

This Week at QJS October 1, 2021

**Where we Live, Laugh and Learn the way of our Nations with
*Responsibility, Respect, Cooperation, and Kindness***



Thursday, September 30 Truth & Reconciliation National Day of Remembrance



This week, there were many powerful learning experiences for students.



Art, writing, storytelling, viewing, creating... each has power when reflecting on the impacts of 100 years of Indian Residential Schools. Our students are learning and we are beginning to understand. Our work continues...

A teacher's day goes well beyond the bells. The work put in to prepare lessons and create powerful learning experiences takes time and effort. Thanks to all our teachers who go the extra mile to make a difference.



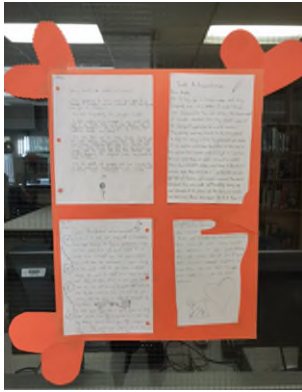
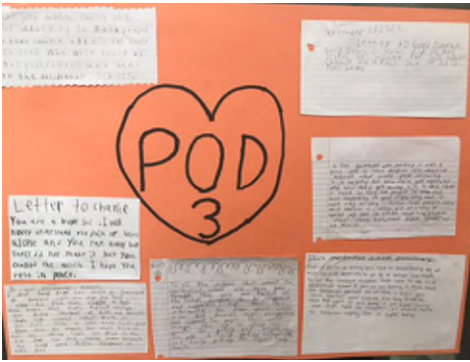
Guest Speakers, Chief Leah Stump and Chad Stump, shared their perspectives on the impact of the Indian Act and Indian Residential Schools with grade 9 students in POD 1.



To honour Truth & Reconciliation the QJS P.E. dept. taught their students about the difficult challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples across Canada and then played three Indigenous games: Run & Scream, Tatanka, and Sticks. These games were traditionally played to teach Indigenous youth essential survival skills and were very popular with QJS students!



Literature has a powerful impact. QJS students read various stories, for example, *I am Not a Number* by Jenny Kay Dupuis, and *A Secret Path* by Gord Downie, both inspired writing and reflections by students.



Taking a walk down the hall at QJS you can see the impact of teaching and learning about this.



Dear the Future

“Always remember how important culture is. Never let history repeat itself. Always remember how important each Child is and make sure they know that.”

~QJS Student




Many thanks to Ms. Green and Ms. Shopa (Indigenous Support Education Workers) who help us all as we work to support the Indigenous students here at QJS.

QUESNEL & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Proudly Presents

Speaker Author Phyllis Webstad
"Beyond the Orange Short Story"



Every September 30th we wear orange shirts to honour residential school survivors. Orange Shirt Day grew out of Phyllis Webstad's story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at residential school told for the first time May 2013. Phyllis published her first children's book Orange Shirt Day which aims to bring communities together.

Phyllis' latest book "Beyond the Orange Short Story" is a unique collection of truths that articulate the lives and experiences of some Residential School Survivors and their families. Compiled by Phyllis Webstad, Residential School Survivor and Founder of the Orange Shirt Day movement, this book will give readers an up-close look at what life was like for many Survivors — before, during, and after their Residential School experiences. These personal Survivor accounts, relayed in a number of one-on-one interviews, are authentically shared in their own voices.

Come meet Phyllis and purchase her latest book!

When: October 7, 2021
Where: The Den by Moonshine Coffee
 690 Gray Ave
 Quesnel, BC
 V2J 0C9
Time: 5:30 pm to 8 pm


Food, Coffee, tea, snacks, etc. will be available for purchase

For more information on Orange Shirt Day visit <http://www.angeshirtday.org>

COVID-19 safety measures currently in place are based on the recommendations in Step 3 of BC's Restart plan.

- Stay home if you are ill.
- Respect personal space.
- Wash your hands and/or use hand-sanitizing stations.
- The wearing of masks is mandatory for everyone age 12 and over.
- From September 13, 2021: Proof of partial vaccination (1st dose) is required.

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Book Signing Opportunity!

Come meet Phyllis Webstad, Author of "Beyond the Orange Shirt Story" and originator of Orange Shirt Day!



Nuts & Scents
Free School



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Reminder that your child should bring a mask to wear on the bus and at school.

LUNCH ACTIVITIES:

Mon/Wed/Fri - Gym open

Tues: Indigenous Voice Leadership Group - Port 5

Wed: Rainbow Club - Room 201

LUNCH: ordering food to be delivered?

NOT at this time. With the amount of illness in our community we are trying to limit the number of outside contacts with students at school. Please send your child with a lunch or they may pick up something to eat (join the lunch program) on the stage.

Date Change!

PAC UPDATE: Tuesday, Oct. 12th 7:00



All parents/guardians are members of PAC and are welcome to attend the meetings. The group usually meets once/month for approx. 1 hour.

2021-2022 Executive: TBA

Safety Reminder: Careful Hand hygiene keeps you and others safe.



Masks are to be worn by everyone, when inside (unless eating or drinking - designated times and places). If your child requires a mask exemption, contact the school so a safety plan can be agreed on and put in place.



Upcoming Events:

October 11 – Thanksgiving Monday

October 13 – **PAC Meeting 7:00 in Library**

October 14 – Hold and Secure Drill 11:00

October 19 – Photo Retake Day

October 27 & 28 – Early Release Days for Parent Teacher Interviews



NEW: IN THE PARENT'S CORNER Information for Parents

**here we post some links and information we hope you find helpful (always open to suggestions for topics)*

3 Questions to Ask Your Kids about Suicide Prevention

Three questions to ask your kids or teens:

1. Do you think schools should teach about suicide prevention?
2. What does your school have in place that includes educating about suicide prevention? A mental health club? A wellness center? A health class? If not, what would you like to see?
3. Do you think it could be useful to have students teach other students about suicide prevention?

Ideas to get the conversation started:

1. The questions above are the key questions for this week.

****If you have concerns or would like support for your child please contact one of our counselors:**

Grade 9 Peterjerspersen@sd28.bc.ca

Grade 8 Jenniferstevenson@sd28.bc.ca

CLOSED CAMPUS

Sign in and Sign out Procedures

Students remain on campus unless a parent/guardian picks them up.

Picking up your child? Call the office (250-747-2103) to let us know you are here to pick up your child. We will give your child a **permission slip to show staff we have recorded them absent at the office. Returning or late? Come to the office and let us know you are here.**

Expected Behaviours For Students:

Schools have a responsibility to work with students and families to create safe, caring learning environments. Therefore, students are expected to know and follow the behaviours outlined in the District #28 and QJS Codes of Conduct. (In Student and Parent Handbooks located on our Quesnel Junior School website [Quesnel Junior School - Home](http://www.quesneljunior.bc.ca)

sd28.bc.ca)



Do you know about something going on? Please let us know.

We work with families and students to resolve issues.

**Contact us: Mrs. Simpson 250-255-6057,
Mr. Loewen 250-991-9681,
Office 250-747-2103**

School safety is a shared responsibility that requires cooperation, collaboration and communication.

For more resources on bullying, what it is and what to do.

Check out: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>

<http://www.sd28.bc.ca/content/bullying-concerns>