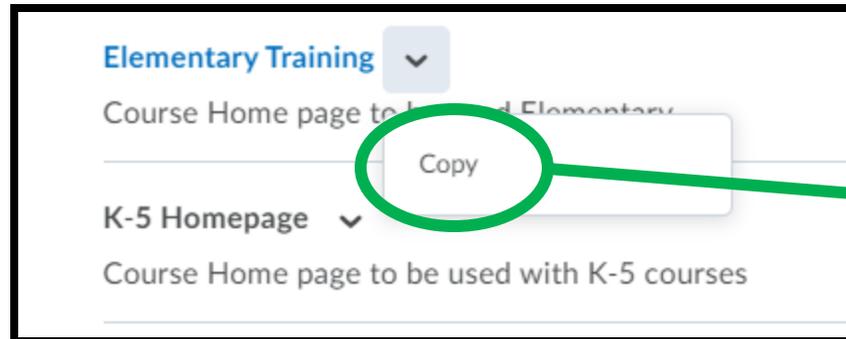
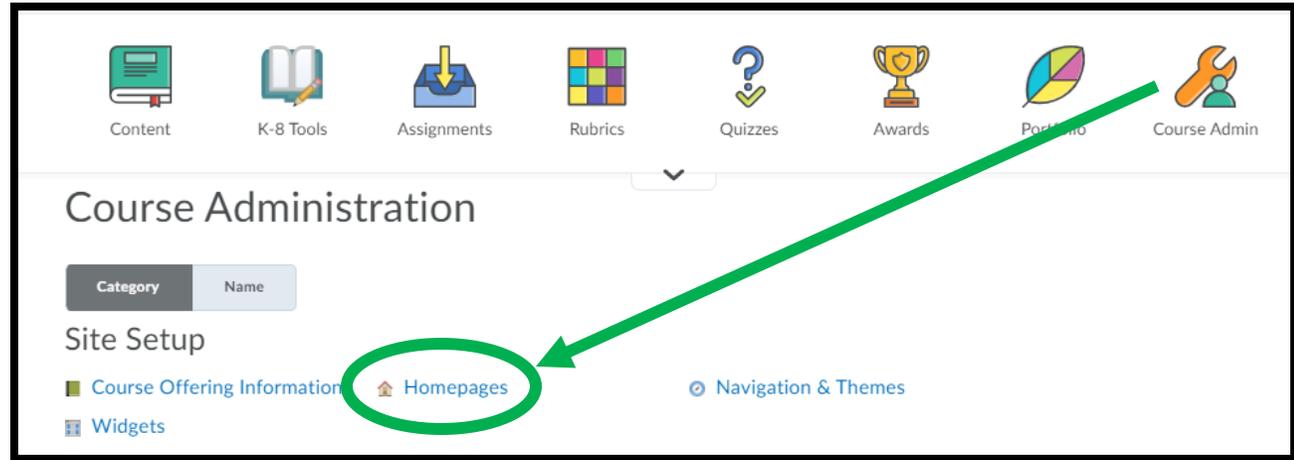


Remember to **Save and Close** to complete the creation of your Widget. It should now display in your **Custom Widget List**. For additional documentation on creating a Custom Widget, check out [Create a Custom Widget Documentation](#) in Brightspace Community.

Add the Widget to Your Homepage

Click **Course Admin** > **Homepage** > **Select your current Homepage**.

***Tip:** The homepage labelled “Active” on the right-hand side is your current homepage. If you have not edited your Homepage before, you will first need to make a copy of your Homepage in order to be allowed to make changes.*

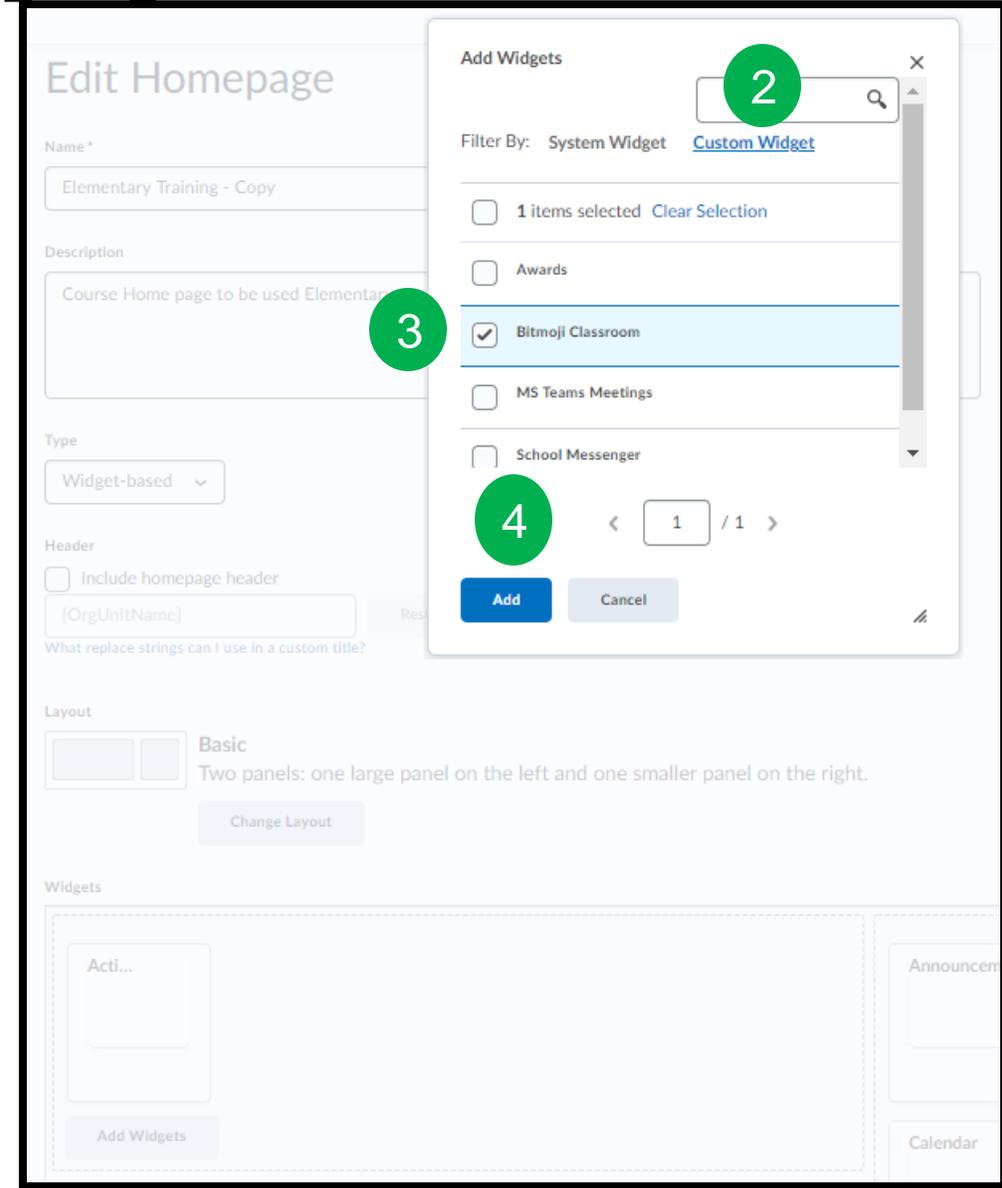


Add the Widget to Your Homepage



Choose **Add Widgets (1)** in the panel you want your custom widget to display.

In the pop-up window, select **Custom Widget (2)**. Find and select your Bitmoji Classroom widget (3). Select **Add (4)**.



Add the Widget to Your Homepage

Widgets

Bitmoji Classroom

Activity Feed

Add Widgets

You will see your widget in the Widgets Section. You can drag and drop the widget to your desired location. Click **Save and Close** when complete.

Now you can check out your new Bitmoji Classroom on your course homepage!

Brightspace Elementary

Content K-8 Tools Assignments Rubrics Quizzes Awards Portfolio Course Admin

Welcome to your Learn from Home Classroom!

Bitmoji Classroom

Announcements

There are no announcements to display. Create an announcement.

Calendar

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

Upcoming events

Active Homepage

Elementary Apply

-- Default --

Build a Course - Content

Content as homepage

Elementary Training

Elementary Training - Copy

K-5 Homepage

Middle and High School Homepage

Organization/School Homepage

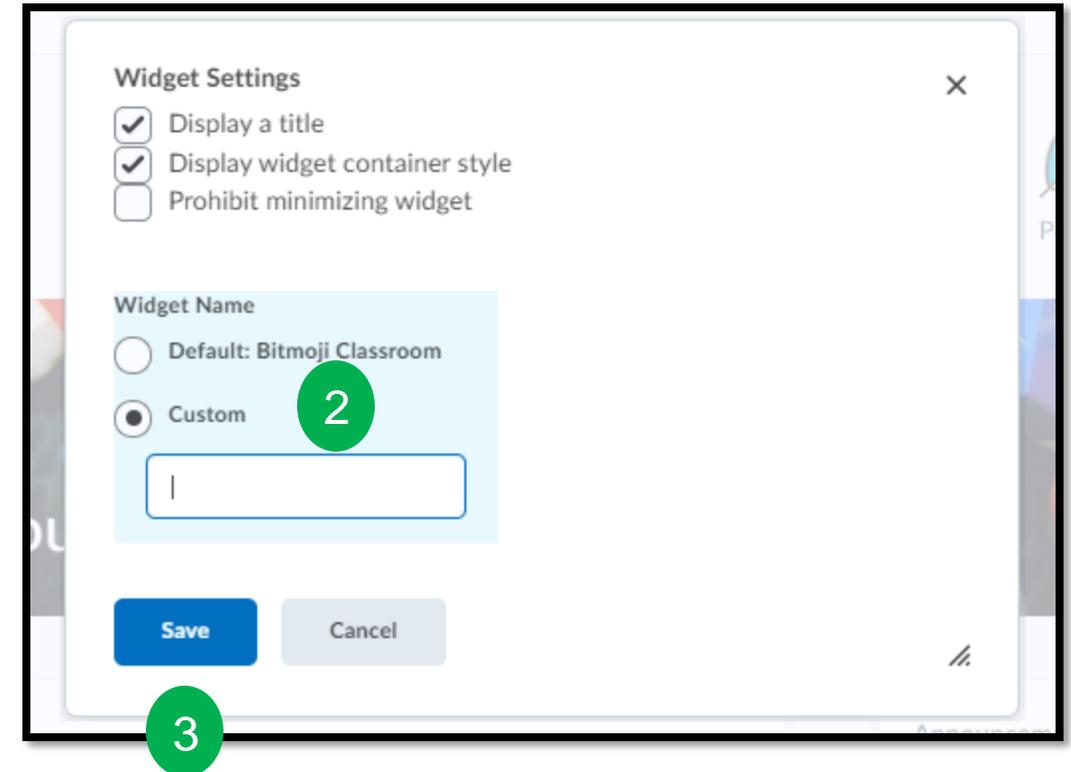
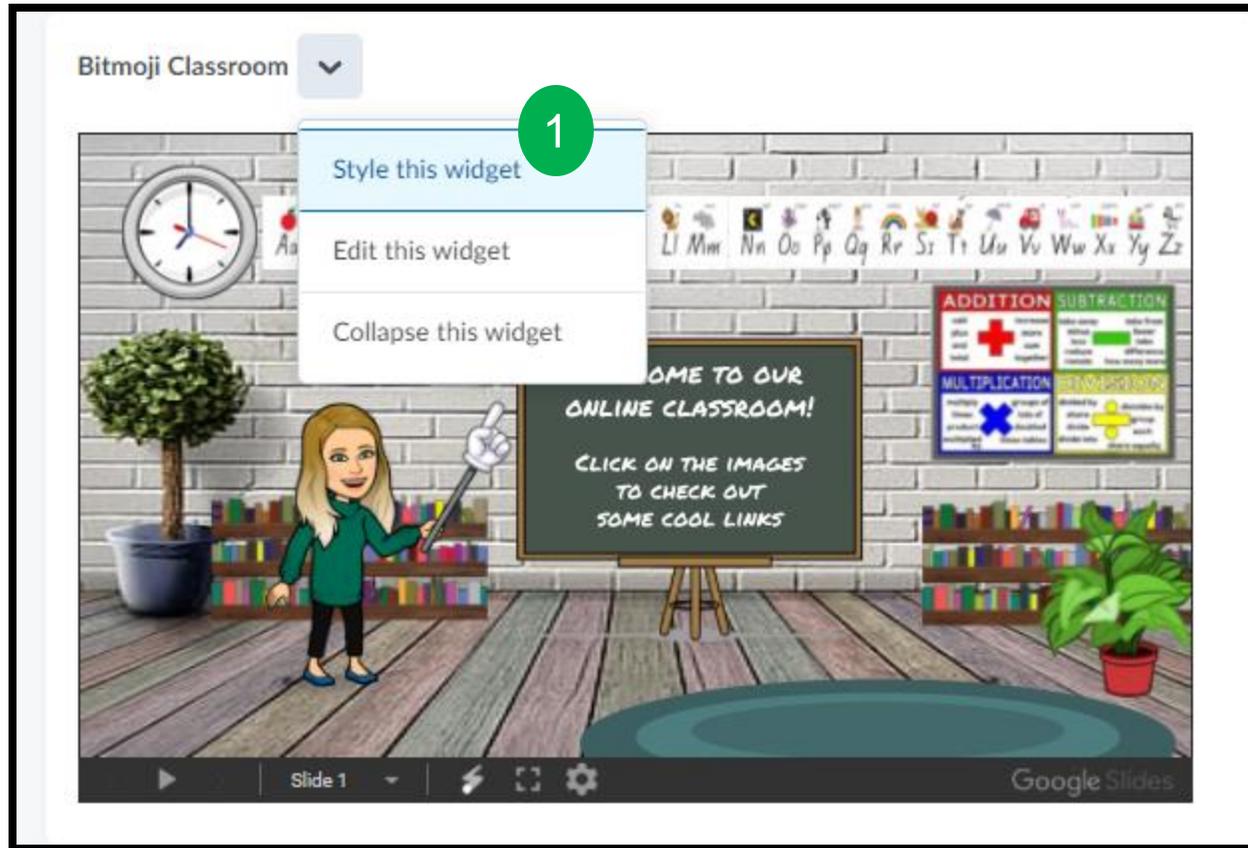
PD Homepage

Elementary Training Course Home page to be used Elementary

Elementary Training - Copy Course Home page to be used Elementary

Remember to change your ACTIVE Homepage to the COPY. Use the drop-down menu to select and click **Apply**.

Want to rename your widget?



Click the dropdown menu next to the widget name. Click **Style this Widget** (1).
Click **Custom** (2) and add a new title.
Click **Save**(3).