

LIGHTFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home Of The Timberwolves!



August 3, 2025

Dear Timberwolf Families,

Thank you for your ACTION! We had a PAWSitive Open House. We look forward to seeing all our Timberwolves on Wednesday, August 6, 2024, at 9:00 AM!

I wanted to take a moment to share a part of how we are taking action around our school's Vision and Mission Statements, as it envelopes what we believe as a learning community:

We take action to develop the most PAWSitive students, to hire and train highly qualified staff, and to engage our already invested parents and supportive community members. We foster an unbiased learning environment that promotes critical thinking, creativity, curiosity, and a growth mindset. At Lightfoot, we have high expectations and accountability among students, families, educators, and myself as an administrator.

The staff 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." 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. Make sure you familiarize yourself with [OCPS attendance policy](#). Unionville and Lightfoot are strengthening our student, family, and community partnership with monthly challenges and spirit days, which will lead to classes earning rewards such as basketball with the SROs. The first school spirit day is on Thursday, August 14, 2025—From Beaches to Books. Students and staff can wear sunglasses and hats and other fun beach clothing—no swimsuits.

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 will take place 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.

Sincerely,

Merilee R. Grubb
Principal

Important upcoming dates:

8/6/25 First Day of School (Students should use their normal transportation in the morning so there is no confusion in the afternoon; no walk family walk ups or to walk to the classroom for safety)

8/14/25 Attendance Spirit Day - From Beaches to Books - wear sunglasses and hats and other fun beach clothing--no swimsuits

8/14/25 PTA Meeting 4:15-5:00 PM in the Library

8/21/25 Back to School Night 6:00-7:30 PM

8/26/25 Varsity Tutor Information Sessions for Families

8/29/25-9/1/25 Student & Staff Holiday

9/9/25 Interims tentatively go home

9/12/25-9/19/25 LES Bookfair

9/18/25 Student Early Dismissal Day for Parent/Teacher Conferences in PM

9/19/25 Parent/Teacher Conferences in AM

9/22/25 Fall Picture Day

9/22/25 LES [Schoolstore.com](https://www.schoolstore.com) Kick off