



Orange Shirt Day National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Thursday September 30, 2021

September 30th is the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. In previous years, this date has been recognized as *Orange Shirt Day: Every Child Matters*, a day to witness and honour the healing journey of residential school survivors and their families. Approximately 150,000 Métis, Inuit and First Nations children attended Canadian residential schools between the 1860s and the 1990s, 6,000 are estimated to have died amid abuse and neglect (Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission).

Orange shirts commemorate [the story of Phyllis Webstad](#), a residential school survivor who was stripped of her shiny new orange shirt when she attended residential school as a six-year-old child. In Phyllis' words, "The color orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing."

The federal government formalized September 30th as a national day to address the harm caused to Indigenous peoples by the residential school system and to advance reconciliation. September 30th is not seen as a day for celebration but rather one for reflection.

The Municipality of Kincardine is committed to meaningful discussion about the legacy of the residential school system, to affirm that #EveryChildMatters matter, and to further commit to reconciliation.

For more information about the work the Municipality of Kincardine is doing, and has done, around Truth and Reconciliation, visit www.kincardine.ca/en/living-here/journey-to-reconciliation.

Besides wearing orange on September 30th ...

What can you do to work towards the journey to reconciliation?



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What can you do to learn more?

Ideas for teams

- Purchase orange shirts from an Indigenous organization or wear your own orange shirts or Every Child Matters stickers
- Send a team photo featuring your orange shirts and share your team commitment to action
- Watch a video together and discuss as a team

Videos

Title	Source	Producer	Length
The Bruce: This three-part series explores the history of Bruce County and the Saugeen/Bruce Peninsula.	Watch https://www.tv.o.org/programs/the-bruce	TVO	Three part series – 53 minutes each
Discovering the lives of Indigenous Children today	21 Indigenous children living in communities across Canada	TVO Kids	Various lengths
Indigenous Voices and reconciliation	National Film Board – Indigenous Voices and Reconciliation	National film board	Various lengths
Phyllis Webstad Orange Shirt Day Presentation	Watch on YouTube	Orange Shirt Society	7 minutes
Senator Murray Sinclair: What is Reconciliation?	Watch on YouTube	Truth & Reconciliation Commission	3 minutes
Reconciliation is Dead by Lori Campbell	Watch on YouTube	TEDx KitchenerED	10 minutes
What non-Indigenous Canadians need to know	Watch on YouTube	TVO	5 minutes
Survivor Panel on Missing Children	Watch on YouTube	National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation	2 hours
We Were Children	Rent online	National Film Board	1 hour 23 minutes
The Walk a Mile Film Project	Borrow by mail	CommonWord	1 hour 8 minutes
We can't make the same mistake twice	Stream online	National Film Board	2 hours 43 minutes
ConnectR Video Library	Stream online	Various	Various
Indigenous Film Catalogue (Various films)	Stream online	Various	Various



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- Sign up for a Woodland Cultural Centre [virtual tour](#)
- [Register](#) for [virtual events](#) by the National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation (September 27 to October 1)
- Stream the [discussion panel](#) featuring Bob Watts of the TRC, organized by the Downie Wenjack Fund
- Start a book club and commit to regular group discussions (see resource list)

Books

Title	Author
The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America	Thomas King
Unsettling Canada	Arthur Manuel
The Reconciliation Manifesto: Recovering the Land Rebuilding the Economy	Arthur Manuel
Thinking in Indian: A John Mohawk Reader	John Mohawk
We share our matters	Rick Monture
And Grandma Said...Iroquois Teachings, as passed down through the oral tradition	Tom Porter
Seven Fallen Feathers	Tanya Talaga
Indigenous Writes: A guide to First Nations, Métis & Inuit Issues in Canada	Chelsea Vowel
A reconciliation reading list: 15 must read books	Various
River Woman	Katherena Vermette
In My Own Moccasins	Helen Knott
If I Go Missing	Brianna Jonnie with Nahanni Shingoose

Ideas for individuals

- Post a photo, reflection, or commitment on your personal social media sites
- Choose an action to take from the list of [150 Acts of Reconciliation](#)
- [Sign up](#) for the TRC newsletter
- Check out resources provided by local public library (see resource list)
- Share resources at home with family and friends to continue your personal learning outside of work hours.
- Read [Spirit Bear's Guide](#) to the Calls to Action and visit the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society website for [kid-friendly resources](#)
- Learn how to [talk with kids about residential schools](#)
- Help get youth from kindergarten to grade 12 involved in [Imagine a Canada](#)



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- Listen to a podcast or watch a video

Podcasts

Title	Host/creator	Availability
One Dish One Mic	Sean VanderKlis and Karl Dockstader	Listen live
Residential Schools	Shaneen Robinson-Desjarlais for Historica Britannica	Apple or Spotify
Still Here Still Healing	Jade Roberts	Apple or Spotify
Unreserved	Rosanna Deerchild	CBC Listen
Warrior Life	Pam Palmater	SoundCloud
7 Indigenous-themed podcasts	Various	CBC Listen

- Follow Indigenous organizations and leaders on social media

Social media accounts to follow

Twitter	Instagram	FaceBook	TikTok (via app only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jorge Barrera • Cindy Blackstock • Sheila Cote-Meek • Russ Diabo • Haden King • Pam Palmater • Suzanne Stewart • Darren Thomas • Eve Tuck 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodland Cultural Centre • National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation Education Centre • CBC Indigenous • ConnectR Reconciliation • Mississaugas of the Credit FN • Pass the Feather Indigenous • Nishnawbe Aski Nation • She is Indigenous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodland Cultural Centre • National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation • CBC Indigenous • Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres • The Healing of The Seven Generations • Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre • White Owl Native Ancestry Association • Anishnabeg Outreach • KW Urban Native Wigwam Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous TikTok @Indigenous.tiktok • Shina Nova @shinanova • Michelle Chubb @indigenous_baddie • James Jones @notoriouscree • Wab Kinew @wabkinew • Pam Palmater @pp2cool • 1752 Treaty Rights Holder @mikmakineews • Kendra Rosychuk @kendrajessie • Lance Tsosie @modern_warrior__ • A Tribe Called Red @atribecalledred



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