

LIGHTFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home Of The Timberwolves!



September 15, 2024

Dear Timberwolf Families,

We had a PAWSitive first 5 day week of school! Don't forget to sign up for parent teacher conferences on Thursday, September 19, and Friday, September 20, 2024. Together we have a VISION to ensure our students have the content knowledge and skills they need for college and career opportunities. We want to go over the FALL SOL Student Growth Assessment (SGA) results, VALLS for 3rd Grade, Reading and Math Plans, attendance, tutoring, and overall student performance. Again, we want to partner with you to make sure your child is successful.

The staff here at LES continues to cultivate a positive environment through our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Three students received a PAWSitive Office Referral, and 350 students have earned PAWSitive Tickets for "Practicing RESPECT, Accepting RESPONSIBILITY, While we Stay SAFE." 124 students still have perfect attendance. The overall average attendance for Lightfoot is 96.8%. Our chronic absenteeism is at 9.33%--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! As stated before, [OCPS attendance policy](#) has changed. Lightfoot Elementary wants to partner with you to prevent Chronic Absenteeism and optimize learning. Vacations are unexcused absences. Worksheets and assignments on Canvas cannot replace in person instruction. Ms. Brooking, our attendance designee, will schedule a phone or in person meeting once a student meets 5 absences, regardless of the reason. 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:

9/19/24 Student Early Dismissal Day (1:53 PM) for Parent/Teacher Conferences (2:30-6:00 PM)

9/20/24 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences in AM (8:00 AM -12:00 PM)

9/23-9/27 Schoolstore.com Fundraiser

9/26/24 Fall Picture Day

9/27/24 Hat Day for \$1 to support the PTA

9/30/24-10/4/24 Penny Wars - students can bring in change for this PTA fundraiser to try to have the most pennies for a grade level award (extra recess and popsicles) - be on the lookout for more information

10/1/24 Bullying Prevention poster contest entries due

10/7/24-10/11/24 Bullying Prevention Week

10/7- Monday- Don't Hide Your Kindness: Wear Camo

10/8- Tuesday- Give Bullying the Boot- Wear Boots

10/9- Wednesday- Hats off to Kindness- Wear Hats

10/10- Thursday- Team Up For Kindness- Wear Jerseys

10/11- Friday- (No School) Come Together for a Cause - Wear Pink and attend the football game