How to make a Website Header using Paint.Net

**Objective:** The website header is made in 4 separate layers. The students will add a background layer for color, a layer for the student headshot picture, a layer of a graphic, and finally a text layer.

**Layers:**

Layer 1 = Background

Layer 2 = Headshot

Layer 3 = Graphic

Layer 4 = Text

**Layer 1: Background Layer**

* Click on the tab Image>Canvas Size
* Set the Canvas Size as follows

Width 776

Height 136

Make sure that there is **not** a check in the box next to “Maintain aspect ratio”

* Click ok

**Layer 2: Headshot Layer**

* File>Open
* Get the .jpg image of you from the StudentFile>Class
* At the top of the screen you can switch back and forth between two pictures
* Make the background transparent on the picture

-Click on the Magic Wand

-click on any area in the picture you want to remove and press “Delete” on the keyboard

* Tolerance Slider to change the amount of the picture that is transparent
* Click on the arrow button , select picture
* Click Edit>Copy
* Click on website header
* Edit Paste into new layer, Keep the canvas size
* Position the picture so you only see the eyes peeking
* Click Esc on the keyboard to erase the box around the image

**Layer 3= Graphic Layer**

* File>Open
* Get the .jpg image of your graphic from your StudentFile
* Again delete the background so it is transparent as you did with your headshot
* **Complete the same steps as you did with Layer 2**
* Hold down Shift button as you reposition the size to do it evenly on each side of the image

**Back to Layer 1**

* Click on the background layer at the top of the screen
* Click on the “Bucket” to fill the whole area with a color
* Choose “Gradient” , check color icon at top of screen to make sure it’s in “Color Mode”
* Choose “Linear” gradient, click and drag across the header
* Click on tab Effects>Render>Fire
* Use the sliders to change the fires appearance
* Click on “Ok” when you get the effect you like

**Layer 4=Text Layer**

* Layer>Add new Layer
* Move a layer upwards by using the arrows, text layer on top
* Click on “Text” tool and choose a large font, 72
* Choose which font you like the best
* Click your cursor onto your header and type in your first name
* Effect Tab>Object>Outline Object
* Change color of the outline with the color wheel or sliders, choose one you like
* Click on Ok

**Save Your Header**

File>Save as> **PNG**

* Choose Flatten so it puts all the layers together