

# LIGHTFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home Of The Timberwolves!



December 14, 2025

Dear Timberwolf Families,

For 2025, Lightfoot is ranked as “On Track”, Fully Accredited, and not Federally Identified. Check out the [link](#) to the VDOE’s School Summary Report to see the details and explanation of the new School Performance and Support Framework. Lightfoot earned 88.5 points on the overall school performance—only 1.5 points away from being Distinguished. Awesome job, Timberwolves!

Thank you to all the families that are supporting their child with reading and writing at home through *The Wild Robot!* Project. We are finishing the book on Tuesday night. 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.” Timberwolves have earned 980 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. On Wednesday, December 11, 2025, we only had 2 students absent! Students were entered into a drawing at lunch and 2 students from each grade level were chosen to get a prize from the Principal's Treasure Box. 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. Palmer’s 4th 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%. They earned Turkey Bowling with Mr. Tinsman last Friday. The class with the best attendance for December earns hot chocolate. 39 students have perfect attendance. Our chronic absenteeism is at 4.74%--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 - 1/12/26-2/6/26

Math Tutoring Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00-9:00 from 12/2/25-12/18/25 - 1/12/26-2/6/26

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

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