

# 8 Steps to Navigating Mr. Bowen's Blog

<http://chrisbowen.edublogs.org>

## 1. Blog Lingo

**Blog:** Short for “weblog”, a blog is a website that is like an online journal which is regularly updated. A blog is made up of a collection of posts. Each new post that is published moves to the top of the blog. Readers can comment on blog posts. Blogs often contain pages too.

**Post:** These are found on the home page of the blog and contain a title and text. Some posts also contain photos, images, videos, slideshows and links to other sites. Posts sometimes end with questions for readers. Readers are encouraged to comment on posts.

**Page:** You can find pages at the top of the blog (on some other blogs, they might be on the side). Pages contain static information that doesn't change regularly such as information about the blog or curriculum.

**Comment:** Comments make blogs come alive! They allow the blog to become an interactive space where people can connect, converse and offer their thoughts and opinions. The administrators of the blog (in our case Mr. Bowen) moderate and screen all comments to make sure they are appropriate, and not spam!

**Tags:** All posts will be marked with a tag. Tags are key words that can be searched for in the search bar in the upper right hand corner of the blog. This makes it very easy for you, the reader, to find any posts quickly without having to hunt it down.

Search for posts by typing in key words in the search bar.



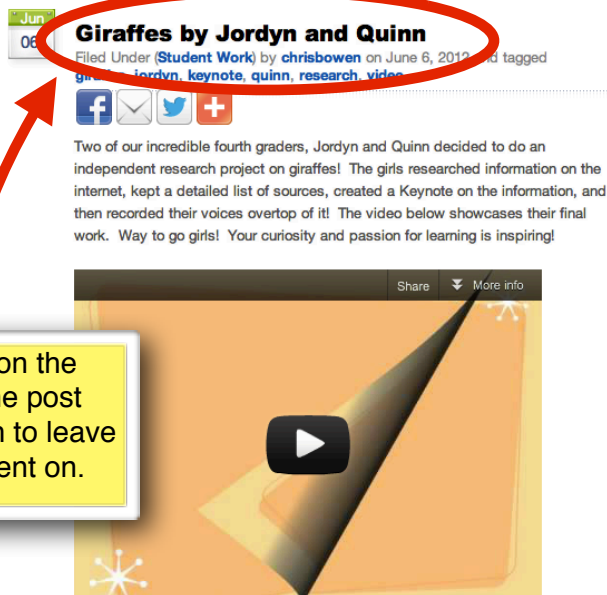
## 2. Subscribe

We are all very busy! Checking the blog is very important to stay up to date on what's happening in the classroom and coming up in the future. Wouldn't it be nice if you knew when things got updated? Well you can be notified! Simply "subscribe" to our blog by entering your email into the subscription box on the left hand side of our blog. You will then get an email each time we post something new on the blog! You can click on the link in your email to visit the blog, and remember to leave a comment after reading.



## 3. Leave Comments...

We LOVE comments! Comments really make our blog come alive. It's easy to leave a comment on our blog. Parents are asked to please avoid using their surname if they do not wish to identify their child, but if you don't mind signing them as "Cara's Mom", that's fine with me! All comments are sent to Mr. Bowen via email for approval prior to appearing on the blog. For more information on how to leave comments, please visit <http://chrisbowen.edublogs.org/informationforparents/blogging-guidelines/>.



1. Click on the title of the post you wish to leave a comment on.

2. Scroll down until you find the "Leave a Reply" box. Enter your name, email, anti-spam word, comment and press "Submit Comment".

### Leave a Reply

Name (required)  
 Mail (will not be published) (required)  
 Website

Anti-spam word: (Required)\*  
To prove you're a person (not a spam script), type the security word shown in the picture.

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Submit Comment

Notify me of followup comments via e-mail

## 4. Reply to Comments

In Room 306 we believe it is good blog etiquette to reply to comments. It is a big job for me (Mr. Bowen) to reply to each and every one. Your help in replying to other comments is greatly appreciated! Go ahead, if you see a lonely comment that needs a response, hit reply and type away!

### 2 Responses to "Girls on the Run 2012!"



Hannah Says:  
May 19th, 2012 at 7:43 pm

Thanks for coming to girls on the run and taking pictures of us! Your  
😊😊😊awesome!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Reply



Taylor Says:  
May 21st, 2012 at 7:43 am

Thank you so much for coming to the race!!! I loved you cheering us on  
it gave me a boost of speed at the end!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!:)

Reply

After each comment you will see a "reply" button. Click on the reply button and type a comment as you normally would. The reply will appear underneath the original comment.

## 5. Pages

Our blog has pages of static information that will provide you and your children with valuable resources for the school year. There is information about me, our curriculum, blogging guidelines, and much more!

Some pages have drop menus like our "Math" page. Hover your mouse over the "Math" tab and you'll find different units of study with helpful how-to videos.



## 6. Helpful Links

Along the left side of our blog there are helpful links for both parents and students. Each section is clearly labeled to help you find what you are looking for quickly. The different sections are: For Parents, Georgetown Blogs, Math, Podcasts, Science Sites, and Word Study. The websites for related to curriculum are fun, educational sites for kids to practice old and new skills.

The links are located below the Subscribe by Email tool and continue down the left hand side of the blog.

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### For Parents

- ▶ Curriculum Maps
- ▶ Hot Lunch/Food Service
- ▶ PTC Blog

### Georgetown Blogs

## 7. Our Daily Agenda via Twitter

Each day (unless the craziness of 4th grade takes over) our daily agenda will be posted on the blog. Since paper and pencil agendas will not be coming home, we will utilize Twitter to post our agenda. On the right hand side of the blog, you'll see a Twitter feed from our class Twitter account that shows what's happening in Room 306 that day. Our class Twitter handle is GESBowen.

Follow us on Twitter by clicking the blue bird button on our blog!



By TwitterButtons.com

The daily agenda via Twitter can be scrolled through to see what we've done in the past.

### Room 306 Agenda



Mr. Bowen  
**GESBowen**

**GESBowen** Today we'll write a constructive response to a non fiction piece, plan an essay on video game playing, and practice measuring in cust. syst.

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**GESBowen** Today we'll finish our On Demand stories, begin talking about the customary measuring system, and decide if kids play too many video games!

43 days ago · reply · retweet ·

favorite



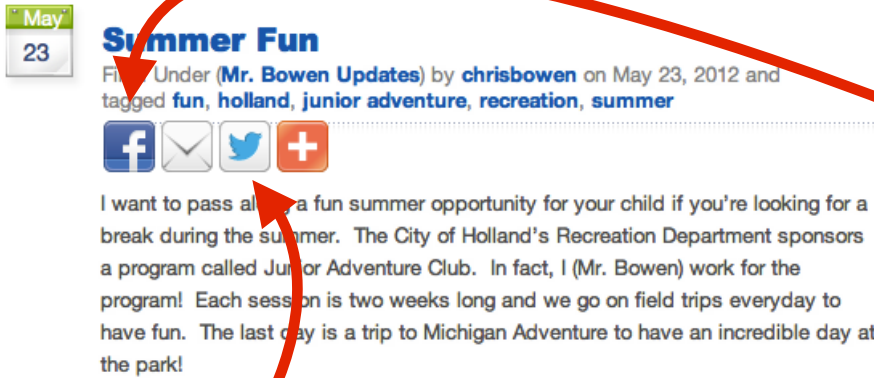
Join the conversation



# 8. Share!

Our class enjoys hearing from a worldwide audience. One of the themes of our year is understanding we are part of a global community. Share our blog with your family and friends and encourage them to subscribe or leave us comments.

Feel free to share our blog and the incredible things our students are doing with friends on Facebook and followers on Twitter. The more global connections we can make, the better!



If you want to share any of our posts via Facebook, click on the Facebook icon.

Like sharing things via Twitter? Share our students incredible work by clicking the tweet button on each post. Hashtag the tweet #4thchat or #edchat.

We love looking at our *ClustrMap* on the right hand side of our blog to see where in the world our visitors are coming from. Do you have friends around the world that would enjoy our blog? Share it with them and we'll locate their home on our map!

