



Orange Shirt Day

A day to listen, learn, and celebrate Indigenous culture!

What is Orange Shirt Day?

The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

On September 30th we wear orange shirts to honour the First Nation, Métis and Inuit children who were taken from their families and communities to be sent away to residential schools in Canada.

The days surrounding Orange Shirt Day are an important time to learn more about the history of those schools.

We are inviting students here at Kingswood to join us on **Friday September, 29th** to wear any item of orange in support!

Books:

- Muinjij'j Asks Why (age 5+)
- Phyllis's Orange Shirt (age 4-6)
- Stolen Words (Ages 4-8)
- The Train (Ages 4-8)
- When We Were Alone (Ages 4-8)

Sources for more Information:

- <https://www.cbc.ca/kids/articles/what-is-orange-shirt-day>
- <https://nctr.ca/records/reports/>
- <https://www.reconciliationeducation.ca/en-ca/>

Why do we wear Orange?

Orange Shirt Day refers to the new shirt that Phyllis Webstad was given to her by her grandmother for her first day of school at St. Joseph's Mission residential school in British Columbia. When Phyllis got to school, they took away her clothes, including her new shirt. It was never returned.

To Phyllis, the color orange has always reminded her of her experiences she had at residential school.

The message that Phyllis wants to pass along on Orange Shirt Day — and every day — is that every child matters.

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"All of my Relations"

