

# LIGHTFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home Of The Timberwolves!



January 5, 2025

Dear Timberwolf Families,

Together we have a VISION to ensure our students have the content knowledge and skills they need for college and career opportunities. As we start the second semester, let's focus on our vision of students being at school each day, all day so they can have the opportunity for the in-person instruction they need to be successful today and in the future. How can you partner with us? Check students' blue communication folders daily for homework, study guides, and important information from the office. Starting in third grade, students should be studying for their content tests such as Science and Social Studies. Students should be studying all their math facts for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Review the Math Family Connection letter for each unit and have your child use it for their homework--this shows how teachers teach mathematics for the unit. Read with your child each night and complete additional homework as assigned.

We can also work together by making sure that students follow the OCPS Code of Conduct. At Lightfoot, we continue to cultivate a positive environment through our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Fourteen students have received a PAWSitive Office Referral, and 1,254 students have earned PAWSitive Tickets for "Practicing RESPECT, Accepting RESPONSIBILITY, While we Stay SAFE."

We can work together by partnering with you to support your child's regular school attendance. Students need to be in school each day, on time, and through the end of the school day. This is particularly important around breaks when students "forget" instruction or have not mastered a concept. At Lightfoot, we use every minute of every day for instruction. Students start Math and Literacy right when they enter the building at 9:00 AM, and finish up with Math, Reading, History, and Science right up to the end of the day. 32 students still have perfect attendance. The overall average attendance for Lightfoot is 95.5%. Our chronic absenteeism is at 9%--our goal is to be less than 5%. Again, 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, be PAWSitive!

Stay PAWSitive Timberwolves!

Sincerely,

Merilee R. Grubb, Principal

Important upcoming dates:

1/7/25 No school for students - Teacher Workday

1/8/25 First Day of Third Quarter

1/8/25-1/22/25 Grade 3 VALLS assessment

1/9/25 Theme Thursday (Twin Day - dress like each other)  
1/9/25 Report Cards go home  
1/9/25 PTA Meeting at 4:15 PM in the Library  
1/13/25-1/24/25 Grade 5 Science Tutoring (M, T, TH, F)  
1/16/25 Grade 4 visit from Jamestown at LES  
1/17/25 LES Spelling BEE  
1/20/25 No School For Students or Staff  
1/23/25 OCPS Spelling BEE at OCHS 6 PM  
1/24/25 Tentative Movie Night 6:00 PM (no drop offs, no use of cellphones or other electronic devices during the movie)  
1/27-2/28 (M, F 9 Reading Sessions and T, TH 10 Math Sessions)  
1/27/24 Kids Heart Challenge Kickoff during PE classes  
1/31/25 Hat Day \$1 for PTA