

• Friday, September 26, 2025

# Lakeview Elementary Weekly News



Dear Lakeview Community,

On Monday, September 29th, we will observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which officially occurs on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a day for all Canadians to commemorate and learn more about the history and legacy of the residential school system. It's a day to honour the resilience, dignity and strength of survivors and intergenerational survivors, to acknowledge and accept their experiences at Residential School and remember the children who never came home. It's a chance to engage and educate people about B.C.'s colonial history and how it has and continues to impact Indigenous communities.

This day is often referred to as "Orange Shirt Day". Orange Shirt Day was inspired by Phyllis Webstad's story. On her first day at a residential school, Phyllis wore a new orange shirt that was taken from her. The orange shirt has since become a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom, and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

How will we recognize Orange Shirt Day:

- **Wear Orange:** Encourage your child to wear an orange shirt on September 29<sup>th</sup> to school.
- **Learn Together:** Students have been hearing stories in the library and engaging in lessons around Truth and Reconciliation in their classes.
- **Acknowledge:** On Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> we will observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by wearing orange and coming together in an assembly at 9:20
- **Reflect and Discuss:** We encourage classes to engage in reflections about what they have learned through the week and at the assembly.

Families are welcome to join us in observing this day.

Amelia Poitras, Principal Lakeview Elementary

## Dates to note:

- Mon., Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day Assembly@9:20
- Tues., Sept. 30 **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School**
- Wed., Oct. 1 Fire Drill
- Thurs., Oct. 2 Cross Country Meet
- Sun. Oct. 5 – World Teacher's Day
- Thurs. Oct. 9 – Awards Cross Country Meet
- Mon. Oct. 13 – **Thanksgiving – No School**
- Oct 14-17- Safety Drill Week
- Mon., Oct. 20 Photo Retakes
- Fri., Oct. 24 Pro-D Day – No School

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025



If you are looking to learn more, please see the following resources:

[Sharing the Message of Truth and Reconciliation: A Guide for Parents, Kids and Educators](#)

[National Center for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

[Orange Shirt Day Society](#)

[National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

## Cedar Teachings and Reconciliation in the Library

This week in the Library, students explored the significance of the cedar tree to our local Nations: the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil Waututh).

We read *Stand Like a Cedar* by Nicola I. Campbell, a local author of Nłeʔkepmx, Syilx, and Métis ancestry. We learned that cedar holds a central place in Coast Salish communities: it provides materials for clothing, shelter, canoes, tools, medicines, and ceremonial items, and it plays a vital role in spiritual life. Symbolically, cedar represents strength, protection, healing, and is also understood as a bridge to ancestors.

Students have been encouraged to notice cedar trees in their daily lives, and to take a quiet moment to lean against one and look up in reflection.



## Lakeview Library Schedule

Families, your children will visit our School Library each week according to the schedule below. To help keep our Library books circulating smoothly, please try to have your child return their books the day before their scheduled Library visit whenever possible. This way, they will be ready to check out new books with their class.

Wednesday: Ms. Sinclair, Ms. Mott, Mr. Sihota

Thursday: Ms. Chatt, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Mastromonaco, Ms. Ross, Ms. Chung

Friday: Ms. Knapp, Ms. Ng, Ms. Mah, Ms. Suh

## Terry Fox Run 2025

Thank you to everyone for participating in this year's Terry Fox Run! It was great to see so many families out to cheer students on.

Ms. Chung's class showed exceptional leadership skills in building the excitement for the day, fundraising and leading the run.

Lakeview raised \$734.75 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Well done, Lakeview!

