



NEED-TO-KNOW NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

DeLong Calendar

February

- 13- Ski Trip - Christie Mt
- 17 - JA in a Day
- 17 - Juntos Night - 5pm
- 17 - PTO Meeting 5pm
- 20 - PTO Family Game Night 6pm
- 26 - Mid-Quarter
- 26 - FTC - 3:30-7:30pm
- 27 - No School/FTC - 7:30am-4:00pm

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-April 3 - No School/Spring Break

Yog koj xav tau tus neeg Hmoob txhais tsab ntawv no ua lus Hmoob rau koj los yog koj muaj lus nug txog tsab ntawv no, hu rau 715-852-5026.

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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[DeLong Website](#)

[Community Events & Resources](#)

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Principal's Message

Dear DeLong Families,

Happy February! Second semester is off to a great start. Our clubs and 3rd quarter extra curriculars are well underway, with great participation. We have a big reading challenge going on between our Knight Times. It is so great to see students and staff in friendly competition over reading. Have your child watch for information on try outs for the variety show which will happen at the end of February.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at Family Teacher Conferences either in person or virtually. We truly appreciate all of your support.

Michele Wiberg
DeLong Middle School Principal

Announcements

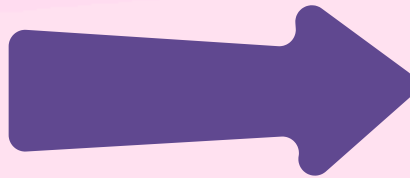
Family/Teacher Conferences

Family Teacher Conferences are taking place both in-person and virtually on **February 26th from 3:30–7:30pm and on February 27th from 7:30am–4:00pm**. There is **No School on February 27th**.



Lost & Found Items

Family Teacher Conferences are a great time to look at the lost and found! You can find the lost and found in the hallway by the Attendance Office. Please stop at the table to claim your belongings. Thanks!



Yearbook Orders

Yearbook orders are due on **February 20th**. Order yours at Jostens.com or [use this link](#).

Want to **read more** as a family? Start a...

Family Book Club

The DeLong library has **book sets** you can check out, so every family member can have their own copy! We have books in a variety of **genres** and **ability levels** and **guides** to help you run your family book club successfully.

Please contact **Anna Loritz** for more information.

email: aloritz@ecasd.us

phone: 715-852-4909



Announcements

Registration Week Dress-Up Drawing Winners



The week of January 5th, was filled with all things registration for our students. During that week, counselors visited classrooms and students were given information on class options for next year. We had three days of dress up days to celebrate the week including: College gear, DeLong attire, and North or Memorial High School colors. The winners from the drawing recieved generously donated clothing from CVTC and our very own DeLong Store.



2026-27 School Year Calendar Approved by School Board

Our School Board approved the
2026-2027 School Year
Calendar. Please go to **2026-
2027 School Year Calendar** for
details.

Announcements

DeLong
Presents

VARIETY SHOW!

MARCH 26 | 7:00 PM

DeLong's 2026 Variety Show is quickly approaching! We need talented acts, a stage crew and MC's (host the show). Acts can range anywhere from singing, dancing, comedy, live music, juggling, gymnastic routines and so much more.

Informational Meeting:
Feb. 6 during Knight Time

Tryouts are being held:
Feb. 23rd & 24th, 3-4:30pm

Knight Highlights

Honors Choir/Band Festival



January Great Knights



Knight Highlights

MathCounts



DeLong hosted the Northwest Wisconsin Regional MathCounts Meet on January 29. Over 160 competitors from 16 different schools competed. Congratulations to the DeLong MathCounts Team of Evan Peleschak, Adelaide Baumann, Mundo Shannon, and Gwyneth Johnson who earned a 2nd place finish and qualified to attend the state meet in Sheboygan in March! A special congrats goes to Evan for placing 2nd among all of the individual competitors! Great job to all the MathCounts competitors for representing DeLong well! You made us proud!



News from our PTO

Annual Family Game Knight

PTO will host its Annual Family Game Knight on Friday, February 20th from 6 pm to 8 pm at DeLong. The auditorium will host a variety of games for all like Bingo and Trivia. The IMC will have board games for those looking for a quieter space. New this year, the gymnasium will be set up for groups to play volleyball and basketball with a fun Rock, Paper, Scissors challenge to end the night. Small prizes will be awarded for various games. As with any event at school, one adult must accompany every 4 children and remain at the event for its entirety. If you would like to help supervise in any of the rooms or with setup/cleanup, please use this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ABA828A4FAC07-61898044-game>



News From Our PTO

Family Teacher Conferences



FTC

Family Teacher Conferences are Thursday evening, February 26 and Friday, February 27 during the day. PTO will provide pizzas, salad and fruit for staff on Friday with funds from the No Buy, No Sell fundraiser. We are asking you to supply meal replacement bars for Thursday evening and pop for the Friday meal. All donations can be taken to the front office. Please have them to the school by Thursday 2/27 at 2pm. Sign up for donations here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ABA828A4FAC07-61868969-february>

Additional Funds

PTO has a small amount of additional funds remaining from the Mini-grant cycle. Our treasurer will place the funds in the "Greatest Needs" category, and use will be determined by Principal Wiberg and staff.

8th Grade Celebration

We had a question about the date and time of the 8th grade graduation/celebration. It will be held on June 3rd starting at 12:45 and ending around 2. Students can go home with families afterward, and the parking lot must be cleared out by 2:30 for buses to enter.

PTO President Position Opening Next Year



Next year, the PTO president position will be vacant. The position is generally a 2 year commitment, but can be decided year by year. We hope that you will consider joining and remember – it is a smaller time commitment vs. Elementary School PTO! Please reach out to president@delongpto.com if you have questions or would like to know more about any of the positions.

News from our PTO

PTO February 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.

The next meeting is **February 17th at 5 pm in the IMC (library)**. At the next meeting we will:

- Finalize the logistics for the food during Conferences
- Family Game Night
- Staff Appreciation

At every meeting there is an update from Principal Michele Wiberg.



REMHINDER

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 March 17th at 5 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#

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



Eau Claire Transit

**FREE
FARE**
**FOR K-12
STUDENTS**

ALL STUDENTS. ALL ROUTES.

Starting January 2026.....

All kids and youth 18 and under (or young adults in High School) will qualify for free fare rides on all ECT routes!

High School students will need to show a student ID.

GET A RIDE TO SCHOOL

All middle schools and both high schools are stops on ECT routes.

**FIND YOUR ROUTE AT
ECBUS.ORG**



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 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!](#)



DeLong is De-Best!