## EBUS Academy invites you to recognize Orange Shirt Day with us on Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>



## What is Orange Shirt Day?

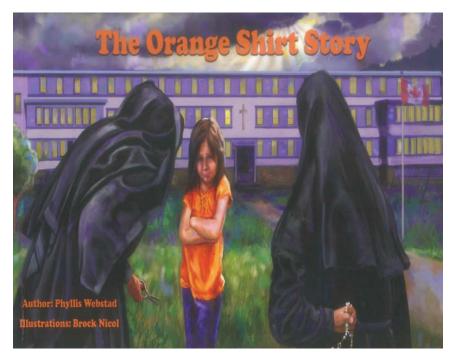
Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, schools, government and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation. Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of *Phyllis' story* of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year.

The actual date for Orange Shirt Day is Sept 30<sup>th</sup> which falls on a weekend this year so we encourage students to wear their orange shirt both days!

## Join the V-Class: Orange Shirt Day Story

Please join us on Friday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at 11 am for this story-reading vclass. Link: <u>https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/878104845</u>



## Wear Orange on Friday

Your teachers will be wearing orange on Friday and we hope you will too! **We invite all students and families to send us a picture of you wearing your orange attire.** You can send a picture to your online teacher or to Nikki Arnold, our Aboriginal Education coordinator at <u>narnold@sd91.bc.ca</u>.