

LIGHTFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home Of The Timberwolves!



October 5, 2025

Dear Timberwolf Families,

How can you take ACTION to engage in your child's education at Lightfoot? Work on math facts at home (all students are working on addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division—even third graders), review study guides daily, review the Math Family Connections letter that shows how we are teaching a concept, review Building Readers newsletter and the CKLA Family Letter, and don't forget to read nightly. Make sure you have signed and returned the SCHOOL, PARENT/GUARDIAN, STUDENT COMPACT 2025-2026 which is required for a Title I school.

...and the Award Goes to...our Timberwolf families! Family Reading Night is Thursday, October 23, 2025, from 6:00-7:30. Come and learn how we are teaching your child to read using CKLA, tradebooks that support CKLA and content with the SOLs, and the interventions we use. Kona Ice will also be here for purchase!

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 409 PAWSitive Tickets. Ten 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." Mr. Duay's class had the best attendance for September with 98.27%. 105 students have perfect attendance. Our chronic absenteeism is at 8.14%--our goal is 3%.

Stay PAWSitive Timberwolves!

Sincerely,

Merilee R. Grubb
Principal

Important upcoming dates:

Reading Tutoring Mondays and Fridays 8:00-9:00 - spots available

Math Tutoring Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00-9:00 - spots available

Varsity Tutoring Mondays and Tuesdays 8:30-9:00 (except days with no school) - invite only Start Tuesday, October 14

10/8/25 PTA meeting at 4:15 PM (change from Thursday this month and the month of November)
10/10/25 No School for Students/Teacher Workday
10/13/25 No School for Students/Teacher PD
10/13/25-10/27/25 PTA No Sale Fundraiser
10/16/25 Jamestown Yorktown Foundation presentation for 4th grade
10/17/25 Report Cards go home
10/23/25 Family Reading Night 6-7:30 PM
10/24/25 Hat Day - Wear a Hat or Hood for \$1 to support the PTA
10/27 GR 5 Reading SGA
10/27/25-10/31/25 Radiate Respect Week
 10/27 Mission MONDAY - Wear CAMOUFLAGE!
 10/28 Tacky TUESDAY - CLASH for Kindness!
 10/29 Wear Orange WEDNESDAY - We Wear Orange for UNITY!
 10/30 Throwback THURSDAY - ERA's of Respect (Dress from a previous decade)
 10/31 Friendly Fiction FRIDAY- Dress as a favorite BOOK CHARACTER! (no play weapons, no masks,
 must be grades 3-5 school appropriate)
10/28 GR 4 Reading SGA
10/29/25 Student early dismissal/Teacher PD
10/30 GR 3 Reading SGA
11/3 Fall Picture Makeup Day
11/3 GR 5 Math SGA
11/4 Student Holiday/Teacher PD
11/5 GR 4 Math SGA
11/6 GR 3 Math SGA