



DELONG

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Need to Know Newsletter September 2023

We Are Off to a Great Start!

Thank you!

The start of the new school year is always filled with excitement for staff, students, and families, and this year was no different. The students are quickly adapting to their schedules, lockers, expectations, and of course meeting new people.

The support of the families is key to the success of our students. Our staff appreciates the effort that families put into guiding their students to be successful.

This fall we are looking forward to the watching the athletic fields filled with student athletes, the start of clubs and family teacher conferences.

Michele Wiberg, DeLong Middle School Principal

WHY DO YOU NEED MY ID?

Last year ECASD implemented a new safety measure called Raptor. Anytime a visitor comes to the school during the school day and will be outside of the main office area of our school they are to bring identification. A special name tag will be printed, and each person will be asked to stop back into the attendance office before they leave the school.

For any afterschool or larger school event such as a concert this will not be required.

SKYLERT (INCLUDES TEXTING) STAY INFORMED/STAY CONNECTED

The Eau Claire Area School District uses the Skylert system to communicate with families about emergency situations, weather-related delays/cancellations, and daily

attendance. To sign up for Skylert text messages, follow these steps:

1. Log in to Family Access via your Skyward account and click on the **Skylert** option listed on the left side.
2. To receive text messages, add all cell phone numbers in the **Test Message Numbers** section in the middle of the screen. (Check with carrier for possible charges.)
3. Click on all notification options (School Hours Emergency, Attendance, General...) you would like to receive under **My Skyward Contact Info** AND the **Additional Contact Info** areas. (School Hours Emergency, Attendance, and Non-School Hours Emergency are required categories; you will not be able to uncheck them in the first section.)
4. Add additional phone numbers and/or email addresses in the Additional Contact Information area.
5. Be sure to click the **Save** button before you exit.

FREE AND REDUCED INFORMATION

Thank you for submitting your Household Meal Application each year! These applications are critical because they help the Eau Claire Area School District receive funding for many school programs. If you believe that your student(s) may qualify for free or reduced-price meals, please complete the short application on the last page. **A new application is required every year unless you received a letter from the Food and Nutrition Department stating that you do not need to complete an application this school year.**

*Online Applications for School Year 2023-24!

You can easily apply online for free or reduced price meals for the 2023-24 school year [HERE](#).

If you fill out an online application, there is no need to fill out a paper application.

To apply for free or reduced price meals, fill out the Free & Reduced Price School Meals Application available at all schools or the Food & Nutrition Office. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out ALL required information. Return the completed application to the school or the Food & Nutrition Office at 500 Main Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701. If you have any questions or need help, please contact the Food and Nutrition Office at (715) 852-3061.

PTO NEWS

Welcome back, DeLong Knights! As a parent or guardian of a student at DeLong Middle School you are already a member of our PTO! The mission of DeLong's PTO is to **unite staff, family, and the community while raising the standards of education, encouraging involvement within the school, and raising funds to support these goals.**

We currently provide hospitality events at the beginning of the school year and food/meals for teachers during parent teacher conferences and Teacher Appreciation Week. We give financial support to teachers and students by providing mini grants for a special need or innovative effort that will benefit DeLong students. New this year, we are planning fun events for the DeLong community outside of school hours.

Our PTO needs both financial support and volunteer time to bring new ideas to life and to assist with the special events we sponsor throughout the school year. You'll find that you can be an active member of your PTO without a large time commitment.

The PTO page on the DeLong website has been updated. You can find meeting dates, meeting minutes, and contact information for our new board members.

President: Emily Sternfeld-Dunn
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Secretary: Rebecca Pick
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Treasurer: Julia Johnson
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If you would like to learn more about the PTO or have ideas on how the PTO can continue to grow and support our community, please join us at our monthly meeting **every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm** in the DeLong IMC (library). You will also be able to attend virtually. We hope to see you soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 19 – PTO Monthly Meeting/DeLong IMC

Sept 29 – PTO Family Movie Knight

Sept 29 – Mid-Quarter

Oct 5 - Picture Re-Take Day

Oct 12 – No School/Family Teacher Conferences - 7:45am-8:15pm

Oct 13 – No School/Fall Break

Oct 16 – No School/Staff Development

Oct 26 – End of 1st Qt Sports

QUICK LINKS

[September Lunch Menu](#)

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