

LIGHTFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home Of The Timberwolves!



September 21, 2025

Dear Timberwolf Families,

We saw PAWSitive ACTION in family engagement with all of the parents/guardians who participated in parent teacher conferences. School, Parent/Guardian, and Student Compacts went home at conferences or will go home in the communication folder on Monday, September 22, 2025. A great way to engage is to practice math facts at home, study study guides, review the Math Family Connections letter that shows how we are teaching a concept, and read nightly.

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." Timberwolves have earned 360 PAWSitive Tickets. Seven students have received a PAWSitive Office Referral.

As always, we can continue to work together by partnering with you to support your child's regular school attendance. According to Attendanceworks.org, "Research shows the clear benefits of regular school attendance and the high costs related to absenteeism, including students not being able to read by third grade, lower achievement in middle school and dropping out of high school. Poor attendance also adversely affects educational engagement, and hampers social-emotional development and executive functioning. Studies also show that high chronic absence rates have academic consequences for all students in the school, not just those who are chronically absent." Ms. Bryant's class had the best attendance with 98.95% for the week of 9/8/25-9/12/25. 122 students have perfect attendance. Our chronic absenteeism is at 5.38%--our goal is 3%.

With PowerSchool's MyPowerHub, you can submit your child's absence directly from the PowerSchool Mobile app. The [OCPS MyPowerHub Support](#) site has directions on how to report your child's absence and other MyPowerHub videos.

Students received their bus cards with lanyards on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. Drivers will require students to scan starting Monday morning, September 22, 2025. Students will also need their card to scan for lunches.

Stay PAWSitive Timberwolves!

Sincerely,

Merilee R. Grubb
Principal

Important upcoming dates:

9/22/25 Fall Picture Day

9/22/25 LES [Schoolstore.com](#) Kick off

9/26/25 Hat Day - Wear a Hat or Hood for \$1 to support the PTA
9/26/25 OCPS Orange and Blue Day - wear your OCPS t-shirt and orange and blue
9/30/25 Student early dismissal/Teacher PD
10/1/25 Smile Time Dental Clinic - return completed forms by 9/25 for your student to participate
10/2/25 PAWS - Attendance Spirit Day - dress like your favorite superhero
10/9/25 PTA meeting at 4:15 PM
10/10/25 No School for Students/Teacher Workday
10/13/25 No School for Students/Teacher PD
10/16/25 Jamestown Yorktown Foundation presentation for 4th grade
10/17/25 Report Cards go home
10/23/25 Reading Night 6-7:30 PM
10/24/25 Hat Day - Wear a Hat or Hood for \$1 to support the PTA
10/29/25 Student early dismissal/Teacher PD
10/31/25 Book Character Dress Up Day (no play weapons, no masks, must be grades 3-5 school appropriate)