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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that we will once again be participating in **Orange Shirt Day**. This year we will be observing Orange Shirt Day on **Wednesday, Sept. 30th, 2020**. Students and staff are invited to wear an **orange shirt or other orange piece of clothing** as a symbol of our acknowledgement of residential school survivors. Classes will also have conversations and explore age-appropriate learning resources about the history of residential schools in Canada.

Why do we observe Orange Shirt Day?

“The events were designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation. Chief Justice Murray Sinclair challenged all of the participants to keep the reconciliation process alive, and as a result of the realization that every former student had similar stories.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of this project. As spokesperson for the Reunion group leading up to the events, former student Phyllis (Jack) Webstad told her story of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl.

The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.” (www.angeshirtday.org)

On Wednesday, September 30th, please join R. F. Morrison in continuing the important work of reconciliation by wearing an item of orange clothing. Every Child Matters.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

Andrew Volk, Principal

Oksana Kosteckyj, Vice-Principal