



April 27, 2025

Onaway Calendar

- **2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade IB Student Showcase** | Thursday, May 1, 5:30-7:00pm
- **Staff Appreciation Week** | Monday, May 5-Friday, May 9
- **Staff Appreciation Breakfast** | Tuesday, May 6
- **Staff Appreciation Lunch** | Friday, May 9
- **PTO Meeting** | Wednesday, May 14, 6 pm
- **5th Grade IB Student Showcase** | Thursday, May 22
- **Onaway Carnival** | Friday, May 23
- **No School - Memorial Day** | Monday, May 26
- **Spirit Day (wear country colors for field day)** | Friday, May 30
- **Field Day** | Friday, May 30
- **5th Grade Clap Out** | Tuesday, June 3, 2:00pm
- **Flag Lowering** | Wednesday, June 4, 2:15 pm

Link to [Online District Master Calendar](#)

Message from Principal Bechtel

Dear Onaway Families,

Please click on this link for [Principal Bechtel's Family Newsletter](#) for the week of April 27th, 2025.

Reminder, [Grade 5 has Science OST Testing on Tuesday, April 29th](#). Testing begins at 8:30am.

Have a great week!

Principal Bechtel

School News

2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade IB Student Showcase Evening - Thursday, 4/24

We hope all 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students and parents/guardians will join us for the Onaway International Baccalaureate Student Showcase this Thursday, April 24th! The evening will highlight your child's special accomplishments in academics, performing arts and visual arts.

All students will sing a song from Music class and perform a movement composition learned in PE and Spanish. Art, Library and Classroom work will be on display.

- **2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade IB Student Showcase** | Thursday, May 1, 5:30-7:00pm

For complete details see the [2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade IB Student Showcase](#) letters.

*As a reminder, the 5th graders will have their IB Student Exhibition at the end of the year on May 22nd.

A Message from our Onaway IB Coordinator

Shaker is an International Baccalaureate district, our Onaway IB Coordinator helps to keep our families informed. Please see this week's [IB Newsletter](#) for the latest updates.

If you have any questions about IB, please reach out to your child's teacher or our IB Coordinator, Denise Brown (brown_d@shaker.org).

PTO News

ONAWAY & Shaker Apparel Sale!

STORE OPEN THROUGH APRIL 28! Visit the Rube Adler store at:
<https://rubeadler.chipply.com/onaway/>

YEARBOOK SALES END SOON!!!

We so enjoyed having a whole-school year book for the Centennial last year that we have decided to do one again this year! (And hopefully the year after that, and that, and that.....) Traditionally the Onaway PTO has gifted the "graduating" 4th graders a Memory Book but since last year we got to keep them for one more year, and in celebration of Onaway's 100 years, we gifted all of the elementary students a copy of the year book.

This year, we are merging the two! There will be a 5th Grade Memories section within our all-school yearbook and each 5th grader will be gifted a copy as we wish them well on their next chapter in Shaker! The rest of the school community has the opportunity to buy a copy (or copies) through the link below. The price is \$18 and the books will be delivered to students at school before the end of the school year. Year books must be purchased by **May 2nd**, after that date the sales link will no longer be active. Please email Brooke or Meghan with any questions.

Fifth grade families should only purchase a book for their fifth grader if they want additional copies

<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/Onaway24-25>

Onaway Staff Appreciation Week 2025

Monday, May 5th - Friday, May 9th

Please take a look at the week's festivities and see how you can help.

The Week Prior

Student Notes of Appreciation. We need help collecting and organizing the student notes during lunch on Monday, 4/28; Wednesday, 4/30; and Friday, 5/2. [Sign up HERE](#).

Sunday 5/4

Chalk the Walk. Head over to Onaway at 4pm to leave messages of thanks, praise, encouragement and everything we love about our staff. **Please bring your own chalk**. All are welcome; no sign-up required.

Monday 5/5

Chair massages for the staff. No sign-ups.

Tuesday 5/6

Breakfast in the staff lounge at 7am. [Sign up HERE](#).

Wednesday 5/7

Snack Cart Day. [Sign up HERE](#).

Thursday 5/8

Donut display & Coffee truck. No sign-ups needed.

Friday 5/9

Homegrown flower bouquet and Luncheon

- Please send in a fresh cut flower from your yard. If you have extra flowers, please bring them for students who may not have flowers of their own to bring.
- We'll need volunteers at each door during morning drop-off to help collect the flowers and then distribute the "student flower bouquets". [Sign up HERE](#).
- Luncheon in the staff lounge. [Sign up HERE](#).
- Optional: Have your students wear their favorite Onaway gear

Please reach out to Tory (tory.k.mateo@gmail.com) or Emma (eblythe23@gmail.com) with questions and thank you for your help!

Onaway Paver Sale!

It's that time of year! Brick pavers are on sale now. Help beautify our parking lot door entrance with your very own customized paver! Show appreciation for Onaway staff or commemorate another school milestone. A personalized brick paver is a gift that lasts a lifetime!

Brick Pavers are \$45.00 each. Orders and payments need to be completed online or turned into the Onaway office by May 31st. The personalized pavers will be installed over the summer. To order go to

<https://donate.brickmarkers.com/onaway>

Or if you prefer to pay by check [CLICK HERE](#) to download the printable order form.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Nicol, sarahbethnicol@gmail.com or 202-236-7877.

PTO Recruitment for 2025-2026

Hello, Onaway families!

We are all part of an incredible community! The helping hands of many individuals make our Onaway PTO run smoothly and help us provide support, enrichment, and fun for our students, their families, and staff throughout the year. We hope you'll consider becoming a part of this by continuing in your present role, expressing interest in serving for the first time or in a new role, or just ask any questions you have about PTO and how we work together. Our community is so much stronger and able to support each other when we're all involved—no matter the role.

A summary of the various event coordinators and committee roles for next year can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/PTORoles25-26>. These are organized by event type and include the month in which the event usually takes place, a description of responsibilities, and the approximate number of hours it has taken an individual to fulfill the role— including attendance at the event. (In many cases, a role can be shared by more than one person if that works best for those volunteering.) All costs associated with events are paid for and/or reimbursed by the PTO.

Please consider how you can support our community in the 2025-26 school year. If you have a suggestion for a new role or event, let us know! We welcome your questions and ideas; our calendar is constantly evolving and there is always room for new ideas.

To express interest in a role please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/PTOsignup25-26> or contact one of the people listed below.

Many thanks!

Onaway PTO

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Shaker Middle School Rainbow Run

We hope you will join the Middle School families for the Raider Rainbow Run fundraiser on Saturday, May 10th from 11:00-3:00pm. Come run or walk through the Middle School neighborhood with fun color stations along the way! Students, families, staff, community members - anyone can participate! Whether you compete with your friends or take a leisurely stroll, stay clean or get dusted with color, the Raider Rainbow Run has something for everyone. To register or donate, click on the [Raider Rainbow Run Registration 2025](#) link.

See the [Rainbow Run at SMS flyer](#) for complete details or visit the middle school website page at <https://www.shakerpto.org/smspto>.

Shaker Schools Foundation News



Help Us Bring the Ludlow Playground to Life!



We've Hit \$4,200 — Let's Keep the Momentum Going!

Thanks to an incredible matching gift, every dollar raised so far has been **doubled** — turning \$2,100 into **\$4,200**! We're off to a great start, but we need your help to bring the Ludlow Playground to life!

♥ Be Part of Something Special

The Shaker Schools Foundation is proud to support the creation of the **Ludlow Playground** — an exciting, inclusive space designed especially for our youngest learners at the Ludlow Early Learning Center. Built in collaboration with our district, city, and community, this playground will be a joyful, welcoming place for *all* children to play, grow, and connect.

☀ Your Gift = Double the Impact

We're still fundraising to add key features like **benches, bike racks, picnic tables, and interactive musical elements** — the finishing touches that will make this space truly magical. And right now, your donation will go twice as far thanks to our matching donor!

👉 Help us reach our goal today and make a lasting difference for Shaker families for years to come.

Donate Now. Play Later. Joy Forever!

Stay up to date by following the Shaker Schools Foundation on our social media platforms, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#)! Learn more at the [Shaker Schools Foundation](#) website for the latest news.