

Special QJS Newsletter May 31, 2021

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Responsibility, Respect, Cooperation, and Kindness



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Board of Education

NEWS RELEASE

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Quesnel School District – Honouring the Lives of 215 Children Found in a Mass Grave

The Board of Education of School District No. 28 (Quesnel) has lowered all district flags to half-mast to honour the lives and memories of the 215 children found in a mass grave at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. Flags will remain lowered one hour for every child whose life was tragically taken.

On Tuesday June 1 we ask that all staff and students of the district wear orange in remembrance of the thousands of children who were sent to residential schools and for those who never returned home. We offer our condolences and support to the Indigenous community. We commit to listening, learning and taking action in support of Truth and Reconciliation.

Please join the Quesnel School District in this important action of acknowledgement and mourning.

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For further information, contact Sue-Ellen Miller, Superintendent of Schools (250-992-8802), Jennifer Woollends, Secretary-Treasurer (250-992-8802) or Tony Goulet, Chairperson of the Board (250-983-3519).

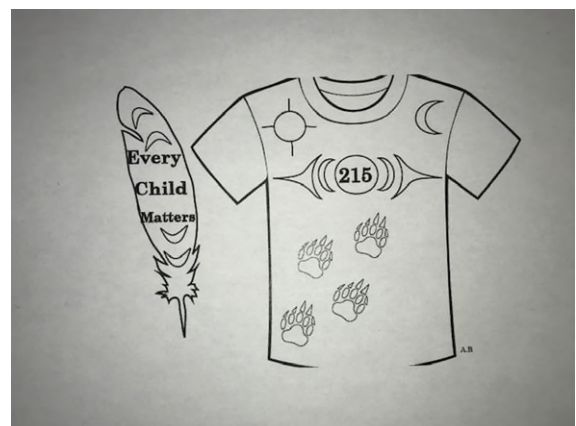
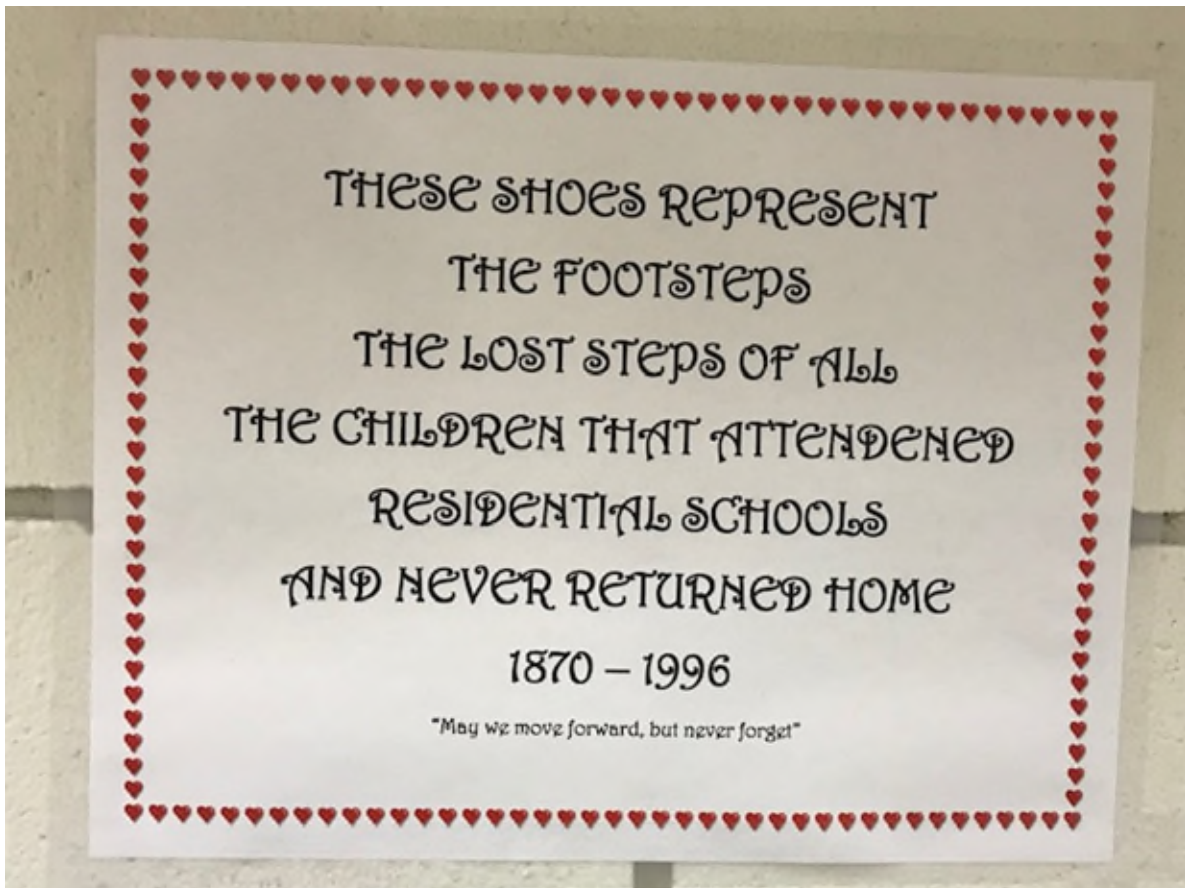
This information can have great impacts on individuals and families.

The Kids Help Phone is [1-800-668-6868](tel:1-800-668-6868)

How can you show you care? What are we doing here at QJS?

1. Wear orange Tuesday, June 1 and any day this week
2. Flags at half-mast for 215 hours (9 days) representing one hour in honour of each child
3. Add to our collection. Send a pair of shoes to represent "footsteps"
4. Watch the YouTube song "We Won't Forget You" and talk with someone about how important it is to understand the impacts felt by families.

"We Won't Forget You" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0YYkvlWbng> 4:50 min



Teachers may be having conversations with students about this topic during the week. If your children have questions and would like more information please encourage them to talk with their teachers. If these conversations are difficult or upsetting for people you know, encourage them to reach out. There are always people willing to help.

When You Have No One You Can
Turn To:

KIDS HELP LINE
1-800-668-6868

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS SURVIVAL SOCIETY

Should you require the services of our workers, or if you have a question or a concern, please contact the nearest office to you. For any concerns you may have about our services, please contact us:

Phone Toll-Free: 1-800-721-0066

NORTHERN

**Prince George 24-Hour Crisis Line, Youth Support
Line, Youth Online Chat**

Crisis Lines: 250-563-1214/1-888-562-1214
Youth Line: 250-564-8336/1-888-564-8336
Crisis Chat: crisis-centre.ca

Areas Served:
Serves from the Alberta border to Haida Gwaii and
from Quesnel north to the Yukon border