Website Resources

> Due to the sensitive nature of Truth and Reconciliation Day topics, we recommend that parents guide their students in conversations while using these suggested resources.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Each year, September 30th marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”.

Taking Truth to Action

National Truth and Reconciliation is providing **Taking Truth to Action**, pre-recorded sessions open to all schools across Canada, that support free, age-appropriate education curricula for students in grades 1-12. Students will have the opportunity to learn directly from residential school Survivors, Indigenous artists and athletes, and other subject matter experts. Learning topics include the truths, history, and impacts of the Residential School System and what learners and educators can do to take action toward reconciliation.

Canadian Geographic’s Education Indigenous Resources

The Can Geo Education website contains resources to support education as a tool for reconciliation. Students can interact with Google Earth Voyageur stories to learn about Canada’s residential schools, original place names, and Indigenous cultural heritage.

Create to Learn

Create to Learn is a video-based resource featuring online tutorials on digital skills and traditional knowledge using digital tools. All videos and resources are created by First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artists and creatives to showcase their skills. Topics include:

- Health & Well-Being
- Writing
- Video & Film
- Visual Arts
- Game Design
- Drones
- Music & Songwriting
- Entrepreneurship & Design

- Photography & Photoshop
- Cultural Teachings

Additional Resources

- Promise Keepers Canada—A Sombre Summer Article
- Roots and Routes - Video-based Lesson Plan Bundle Grades 9-12
- Vancouver School of Theology—Every Child Matters by Ray Aldred
- Legacy of Hope—Where are the Children?
- Truth & Reconciliation Commission Reading Challenge
- The National Centre for Collaboration in Indigenous Education

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