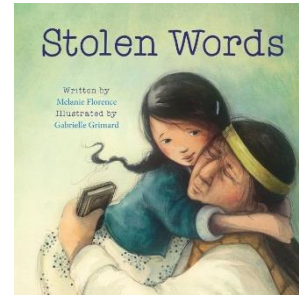


Thursday September 25, 2025

Dear Division 8 Families,

This week classes have been working on activities around Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation. During literacy time, we read *Stolen Words* by Melanie Florence, a story about a young girl who helps her grandfather reclaim Cree words he was forbidden to use during his time at residential school.



Our class also discussed language as an important part of one's identity and culture. Inspired by the story, students explored writing a poem to include words from their home language. After the editing stage, their published work will be posted for you to read appreciate.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hon

Orange Shirt Day Assembly (Monday September 29, 9:30am)

We will have a morning assembly beginning at 9:30 am in the gym. Students can wear an orange shirt to school in remembrance of the children who went to residential schools.

National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (Tuesday September 30) – School closed

Welcome Conversations (Monday October 6, 2:10-6:00 pm with 2:00 pm early dismissal & Wednesday October 8, 3:10-5:00 pm)

There will be a community email going out to families with information on booking a meeting time. Also, I will be sending home a conversation questionnaire (see planner pocket) for parents to complete and return to school by Friday October 3. This information will help me get to know more about you and your child.

Thanksgiving Holiday (Monday October 13) – School closed