



April 13, 2025

Fernway Calendar

- Thursday, April 17th | CAVS Spirit Day
- Friday, April 18 | Good Friday | Schools Closed
- Saturday, April 26 | Kindergarten Kickoff @ Lomond Elementary School 1:00 - 4:00
- [Saturday, May 10 | Shaker Hts. Rainbow Run @ Shaker Heights Middle School](#)
- [Thursday, May 22 | Parents Night Out | Midnight Owl Brewing](#)
- Monday, May 26 | Memorial Day | Schools and Offices Closed
- Wednesday, May 28 | 5th Grade Exhibition 4:30 - 5:45
- Friday, May 30 | [Field Day](#)

Link to [Online District Master Calendar](#)

School Hours : 8:05am - 2:50pm

Children are expected to arrive and depart school on time. Student success starts with consistent school attendance and prompt daily arrival. **The instructional day starts at 8:05am.**

Please contact the office by phone, 216-295-4040 or email: fe_attendance@shaker.org, if your child will be absent or late for school.

Fernway Office Names and Numbers to know:

Fernway Elementary School: 216-295-4040

Principal: Mr. Christopher Hayward 216-295-4045 hayward_c@shaker.org

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Audrey Hessell 216-295-4040 hessell_a@shaker.org

Administrative Assistant: Ms. Janet Seman 216-295-4040 seman_j@shaker.org

Nurse: Ms. Jemonica Bell 216-295-4042 bell_j@shaker.org

Attendance: fe_attendance@shaker.org Please be advised that we cannot respond to this email.

Please label your child's belongings.

Many items have made their way to our lost and found. Please label your child's belongings so we can try and get these items back to their owners.

A Message from the Principal

April 13, 2025

Dear Fernway Families,

Do you or your neighbor have a child starting Kindergarten next year? Incoming Kindergarten families, be sure to visit the [Kindergarten Enrollment page](#) on our district website to stay informed about important information for the next school year.

Is your bedtime routine making you late? Struggling to wake up in the morning? You're not alone. Between homework, social media, and late-night Netflix, it's easy to stay up too late. However, getting enough sleep is key to feeling awake and focused during the day. Here are some ideas on how you and your child can improve your bedtime routines and actually wake up on time:

Stick to a Sleep Schedule

Going to bed and waking up at the same time every day (yes, even on weekends) helps your body get into a rhythm. The more consistent you are, the easier it will be to fall asleep—and wake up without hitting snooze a hundred times.

Put Your Phone Away Before Bed

Scrolling through TikTok at midnight? The blue light from your screen tricks your brain into thinking it's still daytime, making it harder to fall asleep. Parents and students should try putting their phones away at least one hour before bed and do something relaxing instead—like reading or listening to music.

Create a Chill Nighttime Routine

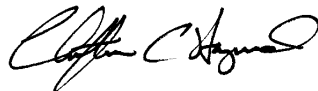
Help your body wind down by setting up a bedtime routine. Take a warm shower, dim the lights, listen to calming music, or do some deep breathing. Also, make sure your room is dark, cool, and quiet for the best possible sleep.

Follow these steps, and waking up on time won't feel like a daily battle. You'll have more energy, better focus, and (hopefully) no more last-minute sprints to get out the door in the morning!

Spirit Day Update

In celebration of how well the Cavs are playing this season, we will be having a Cleveland Cavaliers Spirit Day on Thursday since we don't have school on Friday. Students are encouraged to wear their Cavs gear, Cavs colors, or, as always, their Fernway/Shaker colors of red, white, or black.

Sincerely,



Christopher C. Hayward
Principal

School News

Senior Project Showcase (SHHS)

Shaker parents, teachers, staff, and community members are invited to evaluate Senior Project presentations on Thursday, May 29th. This role can take as little as 20 minutes or as much as an hour -- depending on how much time you can give. Learn more at bit.ly/SeniorProject2025.

\$25 for '25 (SHHS)

The High School PTO is fundraising \$18,000 to support several major activities: After Prom; Senior Clap Out; Black & White Photos. Your donation helps provide seniors with safe and memorable events at low or no cost. Please consider donating \$25 or MORE for the Class of 2025 at bit.ly/25for25fundraiser. Thank you!

PTO Flower Sale (SHHS)

"The Shaker Heights High School PTO Flower Sale is now open! Proceeds benefit Teacher and Staff Appreciation, Black Student Conference, Career Awareness Events, Spirit Days, Student Activity Fair, Innovation Center Requests, AP/IB Testing, After Prom, Bridges Summer Program, Senior Celebrations, MLK Day and more.

The pre-sale order deadline is May 6. [Click here](#) to order flowers online. Order early as favorites tend to sell out! Flowers must be ordered online this year. If you need assistance ordering your flowers, call, text or email Tiffany Goldstein at 216-577-5968 or goldeezgirl@me.com. Thank you for your continued support!"



Complete the Volunteer Registration Process to Spend Time with Students

Anyone who is not a Shaker Schools employee must go through the volunteer registration process to spend time with students in school or at any school-related activities. This includes

but is not limited to volunteering in or being in the classroom, working 1:1 with students, volunteering at PTO-sponsored events and chaperoning a field trip.

The volunteer registration process includes completing a short Registration Form and scheduling an appointment for fingerprinting. This must be repeated every three years. There is no cost associated with this process.

To schedule an appointment, complete this short Volunteer Registration Google Form (<http://bit.ly/ShakerVolunteerRegistration>). Schedule your appointment directly from the Google Form. You can sign up to be a volunteer before completing the process; however, you cannot actually volunteer until the process is completed.

If needed, you can check with the Office to see if you are already registered or need to update your status.

Visitor Security System

Visitors should review our [Board of Education Policy](#) regarding school visits, which are to be scheduled in advance to avoid disruption to learning.

Our new visitor Kiosk is located in the front office. All visitors will be required to adhere to this procedure:

- Go to the visitor kiosk on the counter
- Follow the prompts to enter your cell phone number
- Scan your driver's license or state issued identification card
- Wait to be approved by office administrative assistants
- Wear your badge sticker when printed
- Check in with the office at the conclusion of your visit

This replaces School Gate Guardian and does require a driver's license scan. You will receive a text that you have logged in for a visit and a QR code to use for the next time you come to the building.

Lunches, snack drop offs, and other items should be brought to the office and our team will take care of delivering any items. They will also escort or assist students getting where they need to go if arriving tardy or coming from an appointment.

Volunteers must continue to schedule an appointment with the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) office at 216-295-6268 or email at volunteer_face@shaker.org. The FACE department is located on the Second floor of the Shaker Heights Public Library Main Branch, 16500 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights 44120. No walk-ins, by appointment only. This includes all times you are with students at school or school/PTO sponsored events (such as field trips).

The safety of our students and staff is of the utmost importance for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

A Message from the IB Coordinator



Celebration Corner

This week, we celebrate 5th grade, who had the honor and privilege to meet virtually with The [Honorable Judge Charles Esque Fleming](#), a federal judge serving in Cleveland, Ohio—and a proud Shaker Heights alumnus on Friday, April 4th. Judge Fleming shared the inspiring trajectory of his career, emphasizing the importance of perseverance, hard work, and staying committed to one's goals. He also spoke powerfully about his role in advocating for civil rights and pursuing justice during his years as a practicing attorney. It

was an unforgettable opportunity for students to connect learning with real-world impact and to see the legacy of Shaker excellence in action. Unique opportunities such as this are what sets us apart as an International Baccalaureate school district. Next year our goal is to take students to the Federal Courthouse to meet Judge Fleming in person, and receive a tour of the building. Special thanks to our Fernway parent Barbara Barreno-Paschall who made this experience possible!

A Message from the Physical Education Teacher

Mr. Sean Morris
morris_s@shaker.org

This blog will serve as a Fernway PE classroom website. Here you will find resources that are used during lessons as well as additional resources in document, video, audio, presentation, and website format that will provide learning support outside of our classroom. This site will be a window into our classroom providing an index of instructional content and goals as well as highlighting learning activities. You will also find examples highlighting student work products here. Please check this site often, utilize the resources presented, and participate in online discussions. Together we will help your child learn to their full potential.

<https://pyppefernway.com/>

A Message from our Literacy Specialist

Jocelyn Dietz
Coordinator of Early Literacy
Instructional Coach- Fernway Elementary
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Vocabulary

In this month's newsletter we explore the importance of vocabulary development through videos, infographics, and activities to try at home. There are two pages in this resource so be sure to scroll to the next page. Click on the [embedded link](#) to learn more!

Please feel free to reach out with any questions, feedback or ideas in moving forward. Thanks and I am looking forward to connecting. dietz_J@shaker.org

A Message from the Nurse

Jemonica Bell
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Dear Parents,

It's that time of the year for seasonal allergies! Seasonal allergies, also known as hay fever or seasonal allergic rhinitis, are allergy symptoms that occur during certain times of the year, usually when outdoor molds release their spores or trees, grasses and weeds release tiny pollen particles into the air to fertilize other plants.

In Ohio, you'll want to keep an eye on pollen counts in April, June, and September. These months are when seasonal allergies are typically at their peak. During these months, try limiting your time outdoors or going out in the evening when pollen counts tend to be lower.

Tree pollination begins in February and lasts through November, grass pollination from April to June, and weeds from September through October. Children with these allergies are more likely to have increased symptoms during those times of the year. Treatment of seasonal allergies may include over-the-counter use of prescription antihistamines, nasal steroid sprays and decongestants, and avoidance of exposure to allergens where possible. If you take an allergy medicine, some doctors recommend starting 2 to 4 weeks before the allergy season starts.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding seasonal allergies, please reach out to your child's health care provider.

Friendly reminder for staying warm and dry in cold weather. It is essential for students to wear a warm coat to protect them from frigid temperatures. Additionally waterproof gloves and boots, and snow pants are necessary to keep them warm and dry when playing outside. A hat is also important as it helps to retain body heat. By following these tips parents can ensure their students are prepared for the winter weather during arrival, departure and recess.

Please keep your child home if:

- Fever > 100.4
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Persistent cough
- Fresh cold with persistent runny nose
- Rash that has not been diagnosed
- Strep throat (should not return to school until 24 hours after medicine has started). If your child has only been cultured, please wait for results before sending them back to school

Fernway PTO News

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 10: SHMS Rainbow Run @ Shaker Heights Middle School

The Middle School invites the entire community, especially rising 6th grade families, to lace up your shoes for SHMS's annual Rainbow Run. Registration info [HERE](#)! They are also in need of bake sale [donations](#) and event [volunteers](#)!

Thursday, May 22: Parents Night Out @ Midnight Owl Brewing, 7pm

Celebrate this year's successes and learn more about volunteer opportunities for next year.

Friday, May 30: Field Day

This is a volunteer-heavy day, please consider trying to be available during the school day. Sign-up Genius coming soon!

Fernway Family Favorites: Volume 2—we want YOUR recipes!

Fernway PTO is kicking off a passion project this spring and summer, and we need your help! We're creating a cookbook to celebrate our diverse culinary traditions and beloved family favorites. Cookbooks

will be sold as a fundraiser in the fall. Please share your family's favorite recipes by May 1st by filling out the form coming home in backpack mail or online [HERE](#).
Interested in being a sponsor? This will help us defray costs, so more money goes directly to the PTO! Contact Dani at (832) 801-9426 to learn more!

Clap Out is back! PTO is looking for 2-3 4th grade parent volunteers to help coordinate Fifth Grade ClapOut! This is a beloved Shaker tradition and volunteers will be responsible for ordering single flowers for every 5th grade student (carnations or roses) and a sweet treat for students and their families at the small "reception" after. (All expenses to be reimbursed).

Clap Out will be on June 3, from 2-3pm. {Note new date!} Those interested should reach out to Sara Chengelis at 216.970.1586(text is best).

Share Your School Memories for the Yearbook!

We need your help capturing the magic of this school year! If you've snapped any great photos—whether from the classroom, playground, field trips, or even the first day of school—we'd love to include them in the yearbook!

Please send your pictures to FernwayYearbook@gmail.com and be sure to include: Your child's grade OR If it's a general school photo (with mixed grades), just let us know any key details (ie, Fun Run)! Thank you for helping us make this year's yearbook extra special!

SAVE THE DATE:

End of Year Block Party (5/31), Fifth Grade Clap Out (6/3), Last Day of School Flag Lowering (6/4)

Shaker Schools Foundation News



Support for Ludlow Playground!

The Shaker Schools Foundation is proud to support Ludlow's Playground, a new space designed to enrich the Ludlow neighborhood with opportunities for outdoor play and community connection. The Ludlow Early Learning Center will provide a dedicated space for early education, nurturing our youngest learners and laying the foundation for their lifelong success. With inclusive play equipment for all ages, this playground will be a vital resource that strengthens both the community and our commitment to equity.

Join the fun! We need your help to provide essential equipment, including picnic tables, benches, and bike racks, and enhancements such as interactive musical components, to enrich the play experience. With a matching gift challenge, your donation to the Shaker Schools Foundation will be doubled, allowing us to maximize our impact. Learn [more](#)!

Please follow the Shaker Schools Foundation on our social media platforms, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).