



ORANGE SHIRT DAY September 30

The Province of Saskatchewan has proclaimed September 30 to be Orange Shirt Day—a day to honour the Indigenous children who survived residential schools and remember those who didn't.

Orange Shirt Day began in Williams Lake, B.C. in 2013 where, at a commemoration event at a local residential school, a story was told about a young female student named Phyllis who had her brand-new orange shirt taken away on her first day at the school. The orange shirt is a symbol of the many losses experienced by thousands of students and families due to residential schools.

Since it began in 2013, the phrase “Every Child Matters” has been used as part of the movement to recognize the value of every child and for communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for future generations. Learn more at www.angeshirtday.org

All Saskatoon public schools will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day. Students are encouraged to wear orange that day. There will be activities and lessons in the school that will foster students' understanding of the impact of residential schools.

This year, Saskatoon Public Schools is unveiling a new design to recognize Orange Shirt Day in our schools, which was created by Eileen Knox, a student at Marion M. Graham Collegiate.

Orange Shirt Day is one of many actions Saskatoon Public Schools undertakes as part of the division's [response](#) to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.