DELONG MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEED-TO-KNOW NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026



DeLong Calendar

January

1-2 - No School/Winter Break
6 - 5th to 6th Parent Knight Aud 6pm
8 - 6th & 7th Grade Registration Cards Due
8 - Band 6 Concert 7pm
12 - High School Preview Night
13 - Band 7 Concert 7pm
15 - HS Registration Cards Due
15 - 2nd Qt Sports End
19 - No School/Martin Luther King Jr. Day
20 - 3rd Qt Sports Start
20 - PTO Meeting IMC 5pm
22 - End of Qt 2
23 & 26 No School/Staff Development
27 - Club 2 Starts
29 - MathCounts Regional @ DeLong

February

5 - 5th Grade String Parent Meeting 6pm
10 - 5th Grade Band Parent Meeting 6pm
12 - 5th Grade Band Parent Meeting 4pm
13 - Ski Trip - Christie Mt
17 - JA in a Day
17 - Juntos Night - 5pm
17 - PTO Meeting 5pm
20 - PTO Game Knight 6pm
26 - Mid-Quarter
26 - FTC/Evening
27 - No School/FTC - During Day

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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

[January Lunch Menu]
[ECASD Technology Support and Resources]
[DeLong Website]
[Community Events & Resources]
[Connect with us on Facebook HERE]

Principal's Message

Dear DeLong Families,

Can you believe we are almost at the end of the 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.

Tuesday, January 27th 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.

Warm regards,
Michele Wiberg
DeLong Middle School Principal

Announcements



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

On **Monday, January 5th**, 6th & 7th grade 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 Thursday, January 8th.**
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.

8th to 9th Grade Registration

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 Thursday, January 8th** to discuss the options for our 8th graders entering high school next year. Registration will be **due on January 15th.**



Announcements

Club Session 2 Starts Jan. 27th

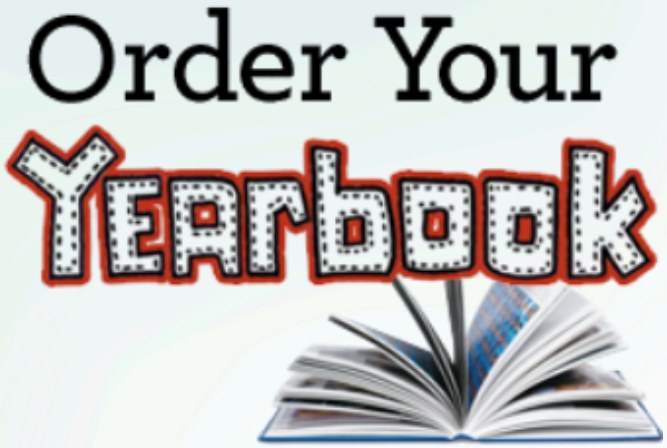


The next season of after-school clubs is from **Jan. 27-March 12**. Clubs take place **after school until 4:30PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays**. There are no fees required to participate. Students will not be able to be involved in a sport offering and a club during the same quarter. Watch your email for more information!

Yearbook

January 30th is the last day for parents to order a personalized yearbook (book with name/icons).

February 20th is the last day to guarantee a yearbook. If you have not ordered a yearbook yet, here is the DeLong link.





Attention 8th Grade Families: If you would like your child's baby picture included in the 2025-26 yearbook, NOW is the time! Pictures can be uploaded to Jostens using the following QR code or link. The deadline to submit a baby picture is Friday, January 16th. If you have any questions, please email jzawacki@ecasd.us.

Photo Dropbox Link
Photo Dropbox QR Code:

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.





Clubs Session 1























December Great Knights







Announcements

8th Grade Students & Parents

AVID 9 is 0.5 credit elective class at both North and Memorial. Students Currently receive an S/U grade.

This yearlong class meets every other day, alternating with a study hall. AVID students develop student skills around notetaking, collaboration, organization, and critical thinking to succeed in their classes and beyond.

Interested? Let the counselor know at registration. AVID is not listed in the coursebook. We will reach out to you with more information and an application.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Erickson or Mrs. Gullicksrud! Information about AVID.



AVID is also a yearlong, daily elective class at DeLong for 7th and 8th graders!
Interested students should check AVID on their registration form, and they will receive an application.

For more information, click here: Awareness of the AVID Elective_DMS.pptx

DeLong Food Drive





The DeLong Student Council would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to all the families who contributed to this year's community collection. Your generosity will make a meaningful impact through **Feed My People Food Bank**, helping support those in need in our community.

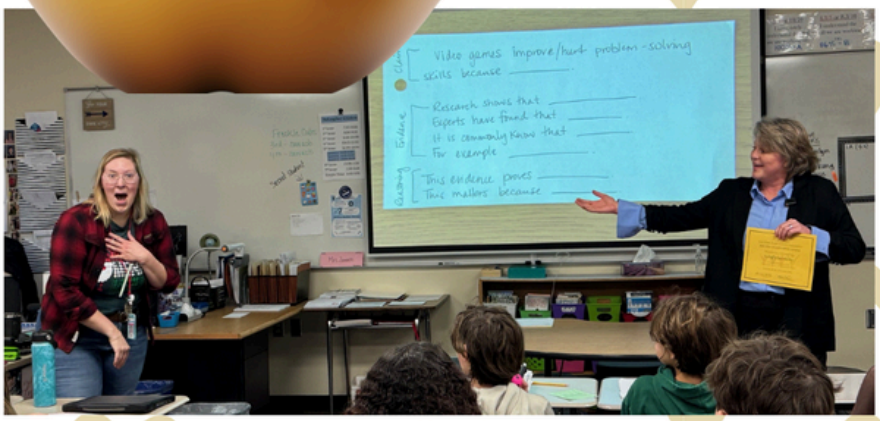
Thanks to your support, we collected **over 1,100 items** this year—an incredible increase of nearly **400 more items than last year**! This growth reflects the compassion and commitment of our DeLong community.

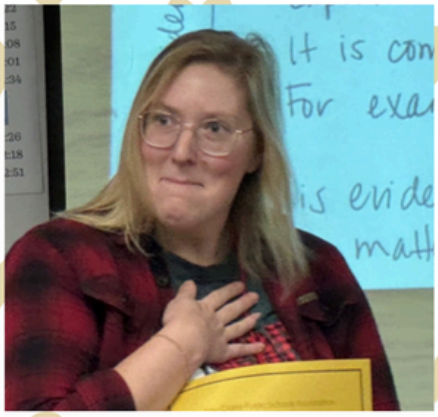
Thank you again for your continued kindness and support. Together, we are making a difference.

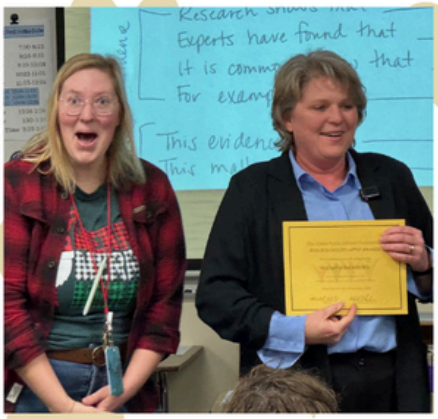




DeLong's Golden Apple Awarded To:











Elizabeth Ehrenberg

News From Our PTO

At our last PTO meeting we went over the remaining details about the mini-grants. Many teachers already used their mini-grant money and gave us updates and thank you cards. We funded several exciting applications including craft supplies for 7th grade SEL, posters for the band room, books for the Great Knights winners, BouncyBands, a subscription to Tunes in Transit, and a DJ and Photo Booth for the Spring Fun Knight.

Thank you so much for granting 7th grade money for SEL/Crafting supplies! We use these in our quarter reward days and any Knight Time clubs to help students connect with each other while learning or making something creative. This has such an impact on how they talk with each other & giving them a shared experience.
Thanks!
Karen Gullicksrud & 7th Grade Teachers

Thank you for the grant to buy new buzzers for our MathCounts team! These buzzers will make our competitions locally more authentic...similar to regional and state meets. Which will help our students feel better prepared. Similarly, the buzzers will make our practices more engaging and help our students practice their math skills in a fun and interactive way. Your support means a lot to the DeLong Mathcounts program and to the students who are excited to learn and grow through competitive math. We truly appreciate your commitment to enriching their experience!
Sincerely,
Karyn Wajda & Caryn Stanek

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution to purchase books for the Great Knight's cart. Your support helps us provide students with exciting new reading opportunities and fosters a love of learning that will last a lifetime. Thank you for investing in our students' success and making a positive impact on their educational journey. We truly appreciate all you do!
Thanks again,
Jill Preston

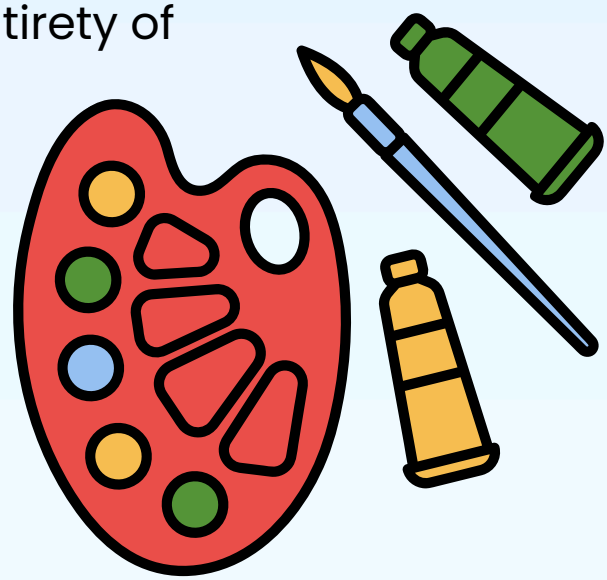
Thank You so much for the grant money to pay for the DJ for our February Fun Knight! The DJ & Photobooth has been a great addition and the students really enjoy it. We truly appreciate your generosity!
DMS Staff & Caryn Stanek

DeLong PTO Game Knight

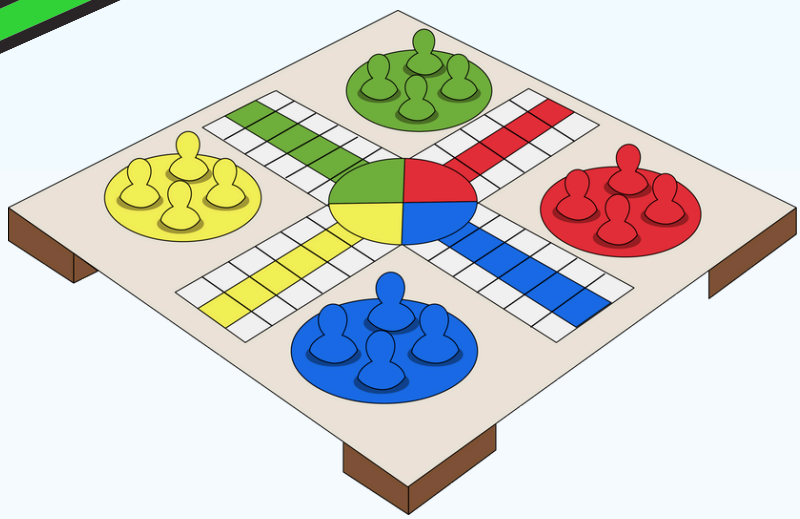


PTO will be hosting **DeLong Game Knight Friday, February 20, from 6-8 pm**. We will have games, puzzles and crafts in the IMC. We will also host a bingo and team trivia game with awesome prizes. We would love a volunteer to MC our Bingo and Trivia. You don't need plan it, just show up and channel a game show host! New this year, the gym will be open to play basketball or other sports. Per district policy, we ask that every 4 students be accompanied by an adult, who should remain for the entirety of the event.









News from our PTO

PTO January Meeting:

Please join us for the **January 20 meeting at 5 pm**. We will continue planning the DeLong Game Knight, Staff Appreciation Week, and staff meals for Spring Conferences. At every meeting there is an update from Principal Michele Wiberg and from a Family Advisory Council member.

Do you have a question about DeLong? Send a message to president@delongpto.com and we will find an answer for you at our next meeting!



Our meetings are usually the third Tuesday of the month. The **next meeting is February 17 at 5pm** 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#

You can view all of our previous meeting minutes on the DeLong PTO page. **https://www.ecasd.us/DeLong-Middle-School/About/PTO**

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Please contact the Executive Committee with any questions:

- Holli Jacobson, President: president@delongpto.com
- Jamie Kampf, Vice President: vicepresident@delongpto.com
- Rebecca Pick, Secretary: secretary@delongpto.com
- Julia Johnson, Treasurer: treasurer@delongpto.com

Community News

ECASD Emergency School Closure Family Communication



There is a familiar chill in the air which leads us to think about colder weather and the inclement weather that may come with it. Here is the Eau Claire Area School District Emergency School Closure Family Communication for the 2025-2026 school year.

Please look for announcements about emergency school closings in several ways through Skyward and ParentSquare messages, on the ECASD website, on the ECASD Facebook feed, and through local media outlets.

Don't hesitate to call your school office if you have questions.

*Find more community events for families & students **here**!*

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