

École John W. MacLeod Fleming Tower School



April 2025 News

Have you heard?

Did you know that April is World Autism Month? The recognition raises awareness about autism acceptance and promotes inclusion and connectedness for people with autism.

To all those who observe Ramadan, we say Ramadan Mubarak ("blessed Ramadan")! Eid al-Fitr took place on Sunday, March 30th, 2025.

Report cards were distributed to families on Tuesday, April 1st. Please contact the office if you are having trouble accessing the report card.

Out of area requests opened on April 1st for the 2025-2026 school year. Please note, a decision on out of area requests likely won't be made until the end of August, after late registration has occurred. Approval will only be granted if room exists in the requested classroom (defined by class caps). Approval is considered, in order, by date/time of submission. Students who have siblings already attending JWMFT do receive preference. There is no pre-primary French option. Students must register at their home school for pre-primary and apply for out of area consideration. Students who are switching programs (i.e. French to English), must return to their home English school (if not in JWMFT's catchment) and apply for out of area consideration as well (if no room exists).

Our Run Club is just getting organized and as expected, we have a great number of participants. Thank you to the volunteers and staff who are assisting with this great opportunity.

In late May, we will be registering for the BLUE NOSE YOUTH RUN where students complete the last 4 kms, to have a total of 42 kms (the length of a marathon).

Transition Information for Grade 4 Parents/Students (English & French):

Cunard Junior High and Elizabeth Sutherland will be hosting a parent/guardian information session – date to be announced shortly.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Interviews will be taking place the evening of April 2nd (5:00-7:30) and will resume in the afternoon of April 3rd (1:00-3:30). There is no school for students on April 3rd (PD Day in the morning and interviews scheduled for the afternoon).

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Active April Calendar

<https://actionforhappiness.org/sites/default/files/Apr%202025.pdf>

Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by Earthday.org including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries. The official theme for 2025 is "Our Power, Our Planet," focusing on the importance of renewable energy and aiming to triple global electricity generation from renewable sources by 2030. Several classes will be going over to Dingle to participate in a beach clean up on this day.

Choir students will be participating in the 2025 Nova Scotia Kiwanis Music Festival; Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Festival's founding! The festival takes place on April 9th.

Students and staff are working extremely hard on our spring musical “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs of the Black Forest.” Tickets for the show will go on sale shortly via School Cash Online. Performance dates/time:

April 23rd - Afternoon performance for JWMFT students (10:00 am)

April 24th - Afternoon performance for parents/guests (1:00 pm)

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April 24th - Evening performance for parents/guests (6:30 pm)

Staffing Changes:

We are pleased to announce that Christine Richey will be filling the role of our Acting Vice Principal for the remainder of the year. Julia Steeves will be the Learning Center Teacher at the John W MacLeod site, and Lauren Dompierre, will take over the grade 4 classroom position. We wish them all well in their new roles.

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