

# LIGHTFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home Of The Timberwolves!



October 19, 2025

Dear Timberwolf Families,

Did you know that the VDOE adopted new cut scores on the SOLs for Reading and Math to align with National Benchmarks? Reading: GR 3 444, GR 4 451, and 446 GR 5; Math GR 3 443, GR 4 445, GR 5 445. Take ACTION! Join Tutoring—spots are open for tutoring for all students both with LES staff and through Varsity Tutor. Study, practice Math facts, and read with your child nightly. You can also take ACTION! by joining us for Lightfoot's Family Reading Night this 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. Learn strategies to use at home with your child. Kona Ice will also be here for purchase and we will have door prizes!

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 586 PAWSitive Tickets. Fourteen 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%. Ms. Gray's class had the best attendance for the first quarter with 96.71%. 91 students have perfect attendance. Our chronic absenteeism is at 8.29%—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) - there are a couple openings if you are interested in your child participating.

Email Ms. Grubb at [mgrubb@ocss-va.org](mailto:mgrubb@ocss-va.org) if you want your child to participate.

10/13/25-10/27/25 PTA No Sale Fundraiser  
 10/20/25 Reading Tutoring 8:00 AM  
 10/20/25 Varsity Tutoring 8:30 AM  
 10/21/25-10/27/25 PTA No Sale Fundraiser  
 10/21/25 Math Tutoring 8:00 AM  
 10/21/25 Varsity Tutoring 8:30 AM  
 10/21/25 Bible Class off campus  
 10/23/25 Math Tutoring 8:00 AM  
 10/23/25 Family Reading Night 6-7:30 PM  
 10/24/25 Reading Tutoring 8:00 AM  
 10/24/25 Hat Day - Wear a Hat or Hood for \$1 to support the PTA  
 10/27/25 Reading Tutoring 8:00 AM  
 10/27/25 Varsity Tutoring 8:30 AM  
 10/27/25 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)  
 10/28/25 Math Tutoring 8:00 AM  
 10/28/25 Varsity Tutoring 8:30 AM  
 10/28/25 GR 4 Reading SGA  
 10/29/25 Student early dismissal/Teacher PD  
 10/30/25 Math Tutoring 8:00 AM  
 10/30/25 GR 3 Reading SGA  
 10/31/25 Reading Tutoring 8:00 AM  
 10/31/25 Friendly Fiction FRIDAY- Dress as a favorite BOOK CHARACTER! (no play weapons, no masks,  
 must be grades 3-5 school appropriate)  
 11/3/25 Reading Tutoring 8:00 AM  
 11/3/25 Varsity Tutoring 8:30 AM  
 11/3/25 Fall Picture Makeup Day  
 11/3/25 GR 5 Math SGA  
 11/4/25 Student Holiday/Teacher PD  
 11/5/25 GR 4 Math SGA  
 11/6/25 Math Tutoring 8:00 AM  
 11/6/25 PAWS - Attendance Spirit Day - dress with fall colors and cozy textures  
 11/6/25 GR 3 Math SGA  
 11/6/25 GR 4 JM Museum/Historical Society field trip  
 11/7/25 Reading Tutoring 8:00 AM  
 11/10/25 Reading Tutoring 8:00 AM  
 11/10/25 Varsity Tutoring 8:30 AM  
 11/11/25 Student/Staff Holiday  
 11/12/25 PTA meeting at 4:15 PM (change from Thursday this month)  
 11/12/25 Interims go home  
 11/18/25 Bible Class off campus