



ORANGE SHIRT DAY – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Orange Shirt Day is a day of remembrance and learning that began in Canada to honor Indigenous children who were sent to residential schools. It was inspired by Phyllis Webstad, whose brand-new orange shirt was taken from her on her first day at school. The orange shirt has become a symbol of the loss of culture, identity, and dignity experienced by Indigenous children, as well as a reminder of the importance of reconciliation today.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is also observed every year on September 30. It honors Survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities, and encourages reflection on the ongoing impacts of these institutions.

WHY IT MATTERS

- TO HONOR SURVIVORS OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS
- TO REMEMBER CHILDREN WHO NEVER RETURNED HOME
- TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE LASTING IMPACTS OF COLONIZATION
- TO AFFIRM THAT EVERY CHILD MATTERS

HOW TO PARTICIPATE ON CAMPUS

- WEAR ORANGE ON SEPTEMBER 30 TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT
- VISIT THE INFORMATION TABLE OUTSIDE THE CCEI OFFICE, CC236 TO LEARN MORE!
- VISIT THE LIBRARY TO EXPLORE BOOKS ON THE TOPIC - PHYLLIS WEBSTAD'S BOOKS ARE A GREAT START!
- SUPPORT INDIGENOUS-LED ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH DONATIONS OR VOLUNTEERING

Future programs amplifying Indigenous peoples, voices, and experiences:

- Homecoming 2025: The Lenape Speak Nov. 7 & 8 (Pocono Campus, Tannersville, PA)