

LIGHTFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home Of The Timberwolves!



The Timberwolf Den: Newsletter

August 16, 2026

Dear Lightfoot Elementary Families,

I have had the **most wonderful time getting to know our Timberwolf Pack and our community as your new principal!** Thank you for the many kind words, warm welcomes, and thoughtful communications you have shared as we embark on this year of learning together. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve our students and families.

What an **amazing first week at the Timberwolf Den!** Our days have been filled with relationship building, smiles, joy, and—most importantly—**academic engagement**. Our Timberwolves are learning routines, building connections, and showing us they are ready to learn and grow!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for **Open House**. It was wonderful to meet so many of our Timberwolf families! We also appreciate everyone who attended our **first PTA meeting**. Your partnership is so important, and we look forward to building our **Community School collaboration** throughout the 2026–2027 school year.



Important Information



Student Culture

- Our Timberwolves have been practicing **Respect, Responsibility, and Safety** while being Pawsitive members of our school community.
- We celebrated many students on Friday morning by reading their names for receiving **Pawsitive Tickets!** Timberwolves earned 227 PAWSitive tickets. We are so proud of them!



Safety & Drills

- Our students have done a **wonderful job with our safety drills**, remaining calm and following directions.
- **OCPS will conduct lockdown drills at all school sites before the end of August.** Students in grades **1–12** will participate; Pre-K and Kindergarten students will not.
- The drill will include the **Centegix crisis response system** and PA announcements. Local law enforcement will also participate, so please do not be alarmed if you see a police presence at our school.
- Families will receive a **notification when our school's drill concludes**.



Car Drop-Off & Pick-Up

- Please enter the parking lot from the **east side of the school**, to the **left when facing the school**. Buses enter at the front.
- Thank you for allowing students to **get in and out of cars independently** when possible. This helps keep traffic moving.
- **Pick-up is 3:50–4:00 PM.**
- Thank you for helping us keep our Timberwolves safe!

Attendance

Every moment is a learning moment in the Den! Instruction begins at the start of the day and continues until the last bell.

- Congratulations to Mrs. Murray's 4th grade class for 100% attendance for the first 8 days of school!
- Please provide a **valid note** to support absences when required.
- Students will be recognized for **good attendance weekly, monthly, and quarterly.**
- Attendance Plans may be required when absences become a concern. After repeated absences, families may be contacted, and by the sixth absence, a meeting may be required to develop a plan to improve attendance.

Back to School Night

August 20 | 6:00–7:30 PM

Join us for an evening of connection, learning, and fun! Families will:

- Meet your child's teachers.
- Learn about the curriculum and resources.
- Play a game to support learning at home.
- Enjoy some Kona Ice
- Learn about becoming a member of our FABULOUS PTA
- Attend a Principal Information Session in the library:
 - **6:00–6:20 PM**
 - **6:30–6:50 PM**

Family & Community Partnership

Thank you for making our first PTA meeting such a wonderful start. We are excited to continue strengthening our **Community School collaboration** and creating opportunities for families and community partners to work alongside us. Please consider joining our PTA for a \$6.00 membership.

What a Great Start!

We are incredibly proud of our Timberwolves! They are building relationships, engaging in learning, practicing safe and respectful behaviors, and showing us what it means to be **Pawsitive**.

Thank you for your support, encouragement, and partnership. I am excited for all we will accomplish **together** this year!

**With Timberwolf Pride,
Your Principal & The Lightfoot Elementary Team**

Mrs. Muldowney

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Important upcoming dates:

8/20/26 Back to School Night 6:00-7:30 PM
8/21/26 Hat Day - Wear a Hat or Hood for \$1 to support the PTA
8/25/26 Early Dismissal at 1:53 PM
9/3/26 Attendance Spirit Day - Fall into School, wear flannel
9/4/26-9/7/26 Student & Staff Holiday
9/10/26 Interims go home
9/10/26 PTA meeting at 4:15pm
9/11/26 Fall Picture Day
9/17/26 Constitution Day - GR4-5 field trip to James Madison's Montpelier
9/18/26-9/25/26 LES Bookfair
9/21/26 LES Schoolstore.com fundraiser kick off
9/24/26 Student Early Dismissal Day - Parent/Teacher Conferences in PM
9/25/26 No School for Students - Parent/Teacher Conferences in AM
9/30/26 Early Dismissal at 1:53 PM