



Dear CMHA Families,

Today September 30, 2021 is Orange Shirt Day and the First National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. This is a day to honour Survivors, their families, and communities across our country as we commemorate the history and legacy of the residential school system in Canada and the intergenerational trauma that has resulted.

For Indigenous Peoples, education is understood as a lifelong learning process. As we move forward on our path of Truth & Reconciliation we must take every opportunity to learn about this horrific period in our history and educate ourselves and our families. We must see, hear, and believe the accounts of Survivors to better understand the events that they experienced and its effects. We must learn how to heal through support and actions allowing for Indigenous communities to continue to remember, share, revitalize, and reclaim their cultures and identity.

For more information and ideas on how to commemorate this day, please visit the Government of Canada website

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>

or the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation website <https://nctr.ca/>.

I invite every CMHA family to take time today to share and reflect as we acknowledge our past, accept our present, and strive to improve our collective future!

“Every Child Matters” – honouring the Survivors of residential schools, while remembering those who did not.

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