

# Orange Shirt Day

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*T-shirt design by Isaac Murdoch*

**Wear an Orange Shirt on September 30 to show your support for survivors, descendants & the deceased from Canadian & U.S. boarding/residential schools**

Orange Shirt Day began in William's Lake, British Columbia in 2013 through the work of a residential school survivor named Phyllis Webstad.

When Phyllis was taken to a residential school as a six-year-old, she brought with her an orange shirt that her grandmother had gifted her. That orange shirt was taken away from Phyllis when she arrived at the residential school. Orange Shirt Day encourages

Canadians, and now Americans, to work together towards reconciliation and to hear the truth telling that comes from the survivors sharing their stories.

September 30 was chosen as the symbolic date that represents when Indigenous children were sent to residential school. It is also the start of a new school year, so a good time to raise awareness about the Indian boarding/residential school era.

**For more information about Orange Shirt Day and the Indian boarding/residential school era, visit these links:**

- [http://www.orangeshirtday.org/uploads/7/9/8/7/79871818/teacher\\_resource\\_guide\\_grade\\_11-12.pdf](http://www.orangeshirtday.org/uploads/7/9/8/7/79871818/teacher_resource_guide_grade_11-12.pdf)
- <http://www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing/planyourvisit/pdf/AIBSCurrGuide.pdf>



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