



NEED-TO-KNOW NEWSLETTER

January 2024

DeLong Calendar

January

- 8 - High School Preview Night
- 9 - 5th to 6th Grade Parent Night
- 11 - Band 6 Concert, 7PM
- 11- High School registration cards due
- 15 - No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- 16 - PTO Meeting, 6PM
- 19 - End of Quarter 2
- 19 - Ski Trip to Christie Mountain
- 22 & 23 - No School (Staff Development)
- 29 - Club 2 starts

February

- 1 - MathCounts Regional Meet
- 5 - 5th Grade Band Parent Meeting, 6PM
- 7 - 5th Grade Band Parent Meeting, 4PM
- 15 - 5th Grade Orchestra Parent Meeting, 6PM
- 16 - Ski Trip to Christie Mountain
- 20 - PTO Meeting, 6PM
- 22 - School Play, 7PM
- 29 - Family/Teacher Conferences (No School)

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

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Principal's Message

Dear DeLong Families,

Can you believe we are almost at the end of second quarter? We have had so many great activities the first half of the year. Music concerts, field trips, sporting events, grade level celebrations, and school bingo are just a few examples.

Wednesday, January 24th is the beginning of 3rd quarter. Please encourage your child to get involved in a 3rd quarter activity, we have a number to choose from. I know the second half of the year is going to be just as good if not better than the first half.

Thanks again for all of your continued support,

Michele Wiberg
DeLong Middle School Principal

School Announcements

Ms. Mayberry awarded the Golden Apple



Ms. Mayberry received the Golden Apple Award! On December 18, a surprise visit was made to Ms. Mayberry's classroom to let her know the good news. Congratulations, Ms. Mayberry, and thank you for all you do for our students and school!

As stated on the Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation website, "The Golden Apple is awarded by nomination from peers and distinguishes one outstanding educator in each of the twenty Eau Claire Area School District schools, as well as one honoree awarded for districtwide support roles."

After School Clubs start Jan. 29

The next season of after-school clubs is from Jan. 29–March 19. Clubs take place after school until 4:30PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. There are no fees required to participate. Students will not be able to be involved in a sport offering and a club during the same quarter. Watch your email for more information!

Yearbook

Yearbook orders are due by **March 1st**. Order yours at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) or use [this link](#).

Attention 8th graders! If you would like your baby picture included in the 2024 yearbook, NOW is the time! Pictures should be turned in to room 2131 or emailed to szeman@ecasd.us **by January 12th**. Please make sure your picture is of good quality!

6th to 7th & 7th to 8th Registration

On Monday, **January 8th**, 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 **Friday, January 12**.

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.

High School Counselors will be here **Friday, January 5th** to discuss the options for our 8th graders entering high school next year.



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.

DeLong Thrift Sale a success!



Thank you all for making the EBD (Emotional Behavioral Disability) Holiday Thrift sale a success! It would not have been possible without the help of the staff in the building but also the countless shoppers. It was wonderful to see all the students who bought items to give to family and friends during the holiday break. In return the money received will go to help support some of the many special education programs here at DeLong.

Guthrie Field Trip Recap

The Guthrie field trip to see *A Christmas Carol* was a smashing success! Six buses full of DeLong Knights traveled to Minneapolis to see the Charles Dicken's classic come to life before their very eyes. The costumes, sound effects, staging, and acting were all at a level many students had never experienced before, and they gave it rave reviews. We look forward to continuing this yearly tradition that somehow gets better every year!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..	When a student misses 4 days a month..
They will miss 20 DAYS a year.	They will miss 40 DAYS a year.
They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.	They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.
They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.	They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

Accessing your Student's Library Account



Custodial parents or guardians of a student, who is under the age of 16, may choose to access their student's library account. ECASD students have an individual login account which allows them to check out both print books and eBooks. If you wish to get a copy of your student's login information, please ask your student. Directions for accessing student library accounts may be found [here](#).

Knight Highlights



DeLong Food Drive

December's food drive to benefit DeLong families & Feed My People was a great success! Feed My People told us that it was one of the largest collections they had of the year, and our drive was covered in the Leader-Telegram. A big thank you to our DeLong families for helping make a difference in our community. And a special thanks to our National Junior Honor Society students for helping spread the word about the food drive and collecting items.



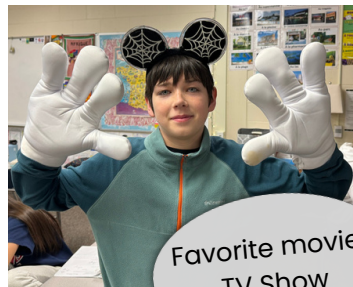
December Great Knights



December Dress-Up Days



Students dress like staff/staff dress like students



Favorite movie/ TV show



News from our PTO

Thank you again for your generous donations to DeLong. In December, the PTO hosted two celebrations for meeting fundraising goals. For the first celebration, three “lucky” teachers agreed to be duct taped to the wall during the three lunch periods with two of the three sticking successfully to the wall. A huge thank you for Mr Mauer, Mr Long, and Ms. Stanek for being so brave. The second celebration was an All-School Bingo during Knight Time. The winners enjoyed selecting a prize of chips, candy, or a book.



December Meeting Recap:

For the December meeting, Ryan Sherman, DeLong School Counselor, explained and answered questions about registering for middle school electives and high school courses. We finalized the Mini-Grant guidelines and a timeline for submissions. We also brainstormed ideas for the Spring PTO family event. It will happen in March.

January 16th Meeting:

Please come to the January meeting or reach out to the PTO if you would like to be involved with the next event. At the next meeting, we will also start planning hospitality for the Parent-Teacher Conferences in February. At every meeting there is an update from Principal Michele Wiberg and from a Family Advisory Council member.

Our meetings are always the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is **January 16 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#

NO BUY NO SELL FUNDRAISER:

tax deduction information

We are in the process of sending out tax deduction information to those of you who generously contributed to our fundraiser this year. We have good records of those who sent in a check and/or donated via PayPal. If you donated cash and would like to receive a donation letter, please email Emily at president@delongpto.com to request one. We hope the New Year finds you healthy and happy!

Please contact the Executive Committee with any questions:

- Emily Sternfeld-Dunn, President: president@delongpto.com
- Tiffany Leighton-Giffey, Vice President: vicepresident@delongpto.com
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- Julia Johnson, Treasurer: treasurer@delongpto.com

REMINDER

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

Community News

Open Enrollment is Feb. 5– Apr. 30, 2024

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows students and families **who don't live in our district** to open enroll into the Eau Claire Area School District. Wisconsin residents in grades K-12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. More information can be found [here](#).

The regular open enrollment application window will be February 5, 2024, through April 30, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents may submit online applications beginning February 5, 2024, at the Wisconsin Department of Instruction website at <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. Please call 715-852-3127 or email districtadministration@ecasd.us for more information.



DeLong is De-Best!

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