SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH

Truth and Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt day began in 2013 in Williams Lake, British Columbia. Former residential school student, Phyllis (Jack) Webstad shared her story of her first day at Mission school.

"I had just turned six and my grandmother brought me down to Robinson's and I picked out, I remember, a shiny orange shirt to go to school in. It was an exciting time, but when I got to the residential school we were stripped of our clothing and I never did wear it again."

-Phyllis (Jack) Webstad

Every year on September 30th people across Canada wear orange in honour of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children and families who were impacted by the residential school system.

When you wear orange on September 30th, you are recognizing the experience of those who went to residential schools, you are honouring them, and sharing with others that Every Child Matters.

For ideas on how your family can connect with Métis culture and community during Truth and Reconciliation Day, visit the Métis Nation of Alberta website: https://albertametis.com/



