



# National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

The Second Annual National Truth and Reconciliation Week occurred in GYPSD schools from September 26th to 29th and was marked by important conversations including the truths of the Indigenous treaties and the residential school system. Students heard from Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and Story Tellers. They attended Round Dances and engaged in Indigenous learning activities. Recognized in this week was also National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day (September 30th). Orange Shirt Day recalls the experience of Residential School Survivor Phyllis Webstad, who at age six was stripped of her new orange shirt on her first day attending the St. Joseph Mission Residential School near Williams Lake, BC. The date of September 30 was chosen because it was the time of year when Indigenous children were typically removed from their families and forced to attend residential schools.

GYPSD is committed to highlighting the importance of these events and encouraging all staff and students to take the time to learn, reflect, and engage in conversations about truth, reconciliation, and the actions that each of us can take. Each GYPSD school found their own unique way to show support to mark this important date. Staff at ESC also took time to identify actions to move the work of Truth and Reconciliation forward. We continue to show gratitude to members of our Elders and Knowledge Keepers, as well as our Indigenous staff, students, and their families who continuously share their voice and their stories with our staff and students and provide their counsel in relation to our programs and services.



Grande Cache Schools:  
Sheldon View Elementary  
Summitview Middle School  
Grande Cache Community High School

Edson Schools:  
Fulham, École Westhaven, Mary Bergeron Elementary, École Pine Grove Middle, Parkland Composite High School



In Fulham, Principal Marshall read Phyllis Webstad's The Orange Shirt Story to the students, then they each designed their own Orange Shirt.

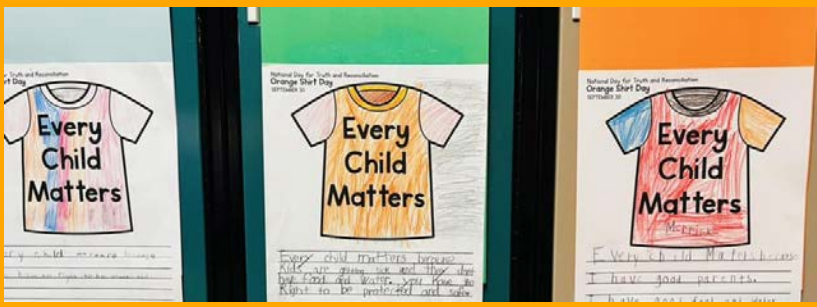


Hinton: Crescent Valley and École Mountain View Elementary and Harry Collinge High Schools came together and were joined by hundreds from the Hinton Community to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day



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École Jasper Elementary and Jasper Junior/Senior High School



Lobstick Zone: Niton, Wildwood, Evansview and Grand Trunk High School

