



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION *at EMCS*

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LEADERSHIP CLASS VISITS

Leadership students will visit A block classes on Friday, Sept. 24th and Monday, Sept. 27th and provide a brief overview of what is being commemorated, and fundraising information.

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RECONCILIATION ACTIVITIES IN CLASS

See the attached handful of **reconciliation resources** for use in your classes over the coming week and throughout the year. Of course feel free to use and share other resources as well.

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SCHOOL WALK FOR WENJACK

EMCS classes are invited to Walk for Wenjack on **Wednesday, September 29th** to share in reflection about the legacy of residential schools and commit to TRC's Calls to Action.

About Walk for Wenjack: As a school, we will collectively walk the 600km that Chanie Wenjack attempted to travel to return to his family. This walk honours Chanie Wenjack and the thousands like him who never made it home. *More information available [here](#).*

The Story

The Secret Path, telling the story of Chanie Wenjack, can be viewed online and book copies are available to read with your class.



**WEAR ORANGE
WED, SEPT. 29TH**



MOVING FORWARD: CALLS TO ACTION

Explore the calls to action and reconciliation resources with your class **throughout the year**. Leadership will share class prompts for weekly explorations of the TRC's recommendations.

TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE

- Please remember that this can be triggering content. Please take time to consider your own class needs and do your own research. While these are vetted resources, you must still consider whether they are suited to your own students.
- Check in with students before playing videos/having discussions about residential schools. Let them know what you will be talking about and give them an out if needed, offering them supports or an alternative space.
- Let families know ahead of time you will be teaching about residential schools so they can ask questions or come to you with concerns. As important as it is for us to honour survivors and practice reconciliation, we should take the utmost care ensure we are not retraumatizing any EMCS students or families.

Questions? Ask John Mennie or Rhiannon Jones



A handful of

RECONCILIATION RESOURCES

Click on each image or the video title to be taken to that resource.



VIDEOS

WHAT IS RECONCILIATION 3 minutes



ORANGE SHIRT DAY MESSAGE 4 minutes



LESSONS

10 DAYS OF TRUTH THEN RECONCILIATION

10 DAYS OF TRUTH AND THEN RECONCILIATION RESOURCES PAGE **Grade 9 to Grade 12**

M-SEPT 20 Don't forget to register for Truth and Reconciliation Week here . Review the Residential School timeline as a class. click here	T-SEPT 21 What Residential Schools were in Alberta? Where were they located? Learn about the schools using this interactive map.	W-SEPT 22 Watch Stolen Children, a documentary showing survivor stories. click here . Please prepare your class for this video, watching this might trigger strong emotions.	TH-SEPT 23 Check out the Residential Schools Education Guide. click here	F-SEPT 24 Check out FNESC's Teacher Resources Guide on Residential Schools and Reconciliation. click here
M-SEPT 27 Watch the video "Stranger" by David Downie. click here . Have a sharing circle, discussing your feelings or thoughts on the video. Don't let any unsettling emotions stop you.	T-SEPT 28 What is Reconciliation? Have a discussion on what you think reconciliation is or looks like. How would you feel if you were a survivor? How would you feel if you were a settler? How would you feel if you were a descendant of a survivor? How would you feel if you were a descendant of a settler?	W-SEPT 29 Help move reconciliation forward. Reflect on your learning over the last two weeks and make a commitment.	TH-SEPT 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	F-OCT 1 What would you tell future Canadians to "leave behind"? What do you think is a roadblock to understanding truth and working toward reconciliation?

Daily teaching ideas with hyperlinks to resources

BOOKS

Indigenous curriculum & authors are ready for quick browsing at the front of the learning commons.

THE SECRET PATH

Copies available at the learning commons to share Wenjack's story with your class ahead of our school walk.

DISTRICT NA'TSA'MAHT RESOURCES

See [this extensive list of resources](#) that the Indigenous Education department has compiled on Engage.

ACTIONS

ReconciliACTION Ideas

"A reconciliACTION is a meaningful action that moves reconciliation forward." (The Downie and Wenjack Fund)

Use their [list of individual, school, and community actions](#) to take action with your class.



Indigenous ReconciliATIONS

ReconciliATIONS aim to bring Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians together in the spirit of reconciliation to create awareness and learn.