



Need to Know Newsletter October 2022

Dear DeLong Families,

Thanks for a great start to the school year. It is hard to believe that it is October already. Last month we celebrated DeLong's 50th anniversary and had a great turnout. It was so fun to see past, current, and future Knights. As we head into October, we have a lot of things to look forward to. We have Family/Teacher conferences coming up and we are looking forward to connecting with as many of you as possible either virtually or in person, our after-school club sign up will be coming out, and of course Halloween will be here before you know it. I cannot say enough how much we appreciate and value your continued support.

Michele Wiberg, DeLong Middle School Principal

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW 8TH GRADE COUNSELOR



Greetings! My name is Katie Bergeron and I am the new 8th grade school counselor at DeLong. I am excited to be a Knight and support our 8th graders and help get them prepared for high school and beyond.

I come to DeLong with 16 years of experience in education. I have worked with middle schoolers for the past four years and love seeing students learn and grow over this important time in their lives. I look forward to continuing to meet families and work together to support our students. Please reach out if you have any questions or to say hello.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES OCTOBER 13TH

Parents and guardians were emailed earlier this week instructions on how to sign up for a conference time with their students' teachers. Conferences are available both in person at DeLong and virtually. For those who are attending in person, make sure to stop by the Bookfair in the library and look over the Lost and Found to see if there are any items that belong to your student.

DELONG 50 YEARS CELEBRATION

In September we hosted a 50th anniversary open house at DeLong and one of the highlights of the evening was a video about DeLong.



L to R Tom Kidd, Health; John Joas, Art; Don Hauser, Spec. Ed.; Mike Murphy, Technology

Please take a few moments

and watch this video to find out how our school came to be and has continued as one of the best middle schools in the region.

[DeLong 50th Anniversary Video](#)

RETAKE REORDER



Picture Retake Day

Thursday, October 6

[ORDER ONLINE HERE](#)

Go to this link to order your students photos [MyLifetouch](#)

DELONG PTO REBOOT

After the Covid pause, our DeLong PTO is ready to reboot, and YOU can be a part of it. October 18th the PTO will be having an open meeting, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the IMC. There is much to discuss and many ways that you can make an impact on our students, staff, and school environment.

Please check out our DeLong PTO page for more information and we look forward to seeing you at our meeting on the 18th.

[PTO Information](#)

PTO HOSTING LUNCH DURING FAMILY CONFERENCES

To show our appreciation for the wonderful and hardworking staff at DeLong, the PTO is organizing a potluck lunch during Family Conference Day on Thurs., Oct. 13. This year we are serving a nacho bar for approximately 100 staff. On the DMS volunteering form, you indicated that you may be interested in providing food for staff. If this is a good match for you, please see the SignUp.com link to volunteer to contribute to this meal. Thank you, in advance, for your help and thank you to those who have already signed up!

[Sign Up Conference Potluck](#)

If you are unable to bring or help at the conference meal consider donating to the PTO to help cover the cost of items not donated. Donations can be dropped off at our attendance office, labeled PTO or by using our PTO Pay Pal account. [DeLong PTO PAYPAL DONATION](#)

DELONG STUDY CLUB IS BACK!

Our Study Club is the place to be afterschool. Students do not have to be registered to attend Study Club, they can just drop-in afterschool and stay until 4 p.m., student can only leave before 4 p.m. if a parent gives permission. The club meets on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays in Mrs. Huston's room 1231, by the library. There are UWEC students who are working with our students during this time.

Study Club is a place to have extra time to work on a project, receive help on homework or on something that a student may be struggling to master. Whatever reason Study Club is open to all students. If you have any questions, please reach out Mrs. Huston at shuston@ecasd.us.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are key component to the success of students at DeLong. Please take a few moments to fill out the Parent Volunteer Interest Form at the following link to let us know how you might be able to help at DeLong and with our DeLong PTO. [Click HERE](#)

BOOKFAIR AT DELONG

DeLong is hosting a bookfair during parent teacher conferences, on October 13th, we are excited to be able to bring this opportunity to our students and families. The bookfair supports our library to bring additional books and resources for our students each year.

- All students will visit the fair with their ELA or Reading class
- Open each school day from 7:15 a.m-7:28 a.m. & 2:51 p.m.- 3:05 p.m.
- Open during Oct. 13th Family Teacher Conferences.

Starting October 7th – 20th there will be an online option to shop and support our DeLong Library and families are able to set up and eWallet, for a cash free way for their student to shop during class time. Use this link to set up the eWallet before you student shops, and after October 7th use it to shop at your leisure.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/delongmiddleschool1>

We are looking for a few volunteers to help staff the bookfair on Thursday, October 13th. There are additional days and times needed during the school days, also. All volunteers will need to have a current background check on file with the ECASD. Contact our partnership coordinator to find out how you can help.



DID YOU KNOW?

Parents and guardians can report their student's absences from their phone using Skyward's Mobile App. Here is a short 60 second video on using the mobile app to submit absence requests:

<https://www.skyward.com/parents-and-students/family-access-toolkit/parents/video/power-up-absence-requests>

DELONG 2ND QUARTER SPORTS

Dance, 7th and 8th grade boys basketball and girls swimming are offered to our students during 2nd quarter. To find out all the details on how to have your student involved check out this link 2nd Quarter Sports Information. [2nd Quarter Sports Information](#).



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

STARTING NOVEMBER 7TH

- ✓ Free
- ✓ After School until 4:30 p.m.
- ✓ Something for Every Interest

WATCH YOUR EMAIL

The graphic features a blue and white color scheme with a photo of three students sitting at a table and talking. A button at the bottom right says 'WATCH YOUR EMAIL' with a right-pointing arrow.

ECASD SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR OCTOBER

The beginning of the school year can be a difficult time for students. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) created The Three C's to help you and your child feel supported as you talk about mental health and wellness, identify concrete support, and connect empathetically at home. Please see the links below. For more information about school based mental health resources in the ECASD, please reach out to your child's guidance counselor or to Sami Behnke, our school based mental health coordinator, at 715-852-3803.

- [10-Questions-for-Tuesday_Spanish_2022.pdf](#)
- [10-Question-Tuesday_English_2022.pdf](#)
- [A-Week-of-Wellness_English_2022\(1\).pdf](#)
- [A-Week-of-Wellness_-Spanish_2022.pdf](#)
- [Back-School-Resource-3cs-Spanish.pdf](#)
- [The-Three-C-s-Parent-Guardians_-English_2022\(1\).pdf](#)

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

The Eau Claire Area School District, in partnership with Safe Routes to School, would like your thoughts about your child walking and biking to school! This [quick survey](#) will take 5-10 minutes. Share your concerns, your top three problem intersections, and express why you do or don't allow your child to walk to school. Thank you for taking the time to take the survey!

WINTER CLOTHING

If your student is in need of winter coats, boots, hats, and gloves, please contact our Partnership Coordinator for assistance in receiving these items.

KNIGHT'S PANTRY

Everyone from time to time needs a little something, If your family could use a little help filling your cupboards submit an order from our Knight's Pantry at this link each week by Monday morning, pick up your order on Tuesday and Wednesday's. <https://forms.office.com/r/7t5KtSnkts> Any questions please contact our partnership coordinator.

If you would like to donate to our pantry or to our supplier, Feed My People, please contact Partnership Coordinator, Karen Hauck at 715-852-4907 or khauck@ecasd.us



Knights Pantry is Open

The Details

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

The graphic is split into three sections. The top left has a yellow background with the text 'Knights Pantry is Open' and a small knight logo. The top right shows a hand reaching into a pantry filled with various food items. The bottom left shows a red shopping basket filled with groceries in a store aisle. The bottom right has a yellow background with the heading 'The Details' and a list of four bullet points.

WEEKEND KID'S MEALS

Weekend Kids Meals (WKM) are offered through Feed My People are going to look a little different in middle school this year. Feed My People has asked that each middle school that has a food pantry fill the WKM from their pantry each week.



This is great news for students and families as it will allow a little customization in what they receive. If your family has requested WKM you will be receiving more information.

Each week students will receive the WKM in their lockers to take home on Friday's or if a family prefers an adult can pick up at the school earlier in the week.

For more information on the Weekend Kids Meals please contact our Partnership Coordinator at 715-852-4907 or at khauck@ecasd.us

ADULT CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED!

Are you looking for a flexible and fun position working with Eau Claire Area School District students and families? We are looking for two regular-shift adult crossing guards and three substitute adult crossing guards to help our students get to and from school safely.

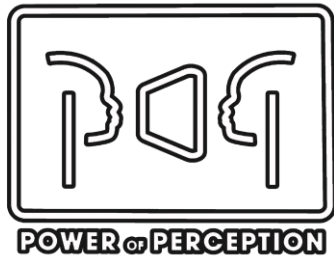
This position is a great opportunity for a retired person, college student, stay-at-home parent, or just someone who wants to pick up some extra hours. The position starts at \$13.88 per hour, is one to 1 ½ hours in the morning and again in the afternoon and pays mileage from residence to the assigned position both ways. If interested, please call Brian Marks, Safety and Security Manager, at 715-852-3025, email bmarks@ecasd.us, or stop by 500 Main St to complete a paper application

POWER OF PERCEPTION: DMS CHAPTER

Power of Perception is a mentorship program that provides resources for 6th-12th grade African American and biracial students in the Eau Claire Area School District. DeLong is excited to announce that we are partnering with Mr. Dennis Beale (founder of POP) at DeLong Middle School to provide our students with Power of

Perception at school. This group is open to all African American and Biracial students and promises to be a wonderful opportunity to

form community, learn, and increase leadership skills.



The DMS Chapter of Power of Perception will meet monthly, and we are excited that your student wants to join. The first meeting will be October 11th. These meetings will alternate between 2nd and 3rd hour each month, and your child will be responsible to make up any work missed. Please sign this form and have your student return it at our next Power of Perception: DMS Chapter meeting so we know you are aware of their membership in this group. You can also email shuston@ecasd.us with a note giving your permission.

EAU CLAIRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2022 CAPITAL REFERENDUM

As many of you are aware, the Eau Claire Area School District is going to a capital referendum on November 8, 2022, to address aging infrastructure, to improve the learning environments for our students, and to continue necessary reinvestment in our buildings.

This \$98.6M referendum question will address major capital (building) projects at South Middle School, Memorial and North High Schools, and Putnam Heights Elementary School. In addition, projects at Northstar Middle School, Locust Lane, Manz, Meadowview,

Northwoods, Sam Davey, and Sherman Elementary Schools will be included.

We have established a web page for you to visit for more information including [Frequently Asked Questions](#), details on upcoming [Information Sessions](#), and a [2022 Referendum Fact Sheet](#) which contains the scope of the capital projects at the buildings.

Please consider joining us for an information session on one of the following dates:

Thursday, October 6, 6:30-7:30 pm, at South Middle School IMC

Tuesday, October 11, 6:30-7:30 pm, at North High School IMC

Thursday, October 20, 6:30-7:30 pm, at Memorial High School IMC

We also encourage you to email us at 2022referendum@ecasd.us with questions about the upcoming referendum.

Community Conversations:
**SCHOOL FUNDING IN
EAU CLAIRE**

Guest Speaker

Tom McCarthy
Executive Director of the
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Monday, October 10, 2022

Northstar Middle School
2711 Abbe Hill Dr, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Dinner at 6 pm
Conversation & Questions
from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Register Here!

Hosted in partnership with Wisconsin PTA and ECASD.

QUICK LINKS

[October Lunch Menu](#)

[Community Events and Resources](#)

[ECASD Technology Support and Resources](#)

[DeLong Website](#)

Connect with DeLong on Facebook [HERE](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6 – Picture Re-Take Day

October 13, 7:45 a.m. - 8:15 p.m. – Family Teacher Conferences

October 14, No School

October 17, No School

October 18, 6 p.m. PTO Meeting

November 3, 2nd Quarter Sports Start

November 4, End of 1st Quarter

