



# NEED-TO-KNOW NEWSLETTER

March 2024

## DeLong Calendar

### March

- 7 - Forensics Competition
- 12 - PTO Game Knight @ DeLong
- 14 - Club 2 ends
- 19 - PTO Meeting in IMC (library)
- 21 - Variety Show, 7pm
- 22 - End of 3rd Quarter
- 25-29 - No School (Spring Break)

### April

- 4 - First day for 4th quarter sports
- 4 - Band 7 Concert, 7pm
- 8-19 - FORWARD exam
- 15 - No School
- 15 - School Board Meeting, 7pm
- 16 - Club 3 starts
- 16 - PTO Meeting in IMC (library)
- 18 - Band 8 Concert, 7pm
- 25 - Hmong Culture Performance, 5:30pm

If you would like help understanding this in Hmong or Spanish, please leave a message with your name and phone number at 715-852-5026 (Hmong) or 715-852-4924 (Spanish) and a bilingual aide will assist you.

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Si usted quiere ayuda en interpretar esta carta, por favor póngase en contacto con el asistente de educación bilingüe al 715-852-4924 y deje un mensaje con su nombre y número de teléfono.

## Quick Links

[March Lunch Menu](#)

[ECASD Technology Support and Resources](#)

[DeLong Website](#)

[Connect with us on Facebook HERE](#) 



## Principal's Message

Dear DeLong Families,

Thank you to everyone that attended our Family Conferences. The teachers were energized by the conversations with families, and we hope families felt the same way.

There is much we are looking forward to in the next few weeks. We are having our first Family Game Knight on Tuesday, March 12th, from 6-8pm. We are asking that students attend with an adult. We are looking forward to the Variety show, 4th quarter sports and of course Spring Break. Thanks again for all your support.

Michele Wiberg  
DeLong Middle School Principal

# School Announcements

## State Testing in April

Students will be preparing for the annual Wisconsin Forward Exam the weeks before and after Spring Break. All students will have the opportunity to view informational videos about the test and practice using the testing platform and its tools.

Official days of testing will be April 8-19th; make-up testing will be the week of April 22-26.

Students will need to make sure they are charging their laptops at night. Please encourage your child(ren) to get plenty of rest and eat a healthy breakfast.

The WI Forward Exam is an online summative assessment measuring students' cumulative progress from the past school year. It is administered in ELA and Math for grades 3-8, in Science for grades 4 & 8, and in Social Studies for grades 4, 8 & 10. The exam provides a measure of students' knowledge and skills required to be college- and career-ready.



## Knight's Pantry



The Knight's Pantry is available, free of charge, to our DeLong families who could use assistance keeping cupboards stocked and stretching their grocery budget. To be included in our weekly food distribution families must complete [this linked form](#) each week by 9 a.m. on Monday, which is when the form closes. The form opens again for the next week on Thursday afternoon. Families will be able to pick up their items on Tuesday-Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Attendance Office.

## Knight's Pantry donations

If you would like to donate items to our Knight's Pantry, we are in need of the following items:

- Boxed cereal
- Canned chicken or vegetable soup
- Salad dressing
- Ramen
- Pasta sauce
- Ketchup, mayo, mustard
- Deodorant

Please drop off items in the attendance office, labeled 'Knight's Pantry'. Thank you for considering donating!

## Yearbook order window closed

The window to order a 2024 yearbook from Jostens has closed. We *may* have a limited number of books to sell at the end of May. Please have your student listen for announcements concerning yearbook distribution when the time gets closer.

## Variety Show

Variety Show auditions are currently underway! We are excited to see all of the talent students are preparing to share. Acts could include a variety of musical performances, singing, dancing and comedy. Our family performance will be Thursday, March 21st at 7pm in the DeLong Auditorium. The following day, Friday, March 22nd, we will be performing once for each grade level!



# Knight Highlights



## J.A. in a Day



In the afternoon 8th graders visited two different businesses for a career field trip.

Keynote speaker Adam Condin, owner of Blue Ox Running, shared about his career journey.



8th graders attended a career "fair" at DeLong. Individuals from various businesses, agencies, and organizations spoke to them about career opportunities.



## 'The Wizard of Oz'

Students performed for their families and peers on Feb. 22 & 23

**BRAVO!**



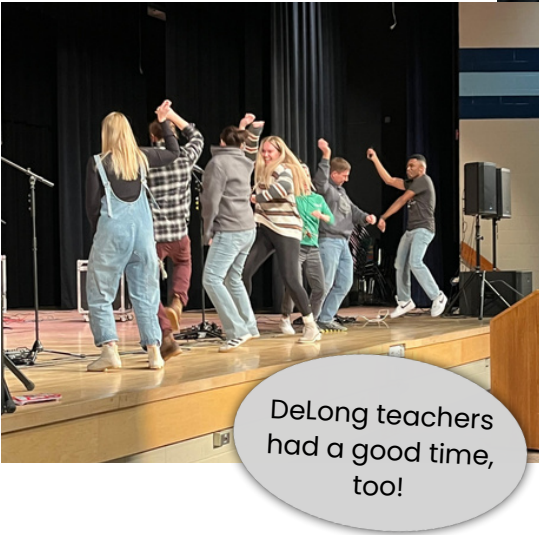


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## Terrence Talley Visit

7th & some of our 8th graders had a visit from motivational speaker Terrence Lee Talley, where they received the messages 'you are loved' and 'you are not alone'.



DeLong teachers had a good time, too!




February Great Knights



# News from our PTO

On **Tuesday, March 12** the PTO and DeLong MS will host a family Game Knight from 6-8 PM. Play board games or do crafts with family and friends in the IMC. Feel free to B.Y.O.B.G. (bring your own board game) or choose from those provided. We will also be hosting Bingo, Trivia, and Family Feud in the auditorium. Just like other sporting or extracurricular events, we ask that every 4 students be accompanied by an adult, who should remain for the entirety of the event.

 In order to make this event a success, **we are in need of volunteers** to sign in visitors, give out snacks, help with games/activities, and bring bars/cookies. Please use [this link](#) to sign up.



**FAMILY GAME KNIGHT**  
Hosted by our DeLong PTO

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**  
**6:00-8:00 PM**  
**DELONG I.M.C. & AUDITORIUM**

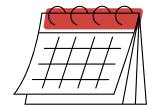
 **BINGO**       **trivia**       **crafting**       **board games**

...and more! Feel free to BYOBG (bring your own board game!)

## February Meeting Recap:

- Approved the mini-grants for teachers (\$300 max each), which will go to:
  - Power of Perception dinner (\$300)
  - Music staff white board for Orchestra (\$300)
  - "Game on DeLong" purchase of board games to play before school on Fridays in the IMC (\$250)
  - Crafting supplies for afterschool clubs (\$100)
  - Exploratorium science and robotics kits (\$300)
  - new stove for Family/Consumer Education classes. (\$300)
- PTO will donate \$300 towards supplying students with snacks during FORWARD exam testing.
- Every year, PTO purchases 8th grade graduation T-shirts. New this year thanks to your generous No-buy, No-sell donations, PTO is supplying money towards the end of year field trip for all grade levels.

## March 19th Meeting:



Our meetings are always the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is **March 19 at 6 pm** in the IMC (library). You can attend virtually. Video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/gtv-kiju-drc>  
Or dial: (US) +1 413-438-4170 PIN: 957 139 186#

*Thank you for your generous food donations for Parent-Teacher conferences. DeLong PTO also supplied Toppers pizza. We heard that the teachers were very grateful for the food on their long day of conferences.*

## Please contact the Executive Committee with any questions:

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You can view all of our previous meeting minutes on the [DeLong PTO page](#).

# Community News

## Summer Programs 2024

Summer Program Registration began online March 2 and will end on March 22. Athletics registration will be open throughout the summer. Letters should have arrived in mailboxes with student IDs and instructions on how to register. The guide is also online at

[www.ecasd.us/summer](http://www.ecasd.us/summer). Families can pick up extra guides at their school and at the Administration Building.

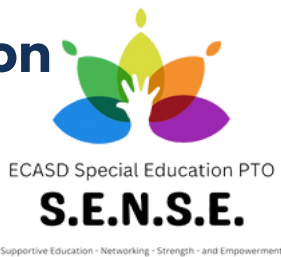
A reminder that if your student is enrolled in school year band, they will be automatically enrolled in summer school band.

Summer program busing registration runs through March 29. If you qualify for busing during the school year, you qualify for busing during the summer. All elementary students who register for summer programming and who qualify for busing during the school year will automatically be registered for summer busing. All middle and high school families who need busing will need to register through the busing form on Skyward. There will also be free breakfast and lunch at all schools.

## Special Education Resource Fair

Join the SENSE Special Education PTO-ECASD for their Resource Fair on

**Tuesday, March 12, from 4:00–6:30 pm** at the LE Phillips Public Library. All are welcome! If you support a child or young adult with learning differences of special needs and would like to learn more about the resources we have in our community, this is for you! Find out more [here](#).



We're celebrating National School Social Worker Week and the tremendous impact social workers have on the lives of our students and families! School social workers are trained mental health professionals who provide services related to individuals' social, emotional, and life adjustment to school and society. If you would like to get in touch with our school social worker Ms. Schichel: [bschichell@ecasd.us](mailto:bschichell@ecasd.us) or 715.852.4923. Thank you for all that you do for our DeLong students, Ms. Schichel!

## ECASD Family Climate Survey

We care about your opinion! On March 4th, families received an email invitation from Superintendent Mike Johnson to complete the [ECASD Family Climate Survey](#). The information we learn from you will help us to know what we're doing well and where we need to improve. Families will have until Sunday, March 17 to complete this survey.

Find more community events for families & students [here](#)!



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