

LIGHTFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home Of The Timberwolves!



January 4, 2026

Dear Timberwolf Families,

Welcome back, Timberwolves! I hope everyone enjoyed their Winter Break and holidays.

As we move into the second semester, we need your ACTION to support our efforts at Lightfoot. Students need to read, practice math facts, study, and complete their homework daily. Homework is an expectation of OCPS, not just LES. Look for weekly newsletters and check the daily blue folder for assignments. Study guides are sent home in folders for all subjects, on students' Canvas pages, and on our website. You can also have your student log into Varsity Tutors from Clever to get immediate help on the website--this is a free service to ALL OCPS students.

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 1,019 PAWSitive Tickets. 21 students have received a PAWSitive Office Referral. You can take ACTION and partner with us to increase these great numbers by reviewing the school rules and your student at home, especially around playground, lunchroom, and bus rules and never saying anything that someone may deem to be a threat or threatening.

As always, we can continue to work together by partnering with you to support your student's regular school attendance. According to the US Department of Education, "Missing school means missing valuable instructional time and poses serious implications for students' overall academic success and wellbeing. Research suggests that children who are chronically absent for multiple years between preschool and second grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the third grade." Ms. Martin's 5th grade class had the best attendance the week before break with 98.00% attendance. The class with the best attendance for the month of December was Mrs. Headley's 3rd grade class with 97.32%. They earned hot chocolate. The class with the best attendance for January will earn a snowball fight with Mr. Tinsman. 34 students have perfect attendance. Our chronic absenteeism is at 4.25%--our goal is 3%.

Let's have a PAWSitive second semester, Timberwolves!

Sincerely,

Merilee R. Grubb
Principal

Important upcoming dates:

Reading Tutoring Mondays and Fridays 8:00-9:00 from 1/12/26-2/6/26

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

Varsity Tutoring for GR 4 and 5 every Monday and Tuesday 8:30-9:00 1/12/26-2/17/26 (except days with no school)

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

1/8/26 Attendance Spirit Day - Winter Wonderland. Not too COOL for School: Wear hats, scarves, and cool colors

1/8/26 PTA Meeting 4:15pm

1/9/26 Report Cards go home

1/12/26-1/16/26 PTA Coin Wars - the grade level with the most points in their Coin War Jar will win a treat from the PTA

Pennies = +1 point

Nickels = +5 points

Dimes = +10 points

Quarters = +25 points

\$1 bills = -100 points

\$5 bills = -500 points

1/19/26 No School for Students or Staff

1/20/26 Bible Class off campus

1/22/26 Math Family Engagement Night 6:00 PM - Tentative

1/26-1/28 Reading SGA (5th, 4th, 3rd)

1/29/26 Student Early Dismissal/Teacher PD

1/30/26 PTA Hat Day for \$1

1/30/26 SGA Makeups

1/30/26 Movie Night - Wild Robot 6:00-7:30 PM (No drop offs - students must stay with an adult. Popcorn and water will be for sale from the PTA, cash only - no outside food or beverages. Students may bring blankets and stuffed animals.)