Chromebooks are for Seniors

All about Chromebooks for those who don't know why they are so good

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Chromebooks In Kindergarten Through 3rd Grade



Chromebooks In Kindergarten Through High School



Kindergarten

6th Graders



Home Of A Palmer

High School

What do you do on a computer?

- eMail
- Facebook
- Games
- Look up information ("Google it")
- Banking & Pay bills

- Make purchases (Amazon & more)
- Zoom
- YouTube
- Word / Excel /
 PowerPoint / MS Office
- Other?

You can do all of these on a Chromebook

Chromebooks

- Launched 2012
- 2015, the category overtook MacBooks in the U.S.
- 10.1 million units in 2019
- Fueled by the K-12 education market

Widely Used in Education

- Over 60 percent of U.S. K-12 schools.
- Windows is in second with around 22 percent and the combined impact of MacOS and iOS are close behind at 18 percent.
- It's a rapidly shifting landscape. Three years earlier, Apple's products represented nearly half of devices being shipped to U.S. classrooms.

Pros

- They boot quickly.
- They're effectively impervious to viruses (though not phishing, so make sure Mom and Dad know to watch for).
- Generally speaking, they're very inexpensive -- usually anywhere from \$200-500 depending on size and features. Can be up to \$1,500.
- Voice commands: You can say "OK, Google" from the launcher to invoke Google's voice-powered assistant.

Pros (con't)

- Tight integration with everything Google: Gmail, Drive, Calendar and so on. That means any document created in, say, Google Docs is automatically archived to Drive. It's like full-time, automatic backup for nearly everything the user does.
- Good battery life.
- Simple keyboards.
- Come with all essential software.
- Easy to carry.

Cons

- There's a bit of a learning curve, especially if Mom and Dad are already accustomed to Windows.
- Printing can be a challenge. Chrome OS doesn't always allow for USB connections, but it does support wireless printing. However, setup isn't always easy.
- Gmail is not everyone's favorite mail client.
- Relies on the Internet.

- 30 million Chromebooks are now used in education (Jan 2019)
- In Q4 of 2018, Chromebooks made up 21% of all notebooks sold in the US
- 23% growth year-over-year from 2017 to
 2018
- Estimated 10.1 million Chromebooks shipped worldwide in 2019

There is also growing interest in Chromebooks from businesses in the finance and retail sectors.

Companies are using Chromebooks as no-frills mobile thin clients, considering they are cheap to deploy and easy to manage.

When the Covid epidemic began, Chromebooks saw impressive growth with HP leading the market with 3.2m units shipped. At the same time, Lenovo ramped up Chromebook shipments by over 300 percent to come in second place with 1.8m units shipped. Dell, Acer and Asus made up the remainder of the top five Chromebook vendors in Canalys' PC Analysis with each company posting strong growth and record Chromebook shipment volumes.

Chrome Web Store vs Google Play Store

- Chrome Web Store is where you can find thousands of apps, extensions, and themes designed for your Google Chrome browser.
- Google Play Store lets you browse and shop for your favorite music, movies, and books. You can also download apps and games for your Android phone, tablet, or Chromebook.

The number of available apps in the Google Play Store was placed at 2.6 million apps in March 2019, after surpassing 1 million apps in July 2013. Google Play Store was originally launched in October 2008.

6 Reasons Why a Chromebook **Should Be Your Next** Computer

Portability It only weighs 3 pounds. You can take it anywhere!

> Battery **Lasts for 10 hours!** No need to carry a charger everywhere

Google Apps All your documents are in the cloud! They'll save automatically so you can access them anywhere

Performance
Boot up in 5 seconds! No slowdown no matter how much you do.

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It only costs \$300. No add ons, no extra fees.

What is a Chromebook?



A Chromebook is a computer that comes with Google's Chrome OS operating system instead of Microsoft's Windows or Apple's macOS. Chromebooks all conform to a specific set of specifications set out by Google and are designed with portability, long battery life, and ease of use in mind. Chromebooks tend to be priced less than most Windows and Apple. Recently, however, various manufacturers have entered the mid-range and high-end Chromebook market, offering devices with much higher specifications and feature sets and petitive prices.

What is Chrome OS?

Chrome OS is a lightweight operating system based on Linux and the Chrome Browser. Google makes most of Chrome OS available for free via the open source Chromium OS project. Unlike traditional desktop operating systems, Chrome OS is designed primarily to work with online web services like Google Drive, Google Docs, and web-based email. Modern Chromebooks are also capable of running many Android apps from the Google Play Store. Now you can use many of your favorite Android phone and tablet applications on your Chromebook. Google has designed Chrome OS to be user-friendly, mostly maintenance free, auto-updating, resilient to viruses, and very much like an appliance – so you can spend your time using your Chromebook instead of fighting annoying computer problems.

What you should know before buying

A few years ago, Chrome OS was mainly just the Chrome browser and few pre-installed essential apps. The minimalistic design of Chromebooks works for many people who find themselves doing most of their daily work in Chrome, Firefox or Internet Explorer. Recently, Google has dramatically expanded the capabilities of Chrome OS by introducing the ability to run most Android applications and many Linux apps as well.

Linux Apps Support

Starting with Chrome OS version 69, some Chrome devices can install Linux desktop apps (as well as most server and command line software for developers



It doesn't run Windows Apps!

Chromebooks do not run Windows programs. Out of the box, you can't install the desktop version of Microsoft Office or your favorite old DOS game on a Chromebook. You can, however, use the online equivalent of many popular desktop apps like Microsoft Office 365 or the Android versions of Microsoft Office apps.

New to ChromeOS

- Record and edit videos
- Talk to Text
- Play games

Chromebooks are designed to use Google applications like Google Docs, Google Calendar, Gmail, and Youtube. Microsoft offers free online Office. You can feel free to use any online services you like. If you really need access to Windows programs, you can always connect to a remote Windows computer with the help of Chrome Remote Desktop or Chrome RDP.

You will need a Google Account

Pretty much everything about a Chromebook revolves around your Google account. You will need a Google account to log into the Chromebook. Your account is used to sync your settings between Chromebooks (and also Chrome on other operating systems), connect you to your Google Drive (where you'll probably want to store a lot of your documents) and log you into other Google service automatically. There is a guest mode available, but it's designed to allow friends and family easy access to your Chromebook, not for everyday use.

Chromebook Hardware

When comparing Chromebooks, you may notice that many models are very similar. Because Chromebooks must meet a set of specifications that Google makes for manufactures, there are often similarities in the specifications of models from different manufacturers. While they might look the same on the surface, you'll find that there are subtle differences that make each Chromebook unique.

Different Types of Chrome Devices

Traditionally, Chromebooks have come in a standard notebook form factor, but there are other types of Chrome OS devices on the market. There are Chromeboxes which are small desktop computers, Chrombase which are all-in-one computers, convertible notebooks which feature hinges that allow you to flip the screen around and use the Chromebook like a tablet, and most recently Chromebooks with detachable screens and Chromebook tablets.





Chromebox



Convertible/Tablet



Chromebase



Traditional/Clamshell

WHAT TO LOOK FOR in a CHROMEBOOK

- Brand
- Screen Size 10-17"
- Resolution 1366x768, 1920x1080, or greater
- CPU Model
- CPU Speed

- Memory
- Storage
- Battery Life
- Weight
- HDMI
- USB 2/3/3.1/C
- Price
- Fan or Fanless

- Support Android
- Touchscreen
- Camera/Mic
- Lighted Keyboard
- LTE
- 360°
- AUE

Core

Auto-update Expiration

• Chrome devices (e.g. Chromebook, Chromebox, Chromebase, Chromebit) receive automatic updates that enhance both the device and its software. Device updates provide the latest features and keep the device secure, and are applied across the operating system, browser and hardware. These updates depend on many device specific non-Google hardware and software providers that work with Google to provide the highest level of security and stability support. For this reason, older Chrome devices cannot receive updates indefinitely to enable new OS and browser features.

https://support.google.com/chrome/a/answer/6220366

Why so little storage space?

Most Chromebooks come with between 16 and 64 GB of internal storage.

Helps keep prices low while still providing fast drives.

Chrome OS is designed to work with cloud services.

One advantage of saving your files in Google Drive is that your documents will automatically be available on all of your Chrome OS devices, on other devices where you've installed Google Drive (like Windows or Mac computers and mobile phones) and on the Google Drive website.

Internet Connectivity

While Chromebooks can do a lot of tasks while not connected to the Internet (like edit documents, watch videos, etc.), Chrome OS works best when connected to the Internet at all times.

- WiFi Chromebooks come with WiFi as standard issue.
- Ethernet You can buy a USB Ethernet adapter.
- Mobile Broadband A few Chromebook models come with mobile broadband modems and offer 3G, 4G or LTE connections.
- Bluetooth All Chrome devices come with Bluetooth radios.



The Show All Button

The Everything or Search Button

WHAT I BOUGHT

Dell - Inspiron 2-in-1 14" Touch-Screen Chromebook - Intel Core i3 - 4GB Memory - 128GB eMMC Flash Memory - Urban Gray

Model: C7486-3250GRY-PUS SKU: 6299820



| Intel 8th Generation Core i3 | ~ |
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| System Memory (RAM): 🛈 | |
| 4GB | ~ |
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| Total Storage Capacity: 128GB | ~ |
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| Chromebit CS10 | Nov 2020 | | | | |
| Chromebook Tablet CT100 | Aug 2023 | | | | |
| Chromebook C200 | Jun 2019 | | | | |
| Chromebook C201PA | Jun 2020 | | | | |
| Chromebook C202SA | Jun 2022 | | | | |
| Chromebook C202XA | Jun 2025 | | | | |
| Chromebook C203XA | Jun 2025 | | | | |
| Chromebook C204 | Jun 2027 | | | | |
| Chromebook C223 | Jun 2024 | | | | |
| Chromebook C300 | Aug 2019 | | | | |

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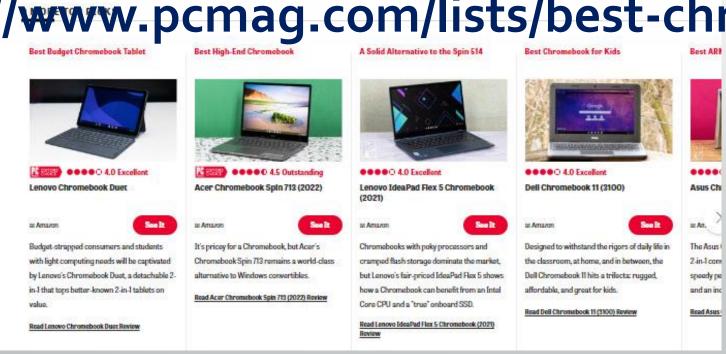






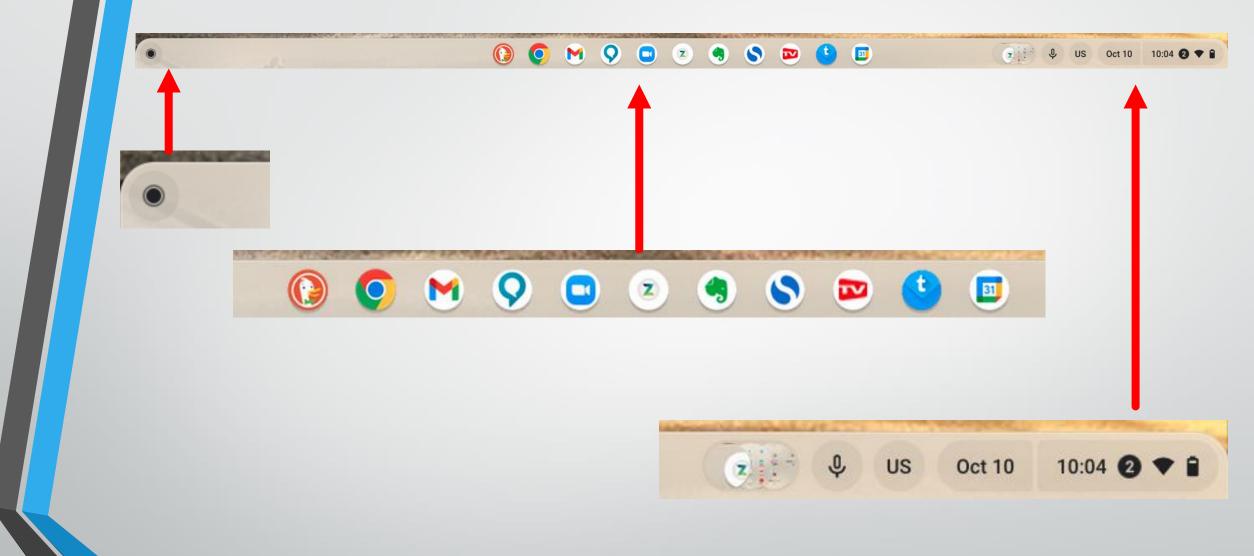


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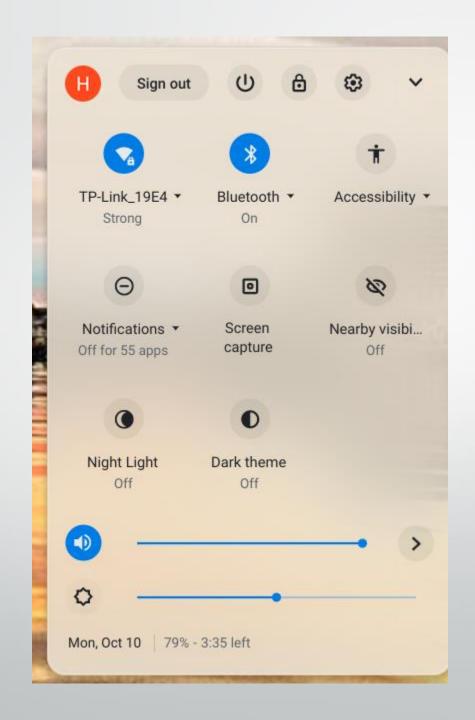


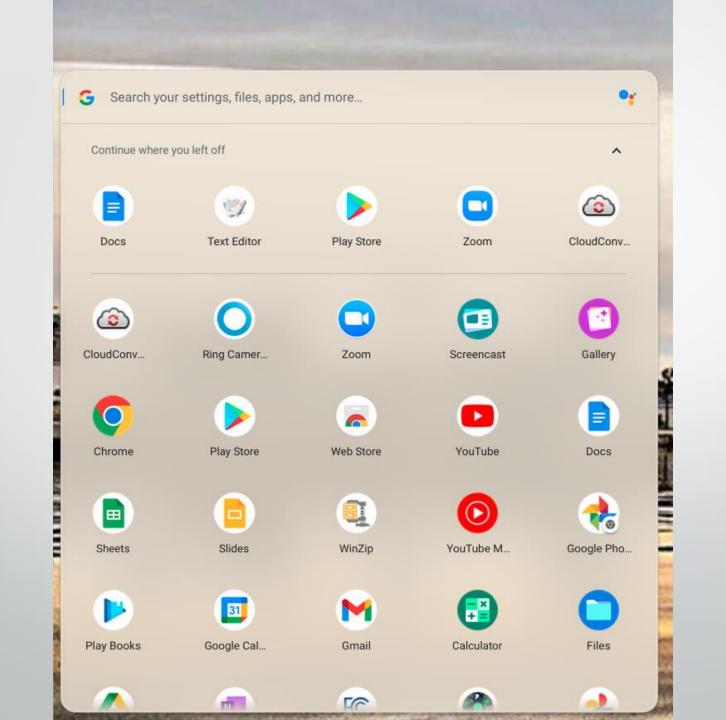
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| | Our Picks | Acer Chromebook spin 514 | Lenovo Chromebook Duet | Acer Chromebook spin 713 (2022) | Lenovo IdeaPad Flex 5 Chromebook (2021) | Dell Chromebook 11 (3100) | Asus Chromebook Flip CM3 | Acer Chromebook 317 | Lenovo IdeaPad Duet 5 Chromebook | Lenovo ThinkPad C13 Yoga Chromebook | HP Chromebook x2 (2021) | |
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| ľ | Luitors Rating | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | |
| | Laptop Class | Convertible 2- in-1, Chromebook | Chromebook, Detachable 2- in-1 | Convertible 2- in-1, Chromebook | Convertible 2- in-1, Chromebook | Chromebook | Convertible 2- in-1, Budget | Chromebook, Desktop Replacement | Chromebook, Detachable 2- in-1 | Business, Convertible 2- in-1, Chromebook | Detachable 2- in-1, Chromebook | |
| | Processor | AMD Ryzen 5 3500C | MediaTek Helio P60T | Intel Core i5- 1135G7 | Intel Core i3- 1115G4 | Intel Celeron N4020 | MediaTek Kompanio 820 | Intel Celeron N4500 | Qualcomm Snapdragon 7c Gen 2 | AMD Ryzen 5 3500C | Qualcomm Snapdragon 7c | |
| | Processor Speed | 2.1 GHz | 2 GHz | 2.4 GHz | 3 GHz | 2.8 GHz | 2.2 GHz | 1.1 GHz | 2.55 GHz | 2.1 GHz | 2.4 GHz (max boost) | |
| | RAM (as Tested) | 8 GB | 4 GB | 8 GB | 8 GB | 4 GB | 4 GB | 4 GB | 8 GB | 8 GB | 8 GB | Kow: 3 |
|) | Boot Drive Type | eMMC Flash Memory | eMMC Flash Memory | SSD | SSD | eMMC Flash Memory | eMMC Flash Memory | eMMC Flash Memory | eMMC Flash Memory | SSD | eMMC Flash Memory | |
| THE STATE OF THE S | Boot Drive Capacity (as Tested) | 128 GB | 128 GB | 256 GB | 128 GB | 16 GB | 64 GB | 64 GB | 128 GB | 256 GB | 64 GB | Row: 6 |
| | Screen Size | 14 inches | 10.1 inches | 13.5 inches | 13.3 inches | 11.6 inches | 12 inches | 17.3 inches | 13.3 inches | 13.3 inches | 11 inches | |
| | Native Display Resolution | 1920 by 1080 | 1920 by 1200 | 2,256 by 1,504 | 1920 by 1080 | 1366 by 768 | 1366 by 912 | 1920 by 1080 | 1,920 by 1,080 | 1920 by 1080 | 2160 by 1440 | Row: 7 |
| 1 . | Touch Screen | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Row: 8 |
| 5 | Panel Technology | IPS | IPS | IPS | IPS | TN | LCD | IPS | OLED | IPS | IPS | |
| | Variable Refresh Support | None | None | None | None | None | None | None | None | None | None | Row: 10 |
| 3 | Screen Refresh Rate | 60 Hz | 60 Hz | 60 Hz | 60 Hz | 60 Hz | 60 Hz | 60 Hz | 60 Hz | 60 Hz | 60 Hz | Crosses 11 |
|) | Graphics Processor | AMD Radeon Vega 8 | ARM G72 MP3 | Intel Iris Xe Graphics | Intel UHD Graphics | Intel UHD Graphics 600 | Arm Mali-G57 | Intel UHD Graphics | Qualcomm Adreno GPU | AMD Radeon Vega Mobile Graphics | Qualcomm Adreno 618 | Kow: 15 |
| 1 | Wireless Networking | 802.11ac, Bluetooth | 802.11ac, Bluetooth | 802.11ax (Wi- Fi 6) | Bluetooth, 802.11ax (Wi- Fi 6) | 802.11ac, Bluetooth | 802.11ac, Bluetooth | Bluetooth, 802.11ax (Wi- Fi 6) | Bluetooth, 802.11ax (Wi- Fi 6) | Bluetooth, 802.11ax (Wi- Fi 6) | 802.11ac, Bluetooth | |
| | Dimensions (HWD) | 0.68 by 12.7 by 8.9 inches | 0.29 by 9.4 by 6.3 inches | 0.67 by 11.8 by 9.3 inches | 0.67 by 12.2 by 8.4 inches | 0.82 by 11.96 by 8.19 inches | 0.7 by 10.6 by 8.5 inches | 0.89 by 15.8 by 10.5 inches | 0.28 by 12 by 7.4 inches | 0.61 by 12.1 by 8.4 inches | 0.3 by 9.9 by 7 inches | |
| 2 | Weight | 3.64 lbs | 2.03 lbs | 3.2 lbs | 2.97 lbs | 2.85 lbs | 2.5 lbs | 5.18 lbs | 2.24 lbs | 3.3 lbs | 1.23 lbs | |
| 6 | Operating System | Google Chrome OS | Google Chrome OS | Google Chrome OS | Google Chrome OS | Google Chrome OS | Chrome OS | Google Chrome OS | Google Chrome OS | Google Chrome OS | Google Chrome OS | |
| | Tested Battery Life (Hours:Minute s) | 10:50 | 13:48 | 11:10 | 9:15 | 9:26 | 6:23 | 9:10 | 21:10 | 8:50 | 6:15 | |
| 5 | Where to Buy | at Amazon | at Amazon | | | at Amazon | | | at Amazon | | at Walmart | |
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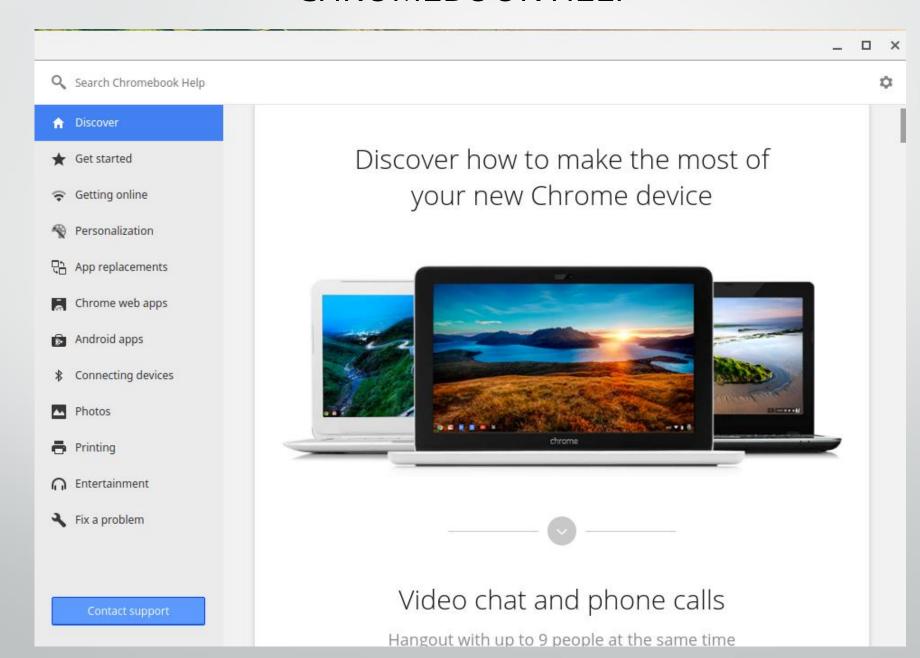


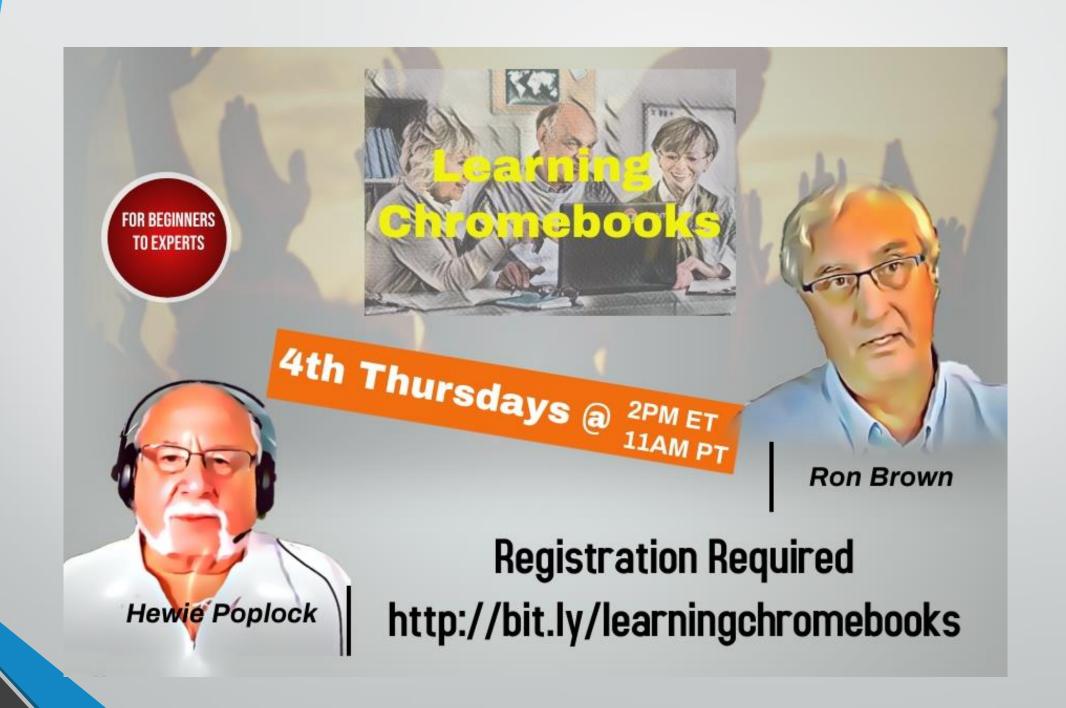
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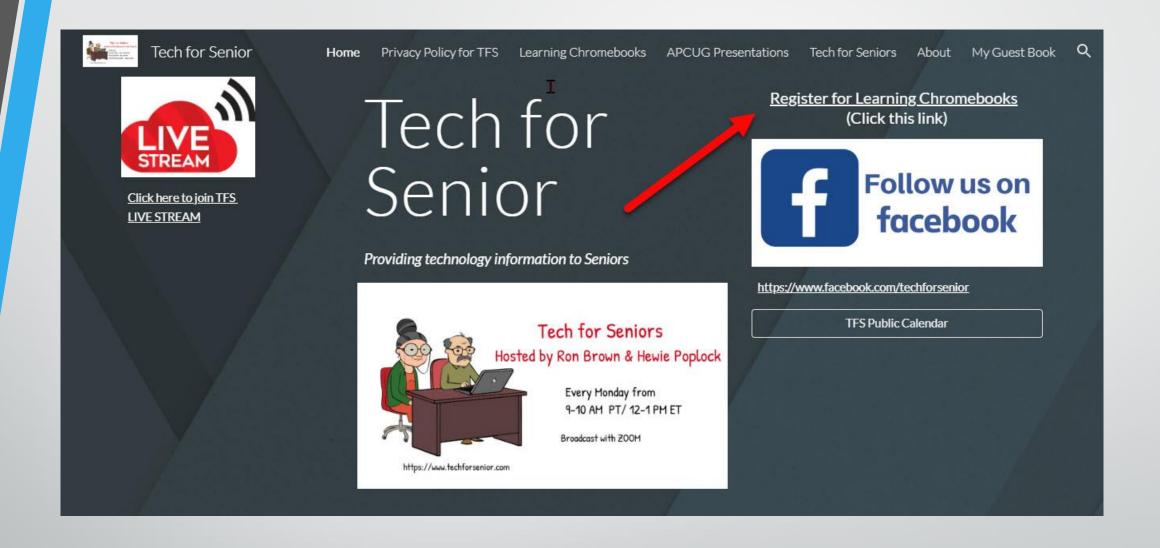




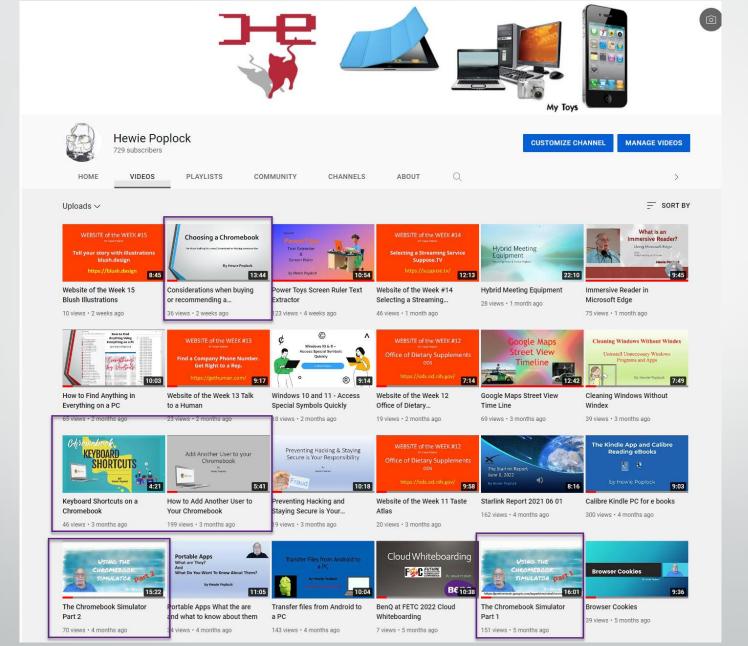
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Auto Update Expirations -

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Register for Learning Chromebooks -

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