

SEPTEMBER 30TH
ORANGE
SHIRT DAY



WHAT IS ORANGE SHIRT DAY?

Orange Shirt Day grew out of Phyllis Webstad's account of losing her shiny new orange shirt on her first day at residential school. We wear orange to honour the children who survived the Indian Residential Schools and remember those that didn't.

Hear Phyllis's personal story here*: youtube.com/watch?v=ll1pUrK29MM&

Hear Phyllis talk about Orange Shirt Day*: youtube.com/watch?v=E3vUqr01kAk

Every Child Matters. We wear orange shirts in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters.








For more information on Orange Shirt Day: orangeshirtday.org

WHEN IS ORANGE SHIRT DAY?

Orange Shirt Day happens every year on **September 30th**.

Depending on the day of the week, some schools and businesses choose to celebrate a few days before or after.

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Wear orange on September 30th - and share them with us using **#OrangeShirtDayNL**
- Read *The Orange Shirt Story** (available at Chapters or as a read-along on Youtube)
- Learn about the history of residential schools
- Talk to your children about what happened, and how every child matters
- Read books* that educate on residential schools or reconciliation:
 - When I Was 8  
 - When We Were Alone  
 - Fatty Legs 
 - The Secret Path  

* We recommend looking through all resources before introducing them to your children. While stories about residential schools are extremely important, it can be a very difficult topic, and it's important to make sure the videos/stories are appropriate for them. If the resources in this handout aren't suitable, many more resources can be found here: orangeshirtday.org/resources--supplies.html

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T-SHIRT CONTEST

WHAT IS THIS CONTEST?

For Orange Shirt Day 2020, we would like to create an orange shirt design that is meaningful to our community here at First Light. These shirts will be available for community to purchase and wear on Orange Shirt Day.

Use the resources given on the previous page (as well as any others you may find) to educate your children about Orange Shirt Day, residential schools, and why Every Child Matters. Then, have them create a drawing that represents "Every Child Matters." This can be as literal or as creative as you want - we'll even take scribbles!

IS THERE A PRIZE?

The winning design will have their drawing used in our Orange Shirt Day 2020 T-Shirt Design & will also win a **\$100 Chapters Gift Card!**

All children who participate will receive an Orange Shirt in September 2020, and may have their designs featured in other ways.

CONTEST RULES

- **Draw a picture that shows what "Every Child Matters" means to you**
This can mean a lot of things to many people - be as creative as you want!
- **Entries must include:**
 - **A photo or scan of the drawing**
We want you to be creative, but please make sure to only use black ink/lead/crayon, and that the drawing is on a white piece of paper!
 - **Name, Age & Contact Info**
 - **Release Form**
This is to make sure we can use your drawing for Orange Shirt Day 2020.
- **Entries can be submitted online at:** forms.gle/h7kGjRkGPnXXPbfv5

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: APRIL 30, 2020

Questions? Contact us at: training@firstlightnl.ca

