

The How To's of a New Wiki

The instructions below show you the ease of starting a Wiki Space for your classroom. You can invite parents or students to view these pages by inviting them to the space. The best part is..... it's FREE!

This is a great way to:

- provide information on lessons for the week,
- provide homework assignments,
- provide homework tips,
- provide information about upcoming school events,
- and provide families another platform to be engaged in their student's achievement!

Go to www.wikispaces.com and select Wikis for Individuals and Groups.

The screenshot shows the Wikispaces homepage in a Mozilla Firefox browser. The address bar displays <http://www.wikispaces.com/>. The main content area features a large blue banner with the text "Wikis without the learning curve. Join millions of users on the world's easiest wiki solution." Below the banner are two green buttons: "Wikis for Organizations" (described as a complete wiki environment starting at \$1000/year) and "Wikis for Individuals and Groups" (described as free and affordable single-wiki plans). A yellow arrow points to the "Wikis for Individuals and Groups" button. Below these buttons are logos for various organizations that use Wikispaces, including IBM, Columbia University, Xerox, and Georgetown. The page also includes sections for "How Does Wikispaces Work?" and "Talk to Us".

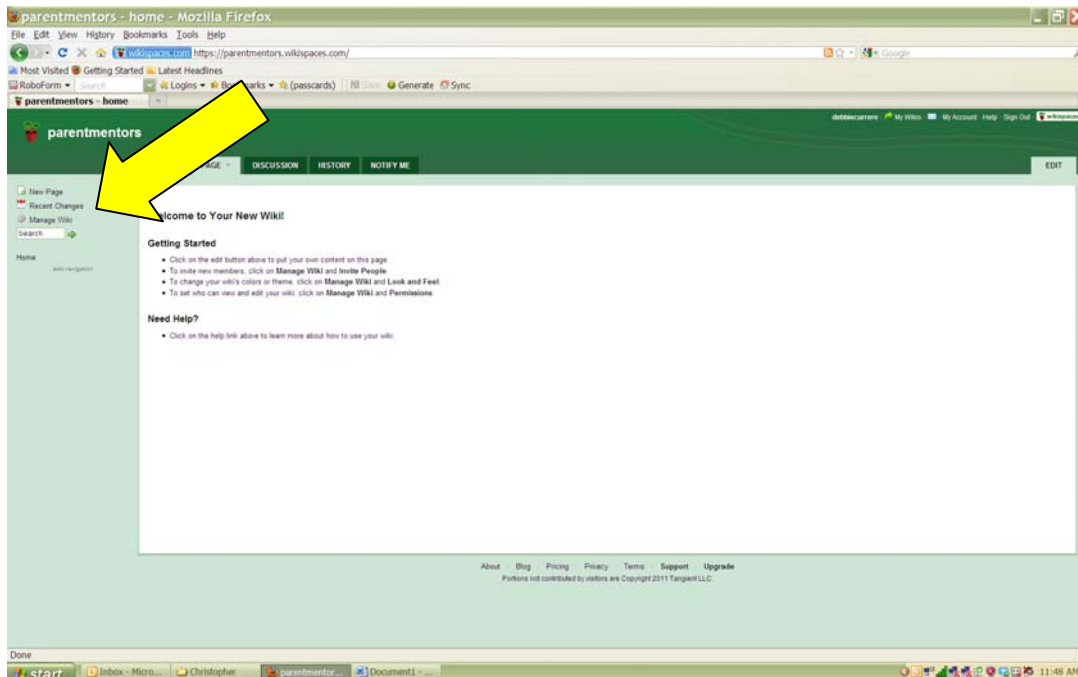
Select Wikispaces for Educators and sign up for your FREE K-12 Wiki

You will then be prompted to put in a:

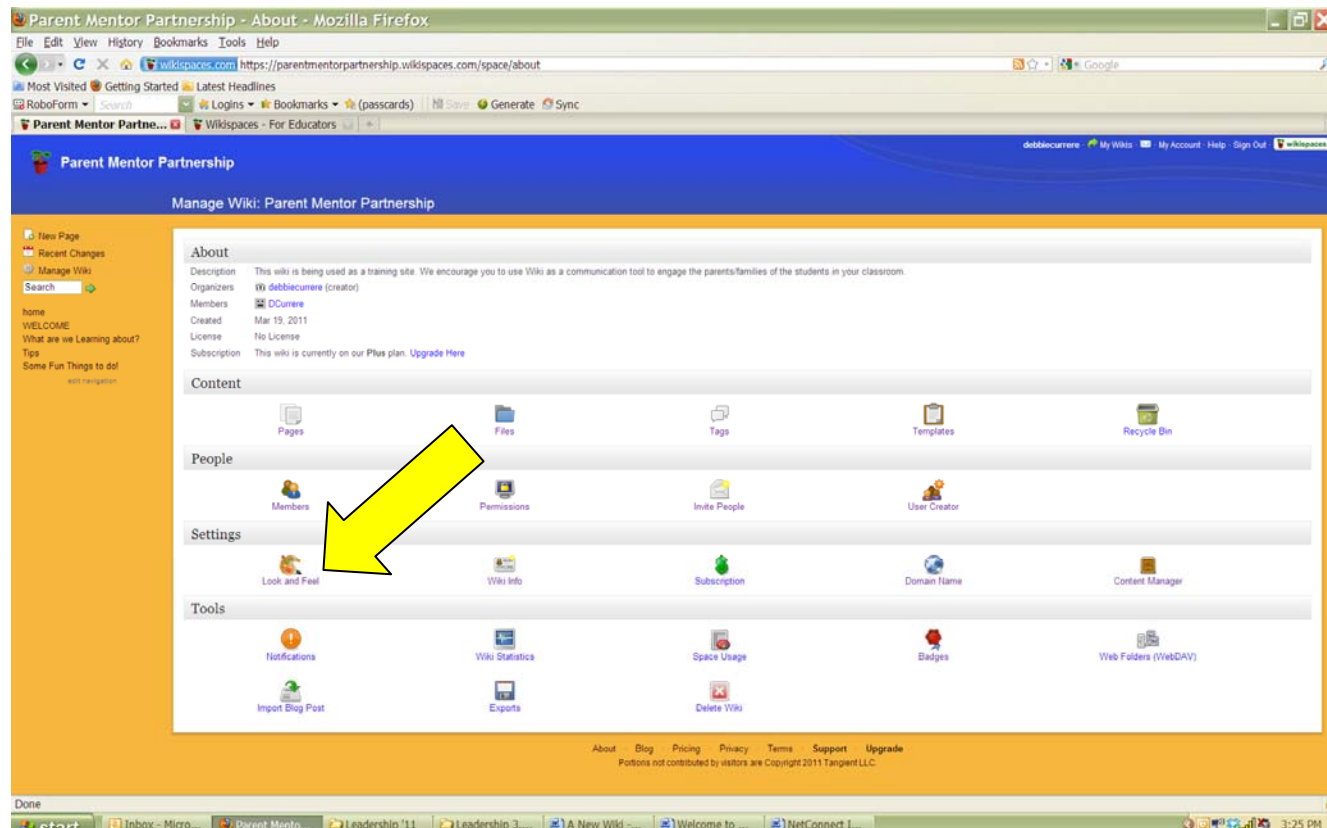
- Username
- Password
- Email address and
- Your Wiki Name

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the Wikispaces website. The page title is "Wikispaces - For Educators". The main heading is "Wikispaces for Educators". Below this, it states "Wikispaces has given away 425755 free wikis for K-12 education!". A sub-heading reads "Create Your Free K-12 Wiki". The form includes fields for Username, Password, Email Address, and Wiki Name. There are radio buttons for "Make a WIKI?" (Yes/No) and "Wiki Permissions" (Public, Protected, Private). A checkbox for "Educational Use" is also present. A "Join" button is at the bottom of the form. To the right, there are sections titled "What can you do with a wiki?" and "Looking for More?". The browser's address bar shows "http://www.wikispaces.com/content/for/teachers". The taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications, including "start", "Inbox - Micro...", "Wikispaces - ...", "Leadership '11", "Leadership 3...", "A New Wiki - ...", "Welcome to ...", and "NetConnect L...". The system clock shows 3:11 PM.

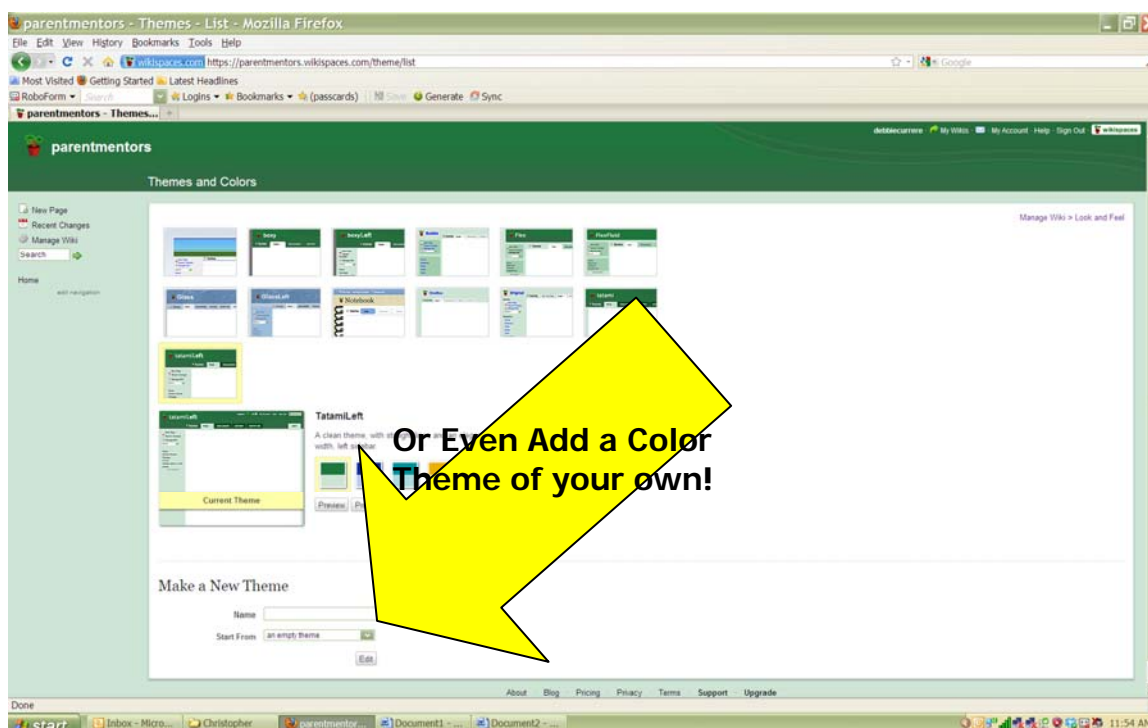
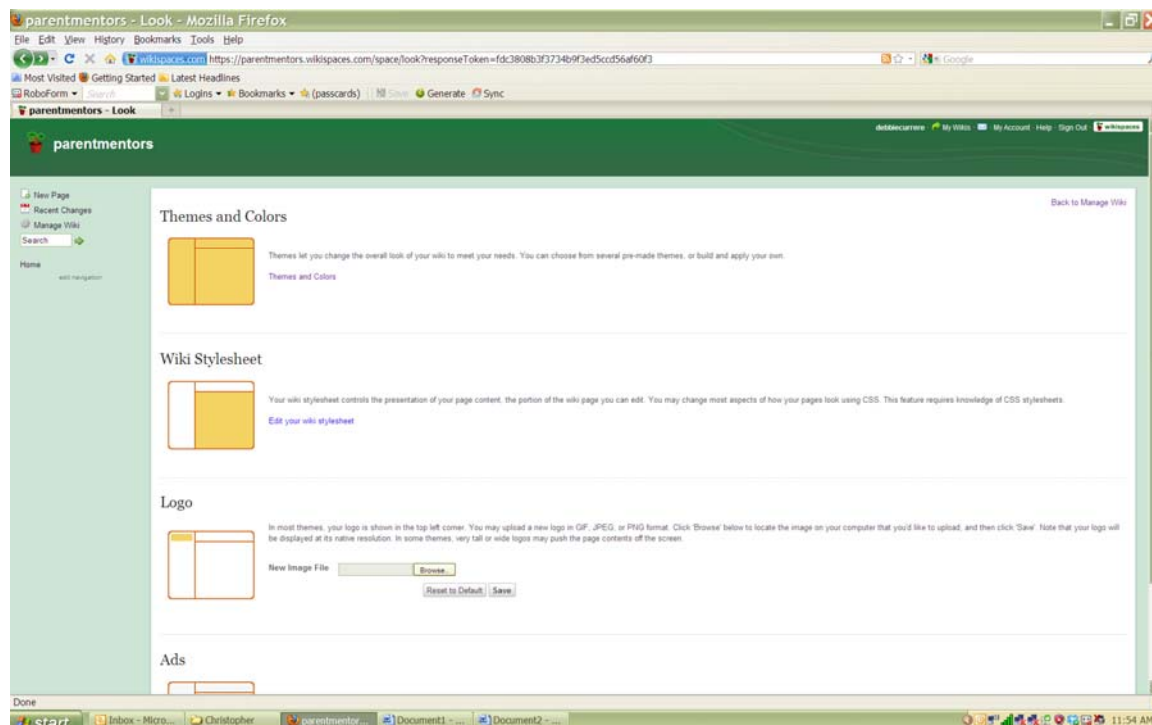
At this point, your Wiki space will look like this:



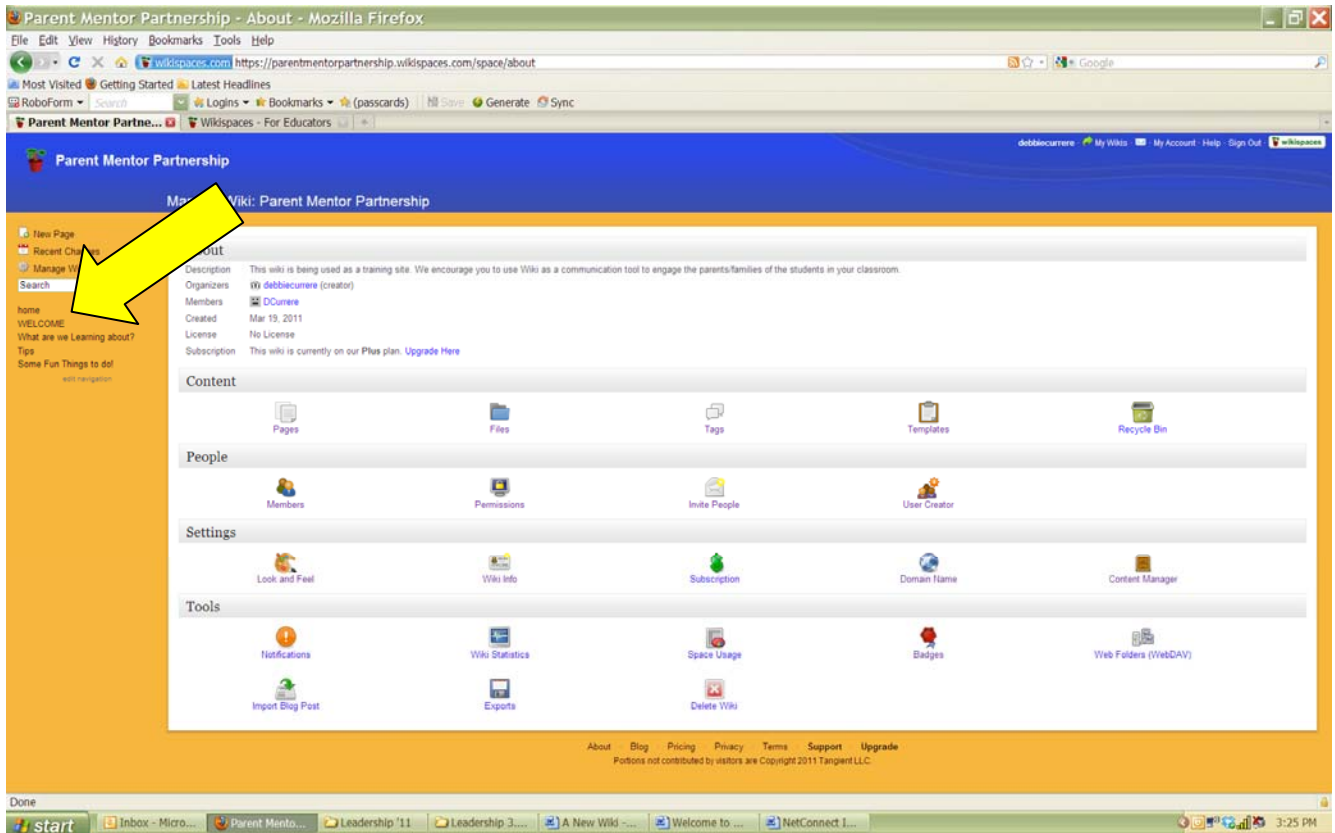
Then select Manage Wiki on the right side of the page,
Now select Look and Feel under the Settings



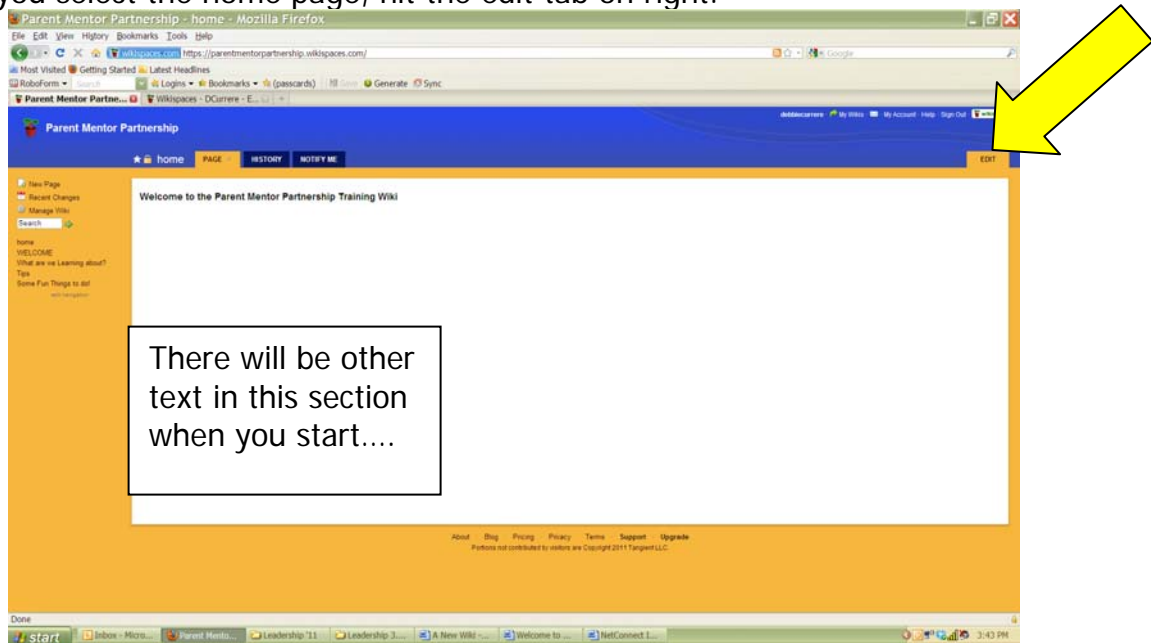
Here you will be able to change the Themes and Colors, Add a Logo



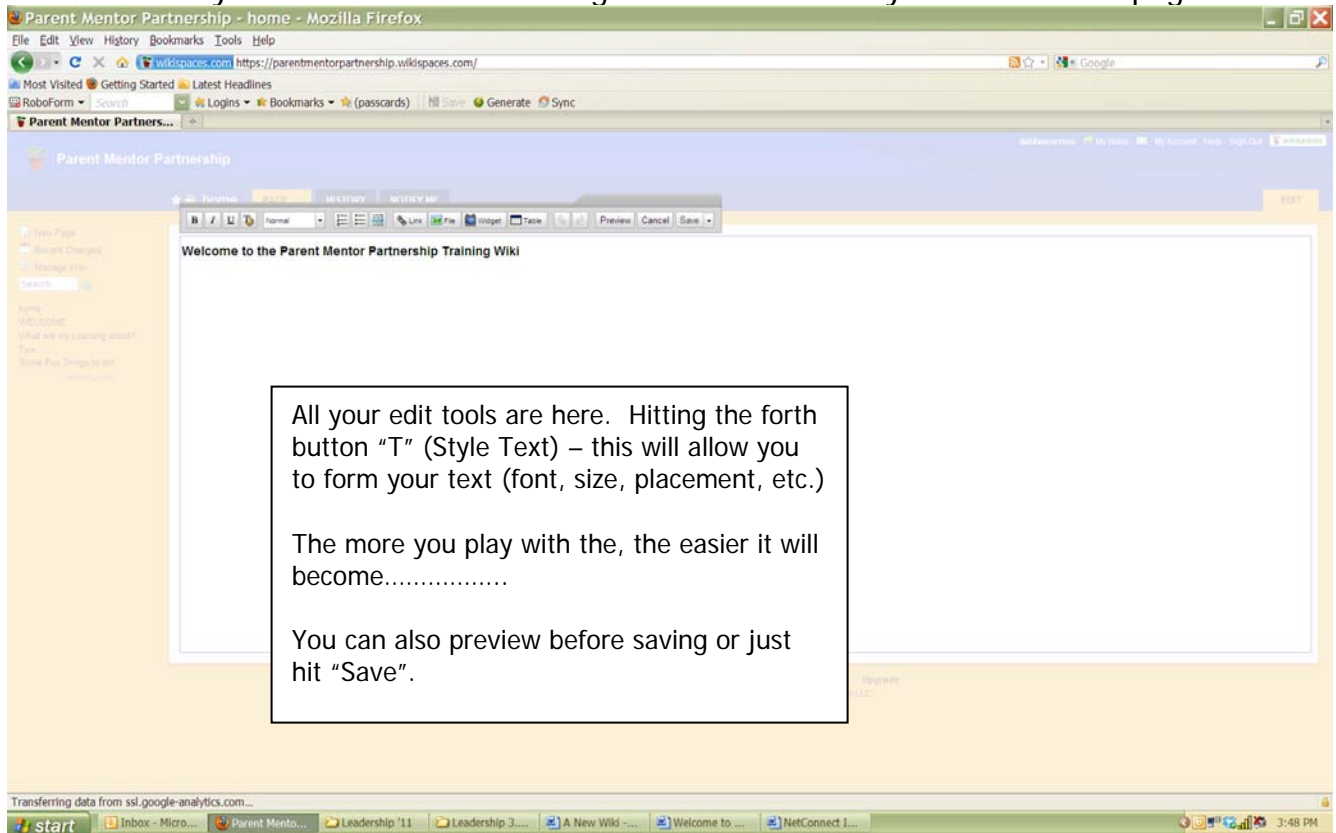
Now Select the home tab on the left



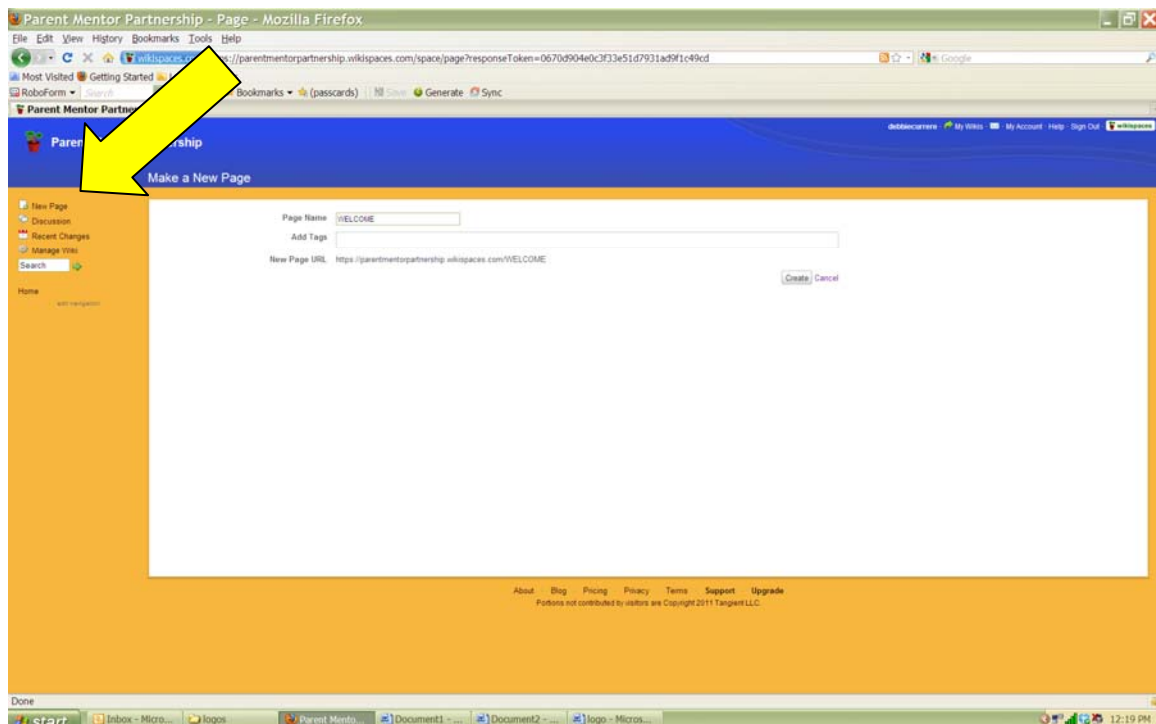
Once you select the home page, hit the edit tab on right.



Here is where you will remove the existing text and add what you want on this page.



Now you are ready to add pages. Go to the left, select New Page. You will then be asked to Name this page. Once you do, hit Create..... The editor will pop up and you now start the content for your page....



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- Doodle
- Facebook
- Skype
- The Parent Mentor Partnership Website

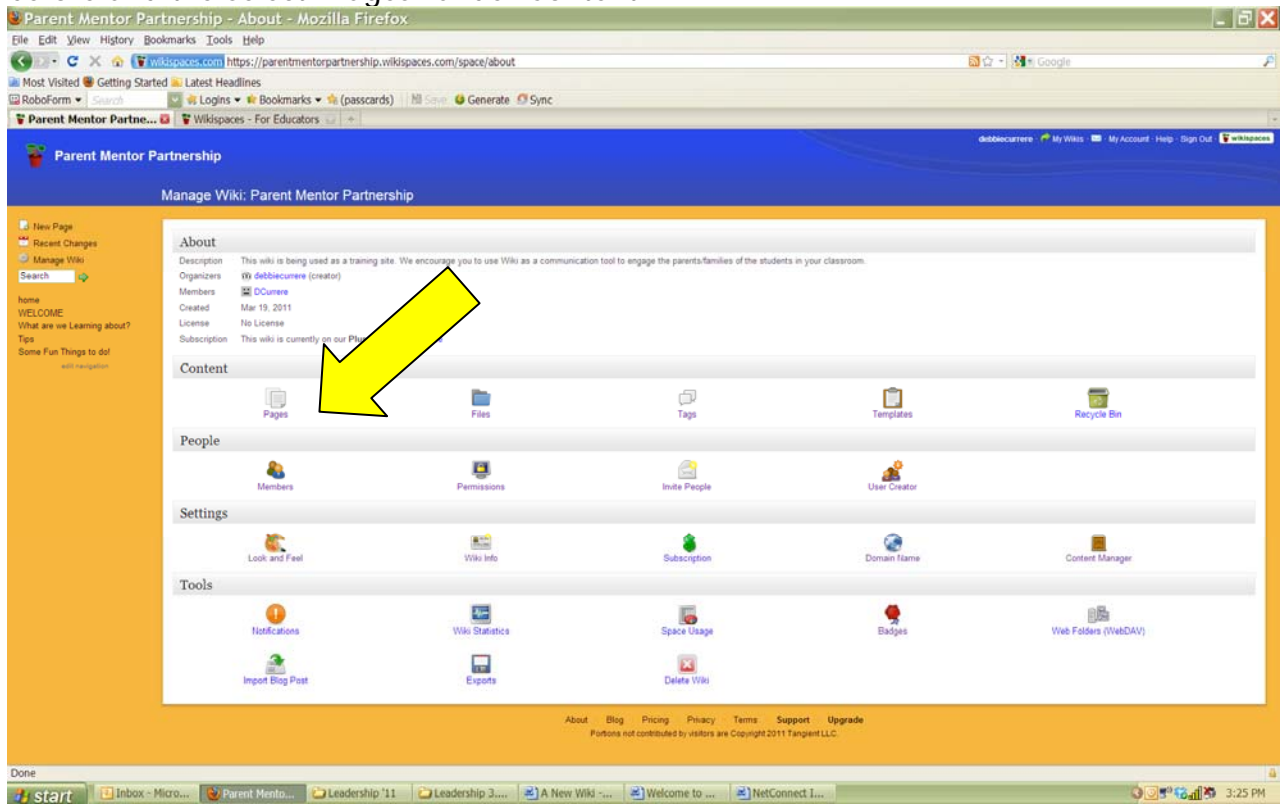
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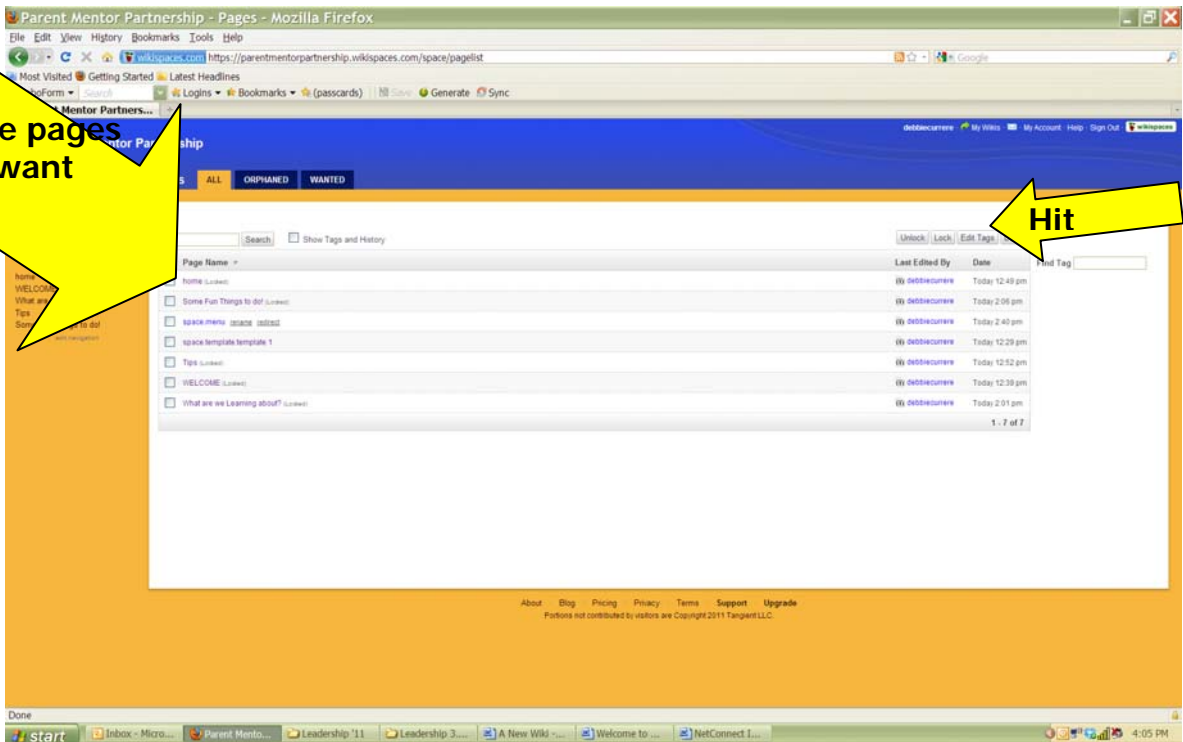
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I suggest that you LOCK or change permissions on all your pages so that you and/or others who you identify as creators can ONLY edit pages. You do this by going to Manage Wiki as before and the select "Pages" under Content.

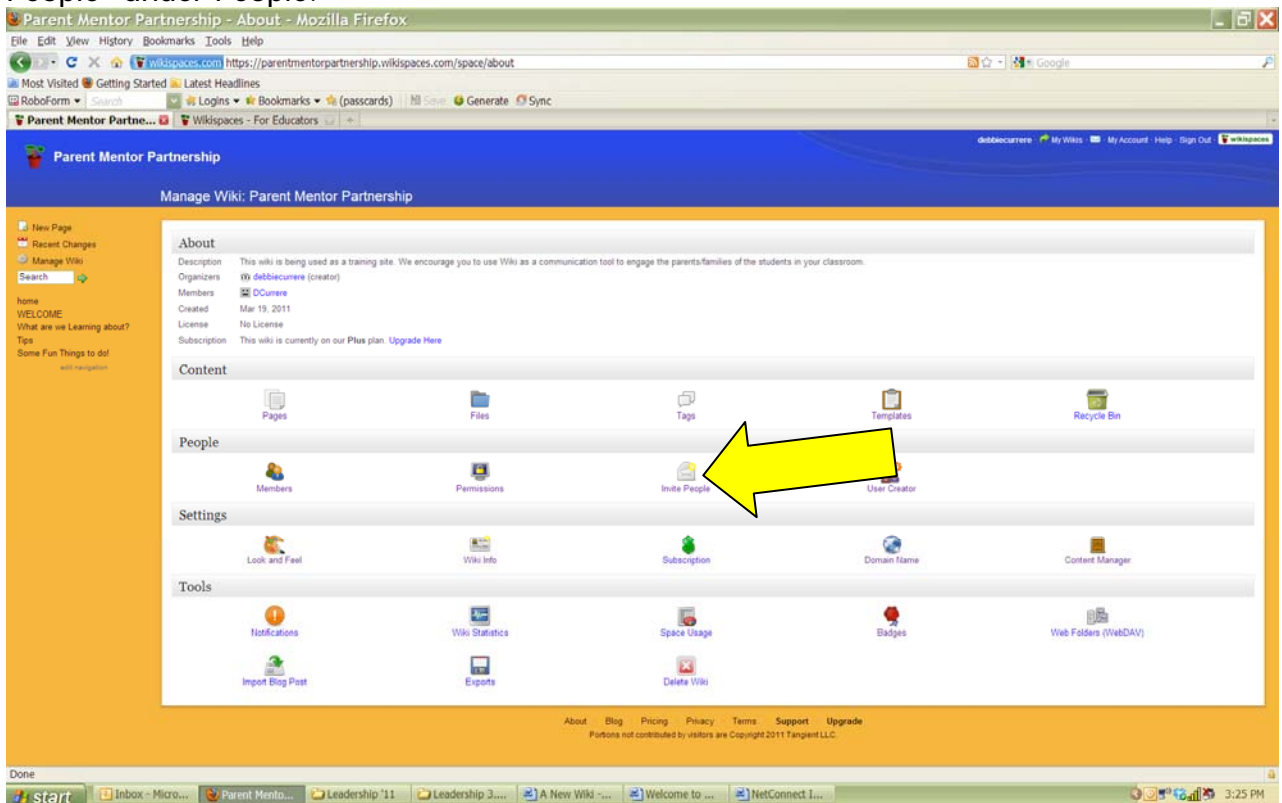


Check the pages you will want locked



Hit

Now it is time to Invite others to your Wiki, Go to "Manage Wiki", on left, then select "Invite People" under People.



You can then type in email addresses of those that you would like to invite to your Wiki!

