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Orange Shirt Day

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On Friday, September 29th, we are asked to reflect nationally on the Residential School System in Canada. Orange shirts are worn in memory of all the Indigenous children whose culture, language, and freedoms were lost, oppressed, or challenged. As schools and a nation, we remember our *Calls to Action*.

Reconciliation is about our journey towards mending and building relationships with Indigenous communities that are based on intercultural empathy, understanding, and mutual respect. As such, teachers in our school board have been provided helpful resources so that student can engage in those important conversations in our classrooms.

Again, this year, we are inviting our students to wear an orange-coloured shirt on Friday, September 29th in recognition of Orange Shirt Day. Our students will participate in a short assembly on Friday at 2:20 in recognition of the importance of this day. Like last year, we will be placing orange-painted rocks in our front flower gardens as a reminder of our reconciliation efforts.

Many thanks,

Mr. C. Minutillo
Principal

Mr. C. Wells
Vice-Principal