

# Island Breeze



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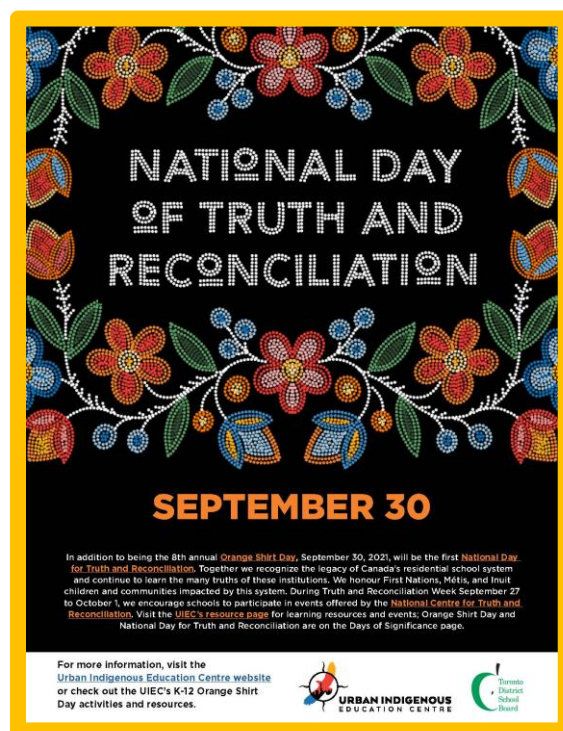
## End-of-September 2021

Dear Island Public School Families:

In addition to being the 8<sup>th</sup> annual [Orange Shirt Day](#), September 30, 2021 will be the first [National Day of Truth and Reconciliation](#). Together we recognize the legacy of Canada's residential school system and continue to learn the many truths of these institutions. We honour First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children and communities impacted by this system.

On September 30<sup>th</sup> Students, Parents and Staff are all encouraged to wear something orange to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action #'s 62 to 66 speak to the significance of education as the key to reconciliation. Students will participate in classroom discussions and activities that build a shared understanding of how our collective past brought us to where we are today and will help us walk together into a better future.

Regards,  
Scott Woolford



### School Office Hours

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday to Thursday (4:00 p.m. on Fridays)

### A Glance Ahead

- Sept. 30 – [Orange Shirt Day & National Day of Truth & Reconciliation](#)
- Oct. 5 – World Teacher's Day
- Oct. 6 – TDSB Walk To School Day
- Oct. 10 – World Mental Health Day
- Oct. 11 – Thanksgiving Holiday – No School

### Safe Arrival

If your child is absent, please leave a voice message on our Safe Arrival line (code 1). Please do not email your child's absence as staff may not be available to access or pass on the information to the office. There is more detailed information regarding Safe Arrival within this newsletter.

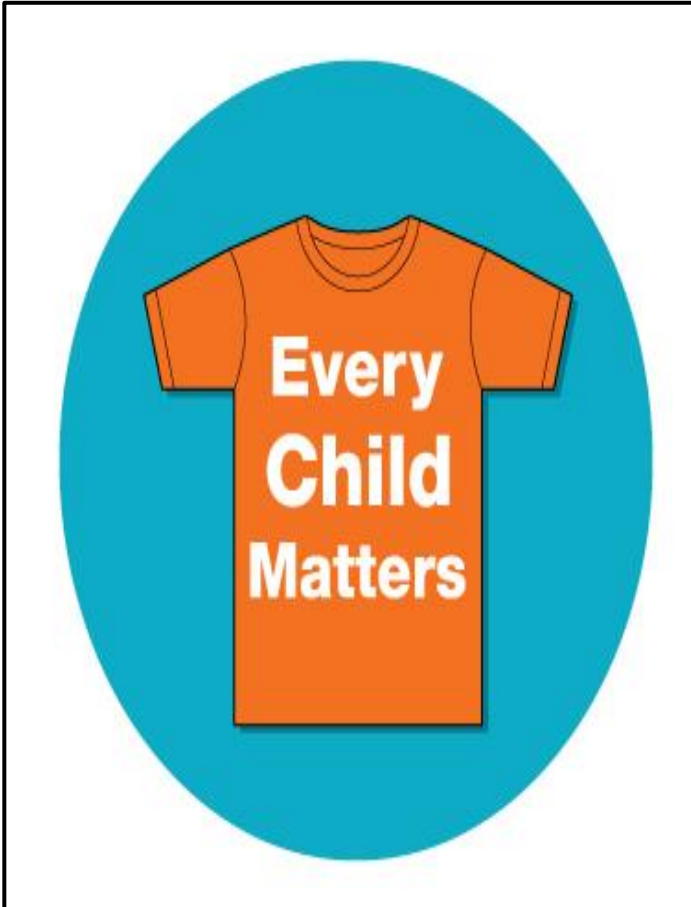
### Alternative Arrangements for Pick-up

If there are alternative arrangements for your child's dismissal or pick up, please send a note.

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## September 30<sup>th</sup> marks Orange Shirt Day & the First National Day of Truth and Reconciliation



Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> is Orange Shirt Day, it also marks the first annual National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, which was passed by legislation this summer to become a federal statutory holiday.

Established in 2013, Orange Shirt Day was inspired by Phyllis Webstad, who was excited to wear her new orange shirt to her first day of school in 1973. However, when she arrived at St. Joseph Mission Residential School, her shirt was taken and never returned. From that day forward, the colour orange, for Phyllis, reminded her of that moment, how her feelings didn't matter, how she felt like she wasn't worth anything and that no one cared for the children who were crying about it that day.

Now, on this day, we recognize the legacy and impact of the residential schools system on First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. We acknowledge the legacy of residential schools in Canada by wearing orange and we honour the survivors. We remember the thousands of children who were murdered and buried in unmarked graves.

**IPS Students and Families are encouraged to wear something orange that day!**

Follow @UIEC\_tdsb and @tdsb on Twitter to see how students and staff from across the Toronto District School Board recognize Orange Shirt Day.

For more information, visit the [Urban Indigenous Education Centre](http://www.urbanindigenouseducationcentre.org) website.

To learn more about Phyllis' story and Orange Shirt Day visit:

- <http://www.orangeshirtday.org>