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Let's face it. We all need a little help sometimes—especially with software or tasks we aren't familiar with. That's where Dottie comes in.

Dottie empowers your entire yearbook team to work independently and collaboratively by explaining layout tools, walking users through new processes, and contributing design ideas—all without leaving the Pictavo interface.



There when you need assistance, on standby when you don't. That's Dottie. Your new best friend.

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WE'RE HERE TO HELP



Pictavo is full of robust features and tools to help manage and design a top-notch yearbook. In order to get the most out of Pictavo, this guide will familiarize you with all of the tools our software has to offer.

This symbol indicates helpful tips on where to find more information in Pictavo Help. Watch for it throughout the Quick Start Guide.

GET STARTED

ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT

Before diving into the ultimate yearbook design experience, you need to activate your Pictavo account and create a login. Once activated, projects can be logged into anytime, anywhere there is internet access.



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Need direction

on setting up users in your project and assigning them to groups?





Pictavo makes it easy to stay organized by creating permissions-based Users and Groups. This allows you to keep track of progress and participation on your project.

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YOU ARE HERE

You're going to spend a lot of time in Pictavo. Get to know the 'environments' you'll likely be spending the most time in. These same areas are frequently referenced throughout the Quick Start Guide.

DASHBOARD

KEEP TABS ON YOUR PROJECT The Dashboard is a quick look at your project and easy access to project management tools. Here, you'll have access to your calendar to create and assign events or tasks to your staff. As Project Administrator (Admin), you have privileges that others do not like setting up users, assigning permissions and creating groups.



CREATE A BLUEPRINT

Pages and sections of your yearbook can be labeled and even color-coded to keep everyone organized. Page assignments, progress and warnings are all visible from the Ladder view. Add pages, track user log ins and share high resolution proofs all with the click of a button. Add practice pages to your project to play with ideas before committing to a page.

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DESIGN

DRAG AND DROP

It doesn't get any simpler than 'drag and drop.' Anything in Pictavo's industry-leading art library is available with one simple motion.



MANAGE MY PHOTOS

GET THE SHOTS, KEEP THEM ORGANIZED

Choose your best images and keep them organized with multi-layer album organization capabilities. Rename, 'favorite', tag, rotate and preview photos from one convenient window. Drag and drop images from your desktop directly into the photo management area or use the traditional upload feature.

ORGANIZE



Whenever a user logs in to Pictavo, they will land on the Dashboard. Here you will see not only a snapshot of a project's status, but also the icons that allow users to move easily to other areas of a project.



Trying to figure out how to get

the most out of the Ladder?





The Ladder is both an organizational and collaborative tool. All users can view the Ladder and see an organized, detailed outline of their project including sections, page assignments, color-coding and page status.



H ADD DESCRIPTION

add a brief description of page contents under page thumbnails

Once a page or spread is selected, a blue outline will appear around the thumbnail and a new selection of icons make themselves available:



B PHOTO MANAGEMENT



Stay organized and work smart with Pictavo's Manage My Photos area. Edit information for both candid photos and portrait database from the Manage My Photos area.

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In the **ALL CANDIDS** area, all uploaded candids are present even if they're organized into another folder. You can upload images directly to this folder and organize them later by selecting and dragging your images to a folder OR you can upload images to specific folders by navigating to that folder and uploading directly to it. Any images dragged directly onto a page will also live in the Uncategorized album until placed in a specific folder.



Want to tag

photos, but not sure how to get started?

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The Manage My Photos area is incredibly useful for more than just image organization. Once an image (or in some cases multiple images) is selected, a series of photo management tools make themselves available.



REFERENCE-

INTERFACE TOOLS AND ICONS



DESIGN PALETTE TOOLS







PROPERTIES



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the print quality of an image?

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DESIGN-



Pictavo's extensive library of design elements will help you design a great-looking book, coordinated from start to finish.



BACKGROUND

art designed to fill the entire background of your page; usually with a subtle texture or pattern



TEMPLATE

a pre-designed layout including art, photo boxes and possibly portrait grids



a mini-template designed to fill only part of a page; found only in Pictavo



small design elements that complement a layout

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Become familiar with and learn how to use Pictavo's extensive Art Libraries in the Inspiration Guide found in your yearbook kit.

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INSPIRATION GUIDE ••



The K8 INSPIRATION GUIDE is

loaded with art, templates and Snippets perfect for your pre-school, elementary, middle or junior high school.

The HIGH SCHOOL INSPIRATION

GUIDE covers the basics of clean, modern yearbook design. Take a look at eight art collections full of professionally-designed templates and Snippets!

TEXT

Pictavo's text capabilities allow complete creative freedom and total precision when designing with type.





Select the Text icon to open the text panel. Click or tap a text style to add a text box of that style to your page.

> Customize everything down to your page numbers-choose font, placement, color and more in the Page Numbers menu.





Edit every aspect of text defaults such as color, character spacing, justification and so much more. With Pictavo's comprehensive and intuitive text options, designing a book with consistent font styles is a snap.

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A PLACEHOLDER TEXT

DELETE UNUSED TEXT BOXES TO AVOID PLACEHOLDER TEXT, SUCH AS "ADD A HEADLINE" OR "LOREM IPSUM" THAT AUTOMATICALLY APPEAR IN NEW TEXT BOXES AND IN TEMPLATES.

B SPELL CHECK

WHEN TYPING IN A TEXT BOX, A RED DOTTED LINE WILL APPEAR BENEATH ANY WORD THAT IS NOT IN THE BROWSER DICTIONARY.

C OVERFLOW TEXT

IF A TEXT BOX IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO FIT ALL OF YOUR TEXT, THE TEXT BOX WILL BECOME RED AND A WARNING WILL APPEAR IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER.

PORTRAITS



With Pictavo's extensive portrait flow customization options, users can create portrait grids even before their portrait databases are loaded.

The initial step in the portrait flow process is always creating a portrait grid.

If portraits have been uploaded and are ready to flow, click/tap Choose Flow Group in the Portrait Settings menu.



Select the portrait icon. A default portrait grid will appear on your page. Customize portrait grids using the Portrait Settings Menu.



Use the empty grid as a placeholder while designing layouts on pages or custom templates to use later.

Choose Flow Group

Once portraits are flowed, find more customization options in the various Portrait Settings menus.





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Remove individual portrait boxes to create more room for candids or text. Double-click the grid or use the edit icon to allow editing. Use the subtraction button to remove photo boxes and the addition button to add them back in.



Time to upload portrait retakes and

not sure what to do?

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PORTRAIT GRID SETTINGS



Choose New Portrait

PORTRAIT FLOW SETTINGS

Edit Portraits

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Click the edit icon or double-click the portrait flow to customize.

PORTRAIT TEXT SETTINGS



FINAL STEPS



Before submitting your book, proof it thoroughly. Watch for Pictavo's warning frames alerting you to issues with your layout.

TEXT WARNINGS





A RED UNDERLINE SHOWS WORDS NOT FOUND IN THE BROWSER DICTIONARY

IMAGE/ART WARNINGS



THIS ART/IMAGE IS LOW RESOLUTION AND WILL PRINT POORLY REPLACE WITH HIGH-QUALITY ART/IMAGE



THIS IMAGE/OBJECT EXTENDS PAST THE GREEN SAFETY MARGIN INTO A PART OF THE LAYOUT NEAR THE TRIM OR BINDING AREA OF A SPREAD



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COMMON THINGS TO PROOF FOR

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- Make sure each student and faculty member is present in the portrait flow, shown only once, and their name is spelled correctly.
- Check that names and photos in the portrait flow are not covered by other objects and are easy to read against the page background.
- Check for spelling and punctuation accuracy.
- Common misspellings include your school name, and the words: principal, sophomore, and Dr. Seuss.
- Check the Table of Contents for accuracy.
- Avoid page numbers overlapping text/images.



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SHARE/PRINT PAGES & CREATE A PDF

Print or share current versions of your pages with faculty and administration for proofing purposes or create previews of exciting layouts for sales campaigns.



A SHARE

The Share button (accessible from the Ladder, Cover or Page Designer) will allow users to print pages and generate proof PDFs to save or send to others for proofing.

B SELECT

Select specific pages, page ranges or all pages to include in your proof. Choose what type of file to share.

C PRINT OR SAVE

Choose to print selected pages, generate a PDF and email as a link or attachment, or save the current state of selected pages to your device to print or share outside of Pictavo.

FINAL STEPS

APPROVE AND SUBMIT

Once a book is finished, each page needs to be approved by the Admin before book submission. Page approval and submission happen in the Ladder.



LAST CHANCE CHECKLIST

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- Pictavo will alert you if any portraits have been left unflowed.
- Watch for any warnings left unaddressed—make corrections now!
- Confirm order details like number of books and page quantity during submission.

COMMUNITY 19 2 SET UP

Pictavo Community is where parents, students and other community members can go to upload photos for consideration by the yearbook staff and purchase yearbooks, ads and other school products.



Shared Photos Settings Maximum upload Number Maximum number of photos a single user can upload. Upload End Date Choose the date. Imm/dd/yyyy Imm/dd/yyyy Date the book is submitted for publishing.

USE PICTAVO COMMUNITY TO EASILY GATHER PHOTOS FROM OTHERS!

By involving community members in the process of collecting photos, you will increase your coverage and sales.

Click or tap on Manage Photos A in the left hand column, then the three dots B next to the Shared Photos album. Check the Shared Photos Enabled button C to allow community members to share their photos with you.

Once community members have uploaded photos, staff members authorized to view shared photos will find them in the Shared Photos album. From there, they can be moved into the desired albums in the Candids area for placement on a page!

If you want to limit the number of photos each user can submit or you would like your cutoff date for receiving them to be different than your book submission date, change the Shared Photos Setting.

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To create specific albums for community members to use when uploading photos, click or tap on Shared Photos **E** and then New Album to create any number of them. Album names can range from events (e.g. Homecoming, Prom, etc.) to sports (e.g. Football, Girls Track, etc.) to grades and/or homerooms.

ONCE YOUR PICTAVO COMMUNITY IS SET UP, DIRECT PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO COMMPE.PICTAVO.COM TO START UPLOADING PHOTOS AND/OR PURCHASING YEARBOOKS AND ADS. PA 20

COMMUNITY-

PICTAVO COMMUNITY IS ALSO GREAT FOR SELLING YOUR YEARBOOK, ADS AND OTHER PRODUCTS ONLINE!

If you want to sell products online, offline or both, Pictavo Community can help you easily account for every sale paid by credit card, check or cash.

In order to use Pictavo Community, you will first want to enable it in the Sales > Store Setup area.

Store Setup

Enable Pictavo Community Sales

SCHOOL INFORMATION



In **STORE SETUP**, in the **SCHOOL INFORMATION** area you will:

- Indicate if you would like the required 5% service fee to be displayed to customers.
- Create a menu of Grade or Homeroom options that purchasers will use when choosing a student recipient of any product(s) they buy.
- See the required sales tax rate, if applicable.
- Enter the address where the monthly reimbursement check will be sent for money collected through Pictavo Community.
- Create Custom Discount Codes (if applicable) to be used by qualified purchasers.

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In the **PRODUCTS** area you will:

- Define the product(s) available for purchase. Options include yearbooks, recognition ads, business ads or other products you wish to offer.
- Include a custom product description, delivery message and thumbnail image if you want.
- Set a price for each product and set tiered prices to encourage early sales.
- Set a deadline for ordering.
- Set the maximum number of products available for purchase.

Want to manage and track orders in Pictavo Community?

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MANAGING SALES

Keep a constant pulse on sales by glancing at the Sales area on the Dashboard.



FOR MORE DETAILED SALES REPORTING, GO TO THE MANAGE SALES AREA

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VIEWING ORDERS

- Easily review all data collected from each order.
- Filter data to see only the information you're interested in.
- See the amount of tax collected, if applicable.
- Mark whether each purchaser has received their product(s).
- Export data into Microsoft Excel for even greater report customization.

ADDING ORDERS

- Add offline (cash or check) orders to conveniently track all sales in one place.
- Make a note of any individual circumstances related to a particular order (e.g. special delivery instructions).



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