

LIGHTFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home Of The Timberwolves!



December 7, 2025

Dear Timberwolf Families,

Thank you to all the families that are supporting their child with reading and writing at home through *The Wild Robot!* Project. It is important that your child reads and answers the questions, as they extend lessons in the classroom during shared reading and intervention. 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.

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." Speaking of safety, a Code Red Drill will be held this week. As required by Virginia Code and OCPS Policies, LES will conduct a code Red Drill 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. Timberwolves have earned 874 PAWSitive Tickets. 21 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 the Attendance Works, "Absenteeism and its ill effects start early. However, when students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating." 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 was Ms. Robertson's 3rd grade class with 96.19% attendance. They have earned a reward of Turkey Bowling with Mr. Tinsman. The class with the best attendance for December earns hot chocolate. 50 students have perfect attendance. Our chronic absenteeism is at 5.21%--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

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