

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

## **What is Orange Shirt Day and when does it occur each year?**

Orange Shirt Day, September 30th, is a day to honor and uphold Survivors and intergenerational Survivors of the Indian residential school system, and to commemorate those who didn't return home.

## **What does Orange Shirt Day symbolize and why?**

Orange Shirt Day was created as an opportunity to discuss the effects of residential schools and their legacy. It honors the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, celebrates resilience and affirms a commitment that every child matters.

## **What is Orange Shirt Day in US?**

September 30th is a day of recognition across the United States and Canada. Orange Shirt Day honors Indigenous children who were lost at residential and boarding schools. It also honors the legacy of survivors.

## **Is Orange Shirt Day only in Canada?**

The event led to the annual September 30th Orange Shirt Day as a means of remembrance, teaching, and healing. In June 2021, the federal government declared 30 September a national statutory holiday to coincide with Orange Shirt Day.

## **How do you explain every child matters?**

“Every child matters,” became the motto of what soon became Orange Shirt Day, honoring even the wounded inner child within the adult survivors of Indian residential schools in Canada. It is an expression of the belief that all children are important, including the ones left behind at residential schools and adults who are still healing from the trauma they endured there.

## **What is reconciliation in simple words?**

Reconciliation is a situation in which two people or groups of people become friendly again after they have argued: It took hours of negotiations to bring about a reconciliation between the two sides. It is the process of making two opposite beliefs, ideas, or situations agree. Reconciliation is about making & accepting apologies.

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