

DELONG MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEED-TO-KNOW NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

DeLong Calendar

March

2 - No School/Staff Development
5 - Forensics 3pm
12 - Club Session 2 Ends
13 - Ski Trip to Christie Mt
14 - Solo Fest @ DeLong
14 - Juntos Night - 5pm
14 - PTO Meeting - 5pm
26 - 3rd Qt Sports End
26 - Variety Show 7pm
27 - End of Qt 3
27 - Variety Show for Students During Day
30-31 - No School/Spring Break

April

1-3 No School/Spring Break
6-17 Forward Exam
6 - 4th Qt Sports Start
9 - Band 7 Concert 7pm
13 - Club 3 Starts
16 - Band 8 Concert 7pm
21 - Juntos Night - 5pm
21 - PTO Meeting - 5pm
27 - No School/Staff Development
30 - Orchestra 6 Concert 7pm

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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
Community Events & Resources
Connect with us on Facebook HERE

Principal's Message

Dear DeLong Families,

Thank you to everyone that attended our Family/Teacher Conferences. It was so nice to connect with all of you. Our PTO Family Game Knight was a ton of fun; it was nice to see so many families. Thanks to our PTO for all they do for our staff and students!

There is much we are looking forward to in the next few weeks. We have the Variety Show, 4th quarter sports, Spring Break, and of course warmer weather. Thanks again for all you do to help make DeLong a great place.

Michele Wiberg
DeLong Middle School Principal

Announcements

State Testing

Students will be preparing for the annual Wisconsin Forward Exam at the end of the month. 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 6-17; make-up testing will be the week of April 20.**

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.



Yearbook Order Window Closed

The window to order a 2025-26 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.

Announcements



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 26th at 7pm in the Delong Auditorium. The following day, Friday, March 27th, we will be performing once for each grade level!**

Summer Programs 2026

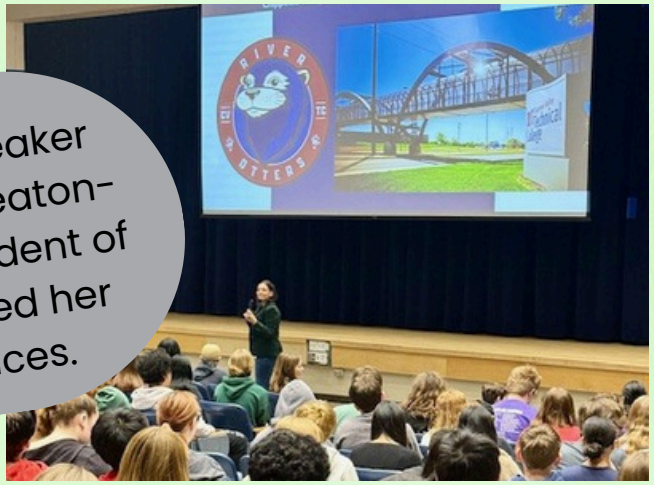
Summer Program Registration **begins online Saturday, March 7, at 8 am and will end on March 27**. Athletics registration will be open throughout the summer. The family hotline for questions will be available from 8 am-12 pm on March 7 only at 715-852-3141. Letters should have arrived in mailboxes with student IDs and instructions on how to register. The guide is also online at **www.ecasd.us/summer**. Families can pick up extra guides at their school and at the Administration Building.

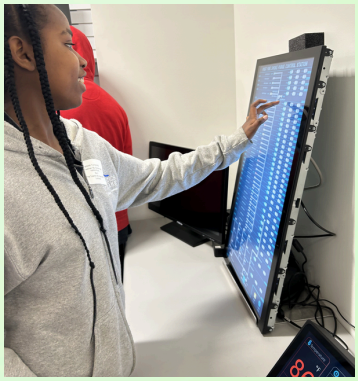


JA in a Day



Keynote speaker Dr. Sunem Beaton-Garcia, President of CVTC shared her experiences.













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







Club Session 2













February Great Knights







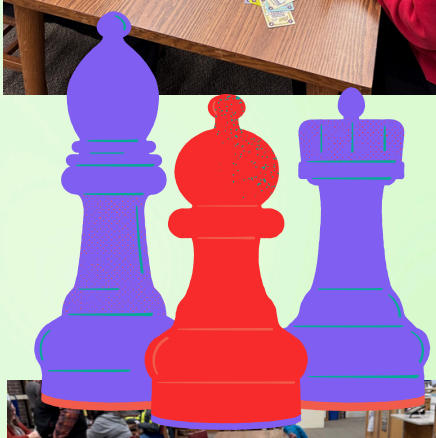


PTO Game Knight



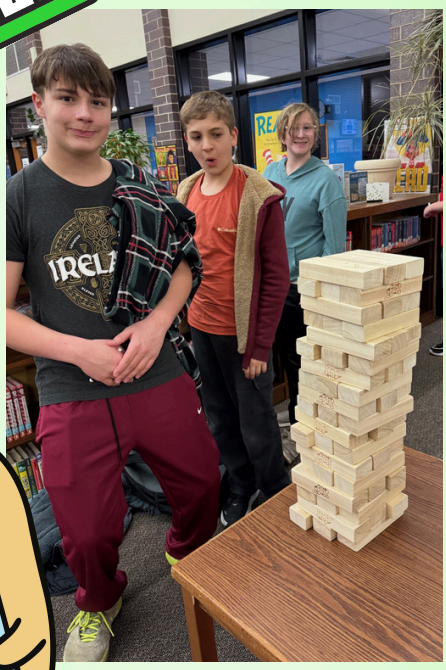
















News From Our PTO

Family Game Knight



PTO hosted Family Game Knight. It was the biggest attendance yet! We had 85 people attend. Many thanks to all the parents and teachers who volunteered. Lots of people played basketball and volleyball in the gym, others did arts and crafts, board games and oversized games in the IMC. PTO also led bingo, trivia, and rock-paper-scissors tournaments. A special shout out to Aurelia Kampf who wrote and hosted the trivia contest. It even had DeLong-specific trivia!

Family Climate Survey

If you have not already taken the Family climate survey, please take a couple of minutes to do so, we would really love your feedback on how we are doing. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thank You!

The staff were very thankful for the snacks and drinks for Thursday conferences. They were especially thankful for the pizza and salad lunch on Friday. Thanks to all who dropped off food and donated money during the No Buy-No Sell fundraiser.



News from our PTO

PTO March Meeting:

The PTO is grateful for all you do to support the DeLong students, staff, and community. As always, we'd love to hear from you or see you at one of our meetings. Please join us for the **March 17** meeting, **5PM in the IMC.** 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!



At the next meeting we will:

- Work on Staff Appreciation week the first week of May
- Recap what went well and what to remember for next year from Game Knight
- Conference Meals
- Start planning 8th grade graduation t-shirts

At every meeting there is an update from Principal Michele Wiberg and one of the Family Advisory Committee Representatives.

REMINDER

You can view all of our previous meeting minutes on the **DeLong PTO page**.

Our meetings are usually the third Tuesday of the month. The **next meeting is April 21st 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#

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

99.9 FM Eau Claire together with WQOW News 18 present

Help for the Homeless HYGIENE DRIVE™

Feb. 22 - Mar. 15

Help ease financial strain on 5 local homeless and crisis programs in Eau Claire and those they serve!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Bathroom Tissue
- Cleaning Supplies
- Dental Care
- Deodorant
- Diapers/Baby Care
- Face/Bath Soap
- Feminine Care
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Razors
- Hair Care
- Trash Bags

Donations remain in the community where collected!

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Learn more

Thanks to our sponsors and event partners! Details at **www.TheFamily.net** or 800-236-9364.


FREE FARE
FOR
K-12 STUDENTS
Ride with Eau Claire Transit!
Find more information about our routes on ecbus.org
Kids under kindergarten age ride free w/ paying adult.
High School students will need to show a student ID



OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 2, 2026

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

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.

Who May Participate?

Wisconsin residents in grades K-12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Students in pre-kindergarten may participate in limited circumstances; parents should call the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3063 to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify.

How and When May Parents Apply?

The regular open enrollment application window is February 2, 2026, through April 30, 2026, at 4:00 pm for the 2026-2027 school year. Parents may submit online applications beginning February 2, 2026, at the Wisconsin Department of Instruction website at https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment. Please call 715-852-3063 or email districtadministration@ecasd.us for more information.

Have you moved out of the district during the 2024-2025 school year?

If so, you must apply for a Tuition Waiver to continue attending the Eau Claire Area School District for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. Contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3063 or email districtadministration@ecasd.us for an application.

Students Currently Attending the ECASD Through a Tuition Waiver

Students who have moved outside of the district during the 2025-2026 school year and are currently attending school under a Tuition Waiver must apply for open enrollment during the regular application window, February 2, 2026, through April 30, 2026, to continue attending during the 2026-2027 school year.

Current Open Enrollment Students

Students currently attending the Eau Claire Area School District under the open enrollment law do not need to reapply.

Other Information

Students who move into the district after January 2026 and anticipate moving out of the district before the 2026-2027 school year will not be eligible for a Tuition Waiver. Students must apply for open enrollment during either the regular open enrollment or alternative open enrollment period to be eligible to attend the Eau Claire Area School District during the 2026-2027 school year.

School Placement

By completing an open enrollment application, you are applying to attend the Eau Claire Area School District. You can indicate which school your child would prefer to attend; however, the district will determine placement based on space availability.

Questions?

If you have any questions about open enrollment or the application process, please contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3063 or email districtadministration@ecasd.us.




ECASD SUMMER PROGRAMS 2026
SUMMER REGISTRATION
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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**!*

EAU CLAIRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

DeLong is De-Best!

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