

Orange Shirt Day



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When you're wearing an Orange Shirt on that day, you bring hope and justice so that the future can be better and a reminder that Every Child Matters.

Orange Shirt Day originated in Canada to honor the survivors of residential schools and to raise awareness about the tragic legacy of these institutions. It was created by Phyllis Webstad, a member of the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, whose orange shirt was taken away on her first day at a residential school in 1973. Webstad's story, along with other survivors' experiences, led to the establishment of this day as a national event on September 30th.

