

Hi students this week is focused on Orange Shirt Day. Please take an opportunity to acknowledge the reasons as to why this national holiday is taking place and talk to your parents about what truth and reconciliation means for us today.

Consider watching this video of a song created by students in Kamloops about the residential schools with your adults.

Here is the link to the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0YYkviWbng>

The lyrics of the song are attached. Please read and sing along with your parents.

If you are in kindergarten-grade 2 open the attachment that looks like this and do the activity:

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Orange Shirt Day Activities

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Think of all the ways we can remember the children of residential schools on Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Decorate this t-shirt with your ideas.

If you're in grade 3-5 open the attachment that looks like this and do the activity:

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About the song...
We Won't Forget You

Song written, recorded and filmed with students from Oriskany School of Excellence in Kamloops to Scwepmic, Kamloops, British Columbia
Music produced by David Hodges. (swepmic.com)

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

1. What community are the performers of the song "We Won't Forget You" from?
2. What city and province in Canada are these singers from?
3. What does "Dahsh-meh-keg-ah-dem" mean?
4. When Kays starts to sing 44 seconds into the song, the style of music changes to rap. Why do you think the composer chose to combine rap with singing?
5. Why is it important for these young people to sing and share this song?
6. Tyra shares how the language of Indigenous peoples is taught. What are those two ways? _____ and _____
7. What do you like about this song? Use musical terminology to explain.

8. Describe the mood of the song and how it makes you feel.

