



DELONG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEED TO KNOW NEWSLETTER

715-852-4900

DECEMBER 2022

Dear DeLong Families,

I cannot believe it is already December. Before we know it, Winter Break will be here. Our participation in Athletics, Clubs, School Play and Study club is outstanding and we are so glad to see so many students involved in a variety of activities. We are hoping for just as much participation in our 3rd quarter offerings. When we come back from Winter break, please keep an eye out for information regarding registration for next school year's courses. Thanks in advance for all your help making this a positive and productive push to Winter break.

Michele Wiberg,
DeLong Middle School Principal

Upcoming Events

Dec. 8 - 6th Gr. Choir Concert 7 p.m.	Dec. 23-Jan. 2- Winter Break NO SCHOOL
Dec. 9 - Mid Quarter	Jan. 9 - 6th & 7th Registration Packets Handed Out
Dec. 13 - 7th Gr. Choir Concert 7 p.m..	Jan. 10 - 5th-6th Gr. Parent Info. Mtg. 6 p.m.
Dec. 15 - Orchestra Concert 7 p.m.	Jan. 12 - 6th Gr. Band Concert 7 p.m.
Dec. 19 - Wear Cowboy/Western Wear	Jan. 13 - 6th & 7th Registrations Due
Dec. 20 - Wear Class Colors 6-Green/7-Red/8-Blue	Jan. 16 - No School for Students
Dec. 21 - Dress Like an Old Person	
Dec. 22 - Wear Festive Sweaters	

HONORING OUR VETERANS



The 8th Grade Social Studies students hosted a ceremony on November 11, Veterans Day, to honor our nations veterans. Choir, band students added special musical selections to the event. The students had interviewed a veteran in their lives, and presented the information to all in attendance. Area veterans attended and families of the 8th grades.



Quick Links

[Community Events and Resources](#)
[ECASD Technology Support and Resources](#)
[November Lunch Menu](#)
[DeLong Website](#)
[Connect with DeLong on Facebook HERE](#)
[ECASD & Community Resources Newsletter](#)

Lots of Smiles at After School Clubs

Students in our afterschool clubs are busy learning and laughing with their friends. These are just a couple of the clubs offered this semester.



**Dungeons and Dragons
&
Fiber Arts**



Thrift Sale Benefits Special Education Dept.

DeLong is excited to announce that the Holiday Thrift Sale is back for the first time since 2019!

We have tons of fun things for sale this year that students can buy as gifts for family, friends, or themselves. All items will be sold for \$0.25. Students will have the opportunity to shop from December 13-15 during the school day. Proceeds support our Special Education Department.

Registration Information

January 9th, Monday. Students will be receiving an Academic Course Catalog that describes classes students can/will take in 7th or 8th grade. They will also receive a registration sheet that will be used to choose their elective courses.

The completed registration sheet is due by January 13th, Friday.

The counselors will be attending classes to explain the process with students during the school day. The Guides and Registration forms will be also available on the DeLong Website under the Student Services tab.

Incoming 5th to 6th grade parent information meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10th, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium.

November Great Knights

Each week students are recognized for their positive attitude and leadership. Congratulations to Novembers honorees, keep up the good work.



Veronica F., Eva M., Caroline D., Zoey K.,
Addie R., & Kali L.



Bently A., Perla G., Addie U.,
Paul G., & Lizzie B.



Jonathan S., Lukas K., Lexing Y., Dejnag V.
& Ethan G (not pictured)

Thank You Officer Ollmann

DeLong's School Resource Officer (SRO), Officer Ollmann, will be finishing his five year commitment and returning to his role in the EC Police Department.

We are grateful for everything he has done with our students and staff.



In January, we will be welcoming our new SRO, Officer Cullen

Student Council Holds Donation Drive

As it gets colder outside, the homeless can't stay outside for days and nights. We are collecting gloves, hats, scarves and warm socks for the Eau Claire Haven House. The Haven House is a place where homeless people can go during the day when they have to leave the shelters, but they can't be there for the whole day. That's also why they need warm clothes so they can conserve more of their energy. We're also collecting easy to carry, high energy foods like beef jerky, granola bars, and protein bars. They need high energy items so they can have more energy for staying warm.

Collection Dates: Monday, December 12 - Monday, December 19th

Warm clothing accessories: **Easy to carry, high energy food items:**

- Hats
- Mittens
- Scarves
- Warm Socks
- Beef Jerky
- Granola Bars
- Protein Bars

Drop off location: DeLong IMC

ECASD Winter Weather School Guidelines



It is that time of year to remind everyone the guidelines for inclement weather. Please go to this [link](#) for more information.

PTO Corner

Highlights from the November PTO Meeting

- Discussion on how we can provide equitable support for the teams, students and staff.
- Future fundraising ideas
- Building up the DeLong PTO
- Mini Grants past and future

Shopping on Amazon? Considering using Amazon Smile Gives Back program while shopping on Amazon by using this [link](#) to have .5% of your purchases to the PTO.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 6 to 7 p.m. in the library. To contact our PTO board email at DeLongPTO@gmail.com

In Search of Mentors

The DeLong Mentor program is looking for a few adults who are able sharing their experience and knowledge with a student to help them achieve their goals. Mentors should be able to meet with their student on a regular basis, ideally weekly, during Knight Time, 1:20-2 p.m., on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

This program is benefit to students as they are able to receive one on one coaching, from a caring adult who is there to listen and guide them. The mentor gains the invaluable experience of encouraging a student to reach their full potential.

To apply to be a mentor at DeLong contact Karen Hauck, Partnership Coordinator at khauck@ecasd.us or 715-852-4907.



An Update From Your Family Advisory Council



The first meeting of the 2022-2023 Eau Claire Area School District Family Advisory Council (FAC) was held on October 4th. Superintendent Mike Johnson and Executive Director of Business Services Abby Johnson gave a detailed informational presentation about the upcoming Capital Referendum then answered questions, received feedback, and addressed the concerns of FAC members in attendance.

The second FAC meeting was held on November 1st. The meeting began with the selection of new FAC officers: Lyndsay Simmons (Roosevelt) and Jenna Murphy (Memorial) are this year's Co-chairs; Rob Geske (Northstar and North) is the Secretary. Superintendent Mike Johnson and Executive Director of Business Services Abby Johnson provided a Referendum status report on the continuing informational efforts of the District. Superintendent Johnson then provided an overview of the first quarter of the school year, future goals for the remainder of the school year, and the status of German programming.

About your FAC: FAC presents family concerns, opinions, and perspectives to the superintendent and school administrators. To learn more about FAC, please visit:
<https://ecasd.us/District/About/Family-Advisory-Council>.

Could You Be the DeLong FAC Representative?

As a Family Advisory Council member representing the parents of DeLong, you would be attending a meeting held on the first Tuesday of each month at the ECASD Administration Building starting at 7 p.m.

As a member of this committee, you would receive input from other parents at DeLong during our PTO meetings and a notice in our monthly newsletter.

Contact, Karen Hauck at 715-852-4907 or khauck@ecasd.us for more information on how to volunteer.

Knight's Pantry

Need a little help filling your kitchen cupboards? Let us help. Use of the pantry is confidential and there are no income requirements. Submit your orders on Monday's each week and pick up on Tuesday or Wednesday. Go to this link to submit an order.

<https://forms.office.com/r/7t5KtSnkts>

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**Knight's
Pantry is
Open**

The Details

- WEEKLY DISTRIBUTIONS
- NO INCOME REQUIREMENTS
- CONFIDENTIAL
- FAMILIES CHOOSE THE ITEMS THEY RECEIVE

Weekend kids meals provide weekend food items for your child each week from school.

FREE

Weekend Kid's Meals

SIGN YOUR KIDS
UP AT

WWW.ECASP.US/FMP



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HMONG PTA MEETS ON THE
2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE
MONTH FROM 7:00-8:00 PM
VIA ZOOM.

**CLICK HERE FOR
MORE INFORMATION**



Screen4Success: Screening for Health, Wellness, and Wellbeing

Talking with your kids early and often about underage drinking and other drug use can help keep them safe. But how do you know if your child needs more support, and where do you go to find it?

SAMHSA's new tool Screen4Success is designed to help parents and caregivers better understand health, wellness, and wellbeing of their children.

You can access the Screen4Success tool on a mobile device through the "Talk. They Hear You." campaign mobile app for free through the [Apple Store](#), [Google Play](#), and the [Microsoft Store](#). For more information, visit [SAMHSA's Screen4Success page](#).

This information is provided by The Alliance for Substance Misuse Prevention coalition, which works to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse. For more information or to sign up for the Alliance's Parent/Guardian Newsletter, visit www.getinvolvedasap.org

DELONG FAMILIES

Need a Winter Coat

Contact our Partnership
Coordinator or your
Counselor

Karen Hauck - Partnership Coordinator
khauck@ecasd.us
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Details

- No Income Requirements
- No Forms to Fill Out
- For Families In Need
- Confidential
- Student Can Choose
- Gloves, Hats and Boots Available
- Additional Clothing Available



COVID-19:

FREE Drive-Up
COVID-19 Testing
for ECASD
Students, Staff
and Their Families
Offered



Testing is recommended
for individuals if they
exhibit COVID-19
symptoms.

Beginning Monday, November 28, 2022, through a partnership with Wisconsin Department of Health Services, free drive-up testing for COVID-19 for ECASD students and staff will be offered Monday-Thursday at the following locations

Locust Lane
Elementary

Putnam
Heights
Elementary

Sherman
Elementary

3:30 - 6:30 PM

4:30 - 7:30 PM

4:30 - 7:30 PM

**Drive-up testing will only take place on days when school is in session.

Click Here For More
Information

[ENGLISH REGISTRATION FLYER](#)

OR

[SPANISH REGISTRATION FLYER](#)



Winter & Holiday Help



Listed below are organizations and program specific details that offer winter and holiday season assistance. If your family needs assistance in providing cold weather outerwear (coats, snow pants, boots, hats/gloves), please contact your child's school counselor or partnership coordinator. Additionally, if you are able to give back to our great community, please consider a donation to any of the organizations listed below or the ECASD Closet which provides resources to all students and families in need throughout the school year.

Agency	Activity/Program	Date/Time	Contact	Guideline
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Thanksgiving Lunch	November 24 th 11:30-1:00	715-835-4977	Everyone is welcome. Carry-out or dine-in meal. No registration required.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Thanksgiving-In-a-Box <small>*Box will include a turkey + Thanksgiving video. Food included will be uncooked, so families can prepare in their homes.</small>	Pick-up Tuesday, November 15 th @ The Community Table at scheduled time	Email volunteer@thecommutatble.org to reserve your box or via Facebook.	Boxes will be granted on a first come, first serve basis. Orders must be placed by November 14 th at 5 p.m.
Hope Gospel Mission 2650 Mercantile Drive	Thanksgiving Lunch	November 24 th 11:30-1:00	715-552-5566	Everyone is welcome. Inside sit-down meal offered or drive-through, take-out meal is also an option.
Hope Gospel Mission 2650 Mercantile Drive	Christmas Meal	December 17 th 11:30-1:00	715-552-5566	Everyone is welcome. Inside sit-down meal offered or drive-through, take-out meal is also an option.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Christmas Eve Lunch	December 24 th 11:30-1:00	715-835-4977	Everyone is welcome. Carry-out or dine-in meal. No registration required.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Christmas At The Community Table	December 25 th 9:00-11:00	715-835-4977	Everyone is welcome. Carry-out or dine-in meal. No registration required.
Salvation Army 2211 S. Hastings Way	Christmas Toy Assistance Program	Sign up: Oct. 10-Nov. 23 rd <small>*No late sign-ups will be accepted. *</small> M-Th both weeks, 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00	Amanda 715-834-1224	Application required. Must be picked up at site. Identification for all family members & proof of residency required in application process.
Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley 309 E. Lake Street	Christmas Gift Assistance	Sign-up: Oct. 17-Nov. 30 th <small>*No late sign-ups will be accepted. *</small> Application Drop-Off/Pick-Up Hours: M-Th 9:00-3:00	Michelle 715-834-1379 tcy@familypromise.org	Application required. Can be picked up at site or printed from Family Promise website: www.familypromise.org Identification for all family members & proof of residency required in application process.



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