



## Truth and Reconciliation Walk and Ceremony

For updates and information on the event visit:

<https://deltalearns.ca/indigenouseducation/>

The Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30th, is a nationally recognized statutory holiday. This is a day to remember the young ones, the children, who were forced to leave their families, culture and homes to go to Residential Schools across Canada. This is a day to remember both the survivors and the ones who did not make it home.

On **Friday Sep 27, 2024 At 10:00 am**, we ask all Delta School District students and staff attached to any school and/or district building to wear orange and go for a walk in your school/building neighborhood to honor and show respect for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. We have chosen Friday Sept 27 as our district walk as it is the day closest to the day of formal recognition, Sept 30. On September 30 other organizations and First Nation communities may have plans to honor the day. For example, Tsawwassen First Nation does a walk around Tsawwassen Mills.

When schools and sites have completed their walk there will be a **Delta School District Truth and Reconciliation ceremony, starting at 11:00 am..** This ceremony will be livestreamed making it available for any school, classroom or district employee to watch. **The link will be forwarded before the day.** The ceremony will be approximately 30-40 mins long, and will include dialogue with staff and students on stage. There will be time for us to listen to an Indigenous speaker from the UBC Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Center. The ceremony will be solemn and respectful. Please compliment the day with other resources and open conversations at your school or site. Administrators know their school and classroom needs.

The wearing of an orange shirt is very appropriate for the day. If your students, staff, and families do not have an orange shirt and would like to order one, there are online options to purchase a shirt (see links below). If this is not an option, students and families are free to wear or carry any item that is orange. Overall the most important thing is that we walk together in the spirit of Reconciliation.

Prior to September 27th, we ask all schools to have a predetermined safe route prepared for your students, staff, and families. Please stay safe by only using sidewalks and marked crosswalks. Our hope is that this walk becomes a significant visual in and around the Delta School District properties, and raises awareness of the importance of this day.

### **Suggestions when planning routes:**

- Grade K-2: Consider a walk on school property, maybe with big buddies, or with families.
- Grade 3-12: Plan a safe route on your school property or in school neighborhood Suggesting that different grades or classrooms go in different directions
- Maintenance, SBO,DCC, and DMEC staff: Plan a safe walk in the area of your building or please feel free to join a walk at a school that you are at on the day.

Thank you for your openness and participation in the first of many, TRC walks. Please reach out if you have any questions.

T-Shirt links:

[Native Northwest](#)

[Strong Nations](#)

[Indigenous Marketing Solutions](#)

Teacher Resources -Click on the image below:

# Teachers for Truth

*Truth & Reconciliation Week 2024*  
*September 23-27*

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