

LIGHTFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home Of The Timberwolves!



August 4, 2024

Dear Timberwolf Families,

We had a PAWSitive Open House. Together we have a VISION to ensure our students have the content knowledge and skills they need for college and career opportunities. We look forward to seeing all our Timberwolves on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 9:00 AM!

I wanted to take a moment to share our Vision Statement, as it envelopes what we believe as a learning community:

At LES, we believe Lightfoot Elementary School students will think critically and creatively, as well as use communication, collaboration, and citizenship skills so that they have the content knowledge and the skills they need for college and career opportunities.

The staff here at LES desires to cultivate a positive environment through our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Students are acknowledged at the classroom level as well as schoolwide and on the bus. Students are recognized for "Practicing RESPECT, Accepting RESPONSIBILITY, While we Stay SAFE." Ask your child if he/she knows these rules and if he/she has been recognized through a PAWSitive Ticket or PAWSitive Office referral. Students are also recognized for their attendance, earning classroom recognition and awards as well as individual for perfect attendance for each quarter and the entire year. Students and families are also recognized for efforts to improve attendance.

A few reminders:

Drop off starts at 9:00 AM in the car rider line on the south entrance of 522.

Dismissal starts at 3:50 PM. Car riders should be picked up by 4:00 PM.

As required by Virginia Code and OCPS Policies, LES will conduct drills to make sure all students are safe. A fire drill and an Educational Code Red the first week of school. We will have a fire drill weekly for the first month and then once a month. A code Red Drill will be conducted in conjunction with the Orange County Sheriff's Office within the first 20 days of school. A second drill will be conducted after the first 30 days and another at the beginning of the second semester. We will have a required earthquake drill and a tornado drill.

In compliance with Governor Glenn Youngkin's [Executive Order 33](#) and Orange County Public Schools School Board Policy JFC-R, Orange County Public Schools will be a cell phone-free educational setting.

To ensure that students have a focused and healthier learning environment, Orange County Public Schools will implement and enforce the following procedures at all schools:

Upon entering the school building, students must keep cell phones and other personal electronic devices turned off and in their backpacks or lockers until they exit the building at the end of the instructional day.

No headphones/earbuds will be worn at school. Headphone/earbud use will only be permitted for specific learning activities as directed by school staff.

For instructional purposes, only school-issued electronic devices will be allowed.

Parents who need to reach their child during the school day should call the main office.

Students who need to reach a parent should ask a teacher or other staff member and will be able to do so using a school phone.

Sincerely,

Merilee R. Grubb
Principal

Important upcoming dates:

8/7/24 First Day of School

8/15/24 PTA Meeting 4:15-5:00 PM

8/22/24 Back to School Night

8/30-9/2/24 Student & Staff Holiday

9/11/24 Interims go home

9/19/24 Student Early Dismissal Day for Parent/Teacher Conferences

9/20/24 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences in AM

9/26/24 Fall Picture Day