

LIGHTFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home Of The Timberwolves!



August 25, 2024

Dear Timberwolf Families,

We had a PAWSitively great turnout for Back to School Game Night! Congratulations to Ms. Bier's class for the best attendance! Together we have a VISION to ensure our students have the content knowledge and skills they need for college and career opportunities. Be on the lookout for Math Family Connections and Building Readers that are sent home in blue folders regularly.

The staff here at LES continues to cultivate a positive environment through our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). One student received PAWSitive Office Referrals and 46 students have earned PAWSitive Tickets for "Practicing RESPECT, Accepting RESPONSIBILITY, While we Stay SAFE." 171 students still have perfect attendance. The overall average attendance for Lightfoot is 97.5%. Our chronic absenteeism is at 4.67%--our goal is to be less than 5%. We can work together to make sure that each student does not exceed missing 10% of the school year so students can succeed.

Be present, be proud! The [OCPS attendance policy](#) has changed. Lightfoot Elementary wants to partner with you to prevent Chronic Absenteeism. Did you know that chronic absenteeism correlates to low academic achievement? that absenteeism is a powerful predictor of dropout rates? that absenteeism has been linked to poor outcomes later in life? Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing ten percent or more of the academic year for any reason, including excused absences, unexcused absences, and suspensions. Based on a 180-day school year, that means approximately 18 days per year or 2 to 3 days per month. Missed instruction, regardless of the reason, can have significant academic consequences. Therefore, the broader emphasis is on improving attendance for every student. Ms. Brooking, our attendance designee, will schedule a phone or in person meeting once a student meets the criteria for high risk of chronic absenteeism. Parents of students who are absent must provide a valid note, send an email to the school, or call the school and state the reason for the absence upon returning to school. Please let us know how we can support your child's regular school attendance.

Stay PAWSitive Timberwolves!

Sincerely,

Merilee R. Grubb, Principal

Important upcoming dates:

8/29/24 Hat Day for \$1 to support PTA

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

9/12/24 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