Truth & EVERYTHING is Reconciliation at Nelson School CONNECTED

wear orange

Wednesday, Sept 28: Nelson's Orange Shirt Day Assembly

Friday Sept 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

No school - Learn more together as a family.

TRUTH

Students at Nelson School are learning about the tragic history of Residential Schools in Canada. To symbolize the "truth" that we are learning, students will create a school art installation with orange river rocks in the next month or so. Ask your children to explain! They are learning:

- It can be healing to connect with the land and with history
- The Hul'q'umi'num word for rock
- Orange is a colour that represents support and connection for Indigenous Peoples in Canada.
- Lessons as inspired by the picture book <u>Trudy's Rock Story</u>, by Trudy Spiller.



RECONCILIATION

To symbolize reconciliation, each division will receive an Indigenous plant and a specific planting spot where they can plant it.

Kids will learn:

- that some plants are "native" or "indigenous." Some are not.
- the english and Hul'q'umi'num name of their Indigenous plant
- that plants, animals, and humans are interconnected
- that there is a connection between healing the land and healing people.