



At HWDSB, we respect the longstanding relationships with the neighbouring and host nations, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River. We also acknowledge the vibrant and diverse urban Indigenous community in Hamilton.

Monday, September 30, 2024, is Orange Shirt Day, which is also known as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We encourage HWDSB students and staff to wear orange to school and work on Monday, September 30 to honour survivors of Residential Schools and to center the importance of intergenerational healing and wellness.

If you are unfamiliar with the story of Phyllis Webstad, Indian Residential School Survivor of St. Joseph Mission (SJM) Residential School in British Columbia, and why we wear orange shirts, we invite you to visit the website below:

[Homepage - Orange Shirt Society \(orangeshirtday.org\)](https://www.orangeshirtday.org)

The HWDSB community is encouraged to think about the meaning of Truth and Reconciliation and how we are implicated in enacting meaningful change in a restorative education system. We encourage you to get involved in reconciliation events happening near you, and, to deepen your own learning.

In the greater Hamilton community, on September 27 and 28, we highlight the 3rd Annual **Truth and Reconciliation Gathering, E Yeti ya da nohs da:t Ogwak sa dah**, "Lifting Up Our Children" planned by the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre (HRIC) at the Gage Park (Bandshell).