

Where are the Desktop Icons on the Chromebooks?

Google's goal with the Chromebooks and Chromeboxes is to have a very small, simple, and stable operating system that makes the devices work. It's called Chrome OS instead of Windows.

One of the differences between a full Windows install and Chrome OS is that there are no desktop icons. Instead Chrome has put all the program icons in the start menu.

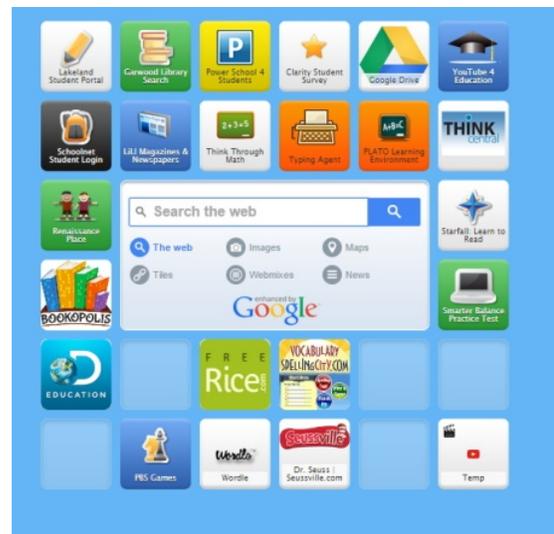
This helps the Chromebooks remain less complicated and run faster however there is no way currently to add custom shortcuts for websites.



There is a solution however for this short coming that involves using a web tool called Symbaloo.

Symbaloo allows users to create a webpage of shortcuts to other sites and locations. These shortcuts have colorful icons much like a desktop icon would look and are a simple way to share web links with groups of students.

Each school has their own Symbaloo web page that is managed by the Technology department. This web page will automatically load as the second tab on all Chrome devices at a school and will also load when students click the Home button on a chrome device.



If you have a web site you would like to see on this web page just send the web address to our Helpdesk@lakeland272.org and we can usually get it added within minutes.