

## Orange Shirt Day – September 30<sup>th</sup>

This day honours those who were taken from their homes and placed in residential schools around Canada. These schools forced Metis, Inuit, and First Nations children to disconnect from their culture and assimilate into Canadian society. It is important for the reconciliation process for the individuals and families that were affected by the residential schools.

Why...

September 30<sup>th</sup>? This was the time of year children were taken from their homes to the residential schools.

Orange? Phyllis Webstad, a former student and creator of orange shirt day, left for her first day at the residential school in her new orange shirt given to her by her grandmother. When she arrived, they took her brand new shirt away from her.

See below for what you can do:

### Orange Shirt Day September 30<sup>th</sup> What can you do?



Read books by  
Indigenous authors



Review the 94 Truth  
and Reconciliation  
calls to action and  
commit to at least  
one



Watch online events  
hosted by the  
National Centre for  
Truth and  
Reconciliation



Identify and connect with  
your local Indigenous  
serving organizations



Read Phyllis Webstad's  
book "The Orange Shirt  
Story"

