



School District #28
Aboriginal Education Centre
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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Orange Shirt Day Committee requesting a donation from your organization to support Orange Shirt Day on September 30, 2019.

What is Orange Shirt Day?

In the Spring of 2013 School Districts 27 and 28, the cities of Quesnel, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Wells and the Cariboo Regional District proclaimed September 30 as Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day is a tribute to those who survived Indian Residential Schools and those who did not. Phyllis Webstad's story of her orange shirt is a symbol of the losses faced by generations of Indigenous children. St Joseph's Mission, by Williams Lake, was the school that the children from our region attended, year around, from ages 5-18. Indian Residential Schools operated across Canada for 150 years. See Phyllis Webstad's story at <http://www.sjmcommemorationevents.com/videos.html>

Why Acknowledge Orange Shirt Day

2019 marks the seventh year that our communities have acknowledged Orange Shirt Day and Indian Residential School Survivors. It is likely that ORANGE SHIRT DAY (OSD) will become nationally acknowledged and possibly declared a statutory holiday in the near future. OSD is an opportunity for First Nations, Metis, Inuit and local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. It is through understanding and acknowledging the impact of Residential Schools that we will combat racism and stereotypes that have built up over generations. Please support us in Truth and Reconciliation through a donation and if able, participation in the events being planned for September 30th.

The Quesnel OSD committee has representatives from SD#28, CNC, UNBC, Work BC, City of Quesnel, Quesnel and District Community Arts Council, North Cariboo Aboriginal Family Program Society, Quesnel Tillicum Friendship Centre, MCFD, Quesnel District Teachers Association, and CUPE 4990 – to name a few. Should you be interested in donating to this important day of acknowledgement, please make cheques payable to SD28, Aboriginal Education. Donations will be held in School District accounts which can provide charitable donation documentation if required. Should you have additional questions or would like to join our committee, please contact Patty Kimpton, SD28 District Principal of Aboriginal Education at 250-991-5550 or pattykimpton@sd28.bc.ca W

Additional information on OSD can be found at the following links

Canadian History and the Indian Residential School System <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-28Z93hCOI>

St Joseph's Residential School Stories <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Il1pUrK29MM>

Apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools given in the House of Commons, June 11, 2008

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ryC74bbrEE>

BC Teachers Federation (BCTF) Timeline History of Aboriginal Peoples of British Columbia

<http://www.bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/POH/timelineENG.pdf>

Thank you for your time

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