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# Orange Shirt Day



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# Truth and Reconciliation Week

September 27th to October 1st, 2021

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# Truth and Reconciliation Week

- Truth and Reconciliation Week is from September 27th to October 1st.
  - The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation has organized a full week of programming. Follow this link for more information:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/4137802913007675>
  - They have also put together a number of resources for educators surrounding this week. Follow this link for more information: <https://nctr.ca/education/trw/>
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# Resources

The following slide displays resources for Orange Shirt Day.

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# Resource List

- **CBC “What is Orange Shirt Day?”:**  
<https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/what-is-orange-shirt-day>.
  - **Orange Shirt Day Teacher Resources:**  
<https://www.orangeshirtday.org/teacher-resources.html>.
  - **OISE Deepening Knowledge:**  
[https://www.oise.utoronto.ca/deepeningknowledge/TeacherResources/CurriculumResources \(by subjects\)/Social Sciences and Humanities/Residential Schools.html](https://www.oise.utoronto.ca/deepeningknowledge/TeacherResources/CurriculumResources(bysubjects)/SocialSciencesandHumanities/ResidentialSchools.html).
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## Resource List Cont'd

- **Woodland Cultural Centre:**  
<https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/every-child-matters/>.
  - **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation:** <https://nctr.ca>.
  - **Honouring Residential School Survivors and the Ones That Never Made It Home:**  
<https://sway.office.com/SCox9za7xVvh9dAn?fbclid=IwAR3q33zkxgpk04SXJ9u6S9q9plA-amDO8Uxc1Di8jUE9MiR63bZ9uWFe9Ps>.
  - **The Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund:**  
<https://downiewenjack.ca>
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# Whole School Activities

The following slide provides a number of ideas for whole school activities surrounding Orange Shirt Day.

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# Whole School Activity Ideas



- Provide students with an Orange Shirt template and have them write on it what Orange Shirt Day means to them.
  - Provide students with an Orange Shirt template and have them write on it what it means to care.
  - Display shirts in a hallway or entrance of the school.
  - Do an acknowledgement on the morning announcements for Orange Shirt Day.
  - Construction paper, felt, or other craft material t-shirts can also be dropped-off at the Board Office. They will be taken to Child and Family Services to hang around the sacred fire. **Please drop off t-shirts no later than Monday, September 27th.**
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# Purchasing an Orange Shirt

The following slide provides a number of Indigenous owned businesses where you can purchase Orange Shirt Day t-shirts. Please note that the Board will not be purchasing Orange Shirts. These are suggestions for individuals to purchase their own.

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# Orange Shirt Day Shirts



Kaluyahawi's Design Shop  
(<https://kaluyahawidesign.threadless.com>).

It's important to be mindful when purchasing items for Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30th, 2021). I encourage everyone to purchase from Indigenous peoples or Indigenous owned businesses. This is a great way to show solidarity and support Indigenous creators.

Be aware that some corporations, organizations, and businesses are selling Orange Shirt Day items with no commitment or proceeds going to Indigenous communities or Residential School survivors. Do your research prior to purchasing anything.

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# Indigenous Owned Businesses to Purchase From



- **Kaluyahwai's Design Shop:** T-Shirts available in Mohawk, Oneida, and English (<https://kaluyahawidesign.threadless.com>). Proceeds go towards the Save the Evidence Campaign.
  - **The Whetung Ojibwa Centre:** Orange shirts designed by artist and residential school survivor Freddy Taylor (<https://www.whetung.com/collections/2021-new-items/products/every-child-matters-by-freddy-taylor>). Proceeds go towards the Save the Evidence Campaign.
  - **Orange Shirt Day Official Suppliers:** <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/shirt-retailers.html>.
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# Important Tips

The following slide provides some important tips for engaging with Residential School content.

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# Be Mindful

- Always watch the video in advance of showing it to students to ensure it is age-appropriate.
- When possible, try to use videos created by survivors of Residential Schools. This allows for an authentic voice in the classroom while not asking survivors to re-traumatize themselves by sharing their stories repeatedly.
- Do not call on students who self-identify to talk or tell the story of their family/speak on behalf of all Indigenous peoples.



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# Accessing Support Systems



**If you need support, here are some places you can contact:**

- Mental health counselling & crisis support is available through the Hope for Wellness Hotline at 1-855-242-3310 or online at [hopeforwellness.ca](https://hopeforwellness.ca). Counselling is available in Cree, Ojibway & Inuktitut, on request.
  - The IRSRHSP has a National Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line 1-866-925-4419 that provides immediate emotional support for former Indian Residential School students. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
  - If you have a student in your classroom who is in need of support, please contact Liv Rondeau at [rondeaul@limestone.on.ca](mailto:rondeaul@limestone.on.ca) or Kelly Maracle at [maracleke@limestone.on.ca](mailto:maracleke@limestone.on.ca).
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# Beyond Orange Shirt Day

The following slide discusses the importance of actively participating in truth and reconciliation, every day. These are suggestions on what adults/educators can do.

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**Check out this awesome  
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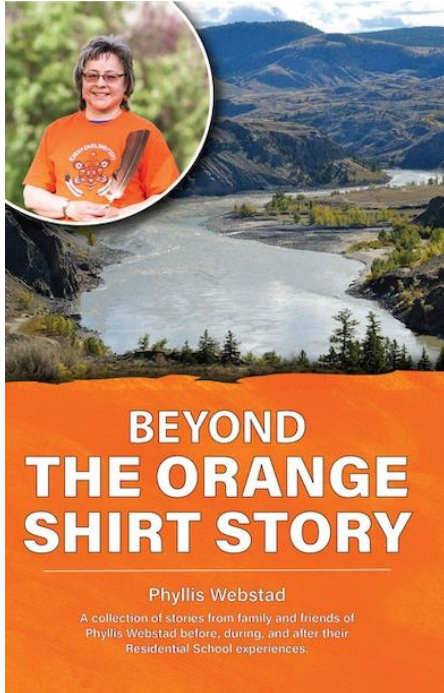
# Truth and Reconciliation, Every Day

**What can you, as a teacher, do beyond Orange Shirt Day to engage in truth and reconciliation?**

1. Read books about the residential school experience.
  2. Volunteer with Indigenous organizations and not-for-profits.
  3. Support Indigenous artists.
  4. Watch Indigenous films and documentaries.
  5. Attend Indigenous events that are open to the public in your community.
  6. Learning greetings in the Indigenous language(s) of your community.
  7. Listen to Indigenous podcasts and music.
  8. Learn the true history of what is now known as Canada.
  9. Work towards meaningful allyship.
  10. Donate to Indigenous communities, causes, etc.
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# Beyond the Orange Shirt Story



- Beyond the Orange Shirt Story is a unique collection of truths, as told by Phyllis Webstad's family and others, that will give readers an up-close look at what life was like before, during, and after their Residential School experiences.
  - Find a copy of it here:  
<https://goodminds.com/products/beyond-the-orange-shirt-story>.
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# Dual Language Resources

The following slides includes resources that are available in multiple languages.

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# French Resources

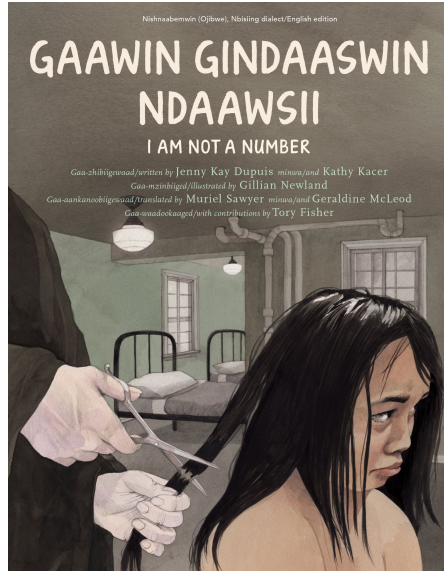


1. [I Am Not A Number by Jenny Kay Dupuis is available in French.](#)
  2. [Orange Shirt Story by Phyllis Webstad is available in French.](#)
  3. [Shin-chi's Canoe by Nicola I. Campbell is available in French.](#)
  4. [Fatty Legs by Margaret Pokiak-Fenton and Christy Jordan-Fenton is available in French.](#)
  5. [Stolen Words by Melanie Florence is available in French.](#)
  6. [When We Were Alone by David A. Robertson is available in French.](#)
  7. [You Hold Me Up by Monique Gray Smith is available in French.](#)
- More French resources can be found here:  
[https://goodminds.com/pages/search-results-page?q=residential+schools+french&page=2.](https://goodminds.com/pages/search-results-page?q=residential+schools+french&page=2)
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# Indigenous Language(s) Resources



1. When We Were Alone by David A. Robertson is available in Cree: [When We Were Alone Cree](#).
  2. I Am Not A Number by Jenny Kay Dupuis is available in Ojibwe: [Gaawin Gindaaswin Ndaawsii / I Am Not A Number](#).
  3. Stolen Words by Melanie Florence is available in Cree: [Kimotinaniwiw itwewina / Stolen Words](#).
  4. The Train by Jodie Callaghan is available in Mi'kmaq: [Ga's / The Train, hardcover ed. Dual Language \(PreOrder-Sep 21/21\)](#).
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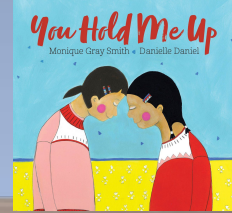
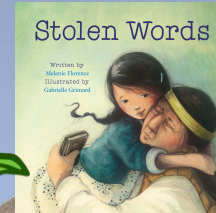
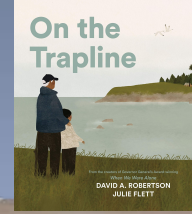


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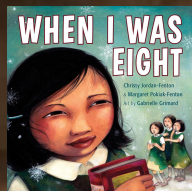
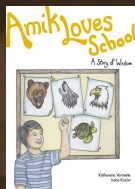
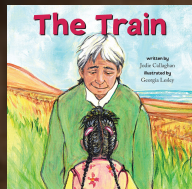
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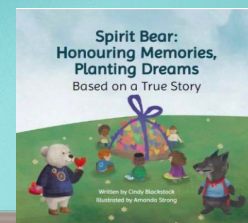
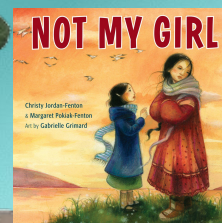
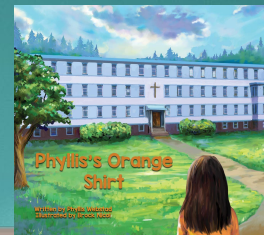
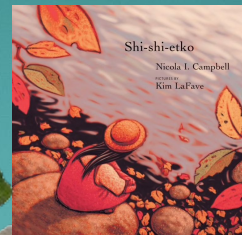




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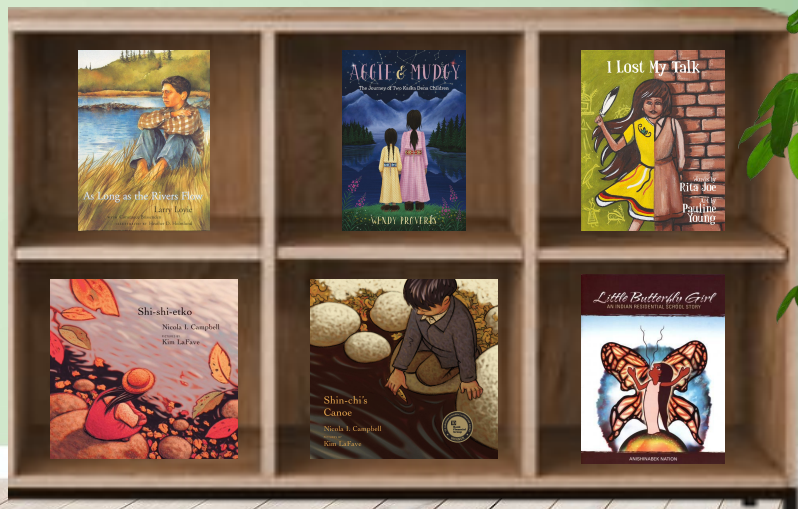
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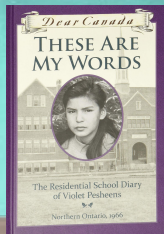
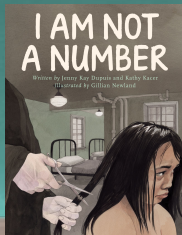
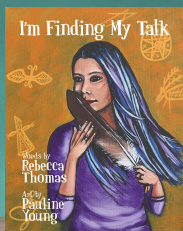
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Reading is the **KEY** to learning



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K - What I Know

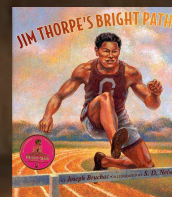
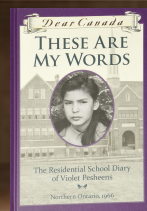
What do you know about Residential Schools?

W - What I Want to Know

What do you want to know about Residential Schools?

L - What I Learned

What have you learned about Residential Schools?



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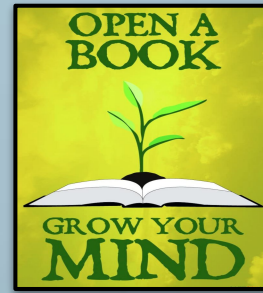
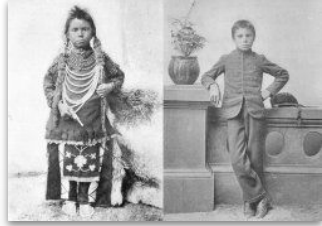
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*EVERY CHILD MATTERS*

