

# LIGHTFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home Of The Timberwolves!



November 23, 2025

Dear Timberwolf Families,

We love reading! And we love reading *The Wild Robot*! Thank you to all the families that are supporting their child with reading and writing at home through this project. Don't forget...the class with the most correct answers and the highest score on the project will win a SPECIAL classroom reward with Ms. Grubb. We hope to see you at the Orange Rotary Christmas Parade where UES and LES have an entry again this year. We had a lottery for students with perfect attendance to be selected to be in the parade. We are excited for this community event.

The OCPS unit tests are challenging as they match the rigor of the Virginia Standards of Learning and the SOL tests. Classroom teachers are sending home reports from each unit test so families can see the areas that their child excelled or needs additional support. At the bottom of the page look at "Standard Performance" for the description of the SOL. The percent correct is on the right. You can use the "Standard" and the "Description" to look back at the study guides that LES provides to help your child. The Varsity Tutor website is a great tool to help with studying and extra practice—just add in the Standard and/or the description to get practice or even additional help for your child. Reach out to your child's teacher if you need additional help navigating Varsity Tutors.

Many families have also taken ACTION by using Varsity Tutors with their child at home for homework help and for studying. We have 85 different interactions that families have made with Varsity Tutors, including Tutor Chats, AI Chats, Assessments, and Live Classes. Reach out to your child's teacher if you need assistance. Teacher's newsletters and study guides can help narrow your topic you are looking for.

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 874 PAWSitive Tickets. Eighteen students have received a PAWSitive Office Referral. We have spirit days on the calendar for students to wear hats and hoods and special attire such as pajamas—no hats and hoods and pajamas unless it is a spirit day or PTA fundraiser.

As always, we can continue to work together by partnering with you to support your child's regular school attendance. According to the VDOE, "Missed instruction, regardless of the reason, can have significant academic consequences. Therefore, the broader emphasis is on improving attendance for every student." Ms. Wayne's 5th grade class had the best attendance last week with 98.18% attendance. The class with the best attendance for the month of November will have Pumpkin Bowling with Mr. Tinsman. 55 students have perfect attendance. Our chronic absenteeism is at 4.23%—our goal is 3%.

Stay PAWSitive Timberwolves!

Sincerely,

Merilee R. Grubb  
Principal

Important upcoming dates:

Reading Tutoring Mondays and Fridays 8:00-9:00 from 12/1/25-12/19/25 - spots available

Math Tutoring Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00-9:00 from 12/2/25-12/18/25 - spots available

Varsity Tutoring for GR 4 and 5 every Monday and Tuesday 8:30-9:00 (except days with no school) - spots available

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

12/4/25 Attendance Spirit Day - Your Presence is a Present: Wear an ugly sweater or dress as a present

12/6/25 OC Rotary Parade

12/11/25 PTA Meeting at 4:15 in Library

12/12/25 PTA Hat Day for \$1

12/15/25-12/19/25 Spirit Week

Monday, December 15, 2025 Red Carpet Ready - Holiday Premier - Dress to impress in glamorous outfits with festive holiday colors. (Or dress in RED)

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 Christmas Character Cameo - Dress as your favorite holiday movie character (Santa, Rudolph, Buddy the Elf, Frosty, Etc.)

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 - Hollywood Behind the Scenes - Movie Makers Day - Come as a director, camera operator, makeup artist, or costume designer - with Holiday Flair!

Thursday, December 18, 2025 - Blockbuster Christmas - Shine Like a Star! Wear red, green, gold, silver, and all things sparkly to shine like a Hollywood Star!

Friday, December 19, 2025 A-List Pajama Party - Cozy Christmas Night! - Wear holiday pj's, fuzzy socks, and cozy clothes.

12/16/25 Bible Class off campus

12/19/25 End of Second Quarter

12/22/25-1/2/26 No School for Students and Staff

1/5/26 No school for students/teacher workday