

Bonjour, ciao, and hola, fellow Hampshire Educational Collaborators. We trust that you, like us, are trying to keep cool and comfortable this summer.



Gather ye acorns while ye may; we'll be switching over to a brand new, state-of-the-art internal email system on June 16th. The folks at 97 Hawley St., 123 Hawley St., HEC Academy and N. Amherst will be migrating starting the week of June 5th. Everyone else will have their email moved



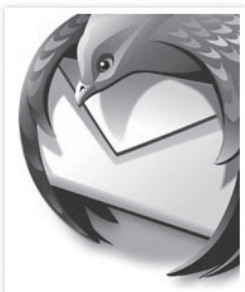
starting the weekend of June 16th. That means that weekend is **EMAIL FREE!!!** (We trust you

can find something else to occupy your mind). After that, starting June 19th, the new address for webmail will be:

<http://mail.collaborative.org>

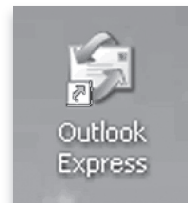
...write it down in your address book, bookmark it now, or get a sporty summer henna tattoo; do whatever you need to remember the new address.

Will I be able to keep my old email? ...Yes, of course; you will be able to keep your current email address as well your existing email. You will even be able to continue using whichever email client you are most comfortable with.



What will change with this new email system? ...Those folks using clients like Outlook and Thunderbird will continue to use their

current software. Folks using the current "Stalker" webmail from their browser will login to our new software called "Squirrel Mail". SquirrelMail is very easy to use, and we think you will find it to be a great improvement over the older webmail system.



Which is better, using a desktop email client program or using the web interface? ...It depends entirely on

what your needs are. If you are often on the go and working from multiple locations, you will probably prefer to use the web interface. If you are more comfortable using a desktop email client (such as Thunderbird or Outlook Express) you may continue to use that. Or, you may choose to use both; it's up to you.

Last question: what do I need to do to prepare for the move? ...Before June 16th, you need to read the information posted on the HEC Online Forum's Tek Talk area. There are some **VERY** important facts you need to be aware of prior to the move! To learn more, visit the Collaborative's website and click on the link at the bottom left-hand corner of the front page.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- June 5-16: Early Adopters Moved to new Email
- June 16-18: Email Free Weekend™
- June 19: First Day

UPCOMING BROWN-BAGS:

- How to Get More Out of Email
- How a Computer Works
- Tips for Using your Web Browser
- Introduction to the Open Office Suite