



Porters Lake Elementary Family Forecast

Important Dates

Sept 23: Picture day

Sept 26: Wear Orange today:
Recognizing Truth and
Reconciliation day

Sept 29: PD Day: No school for
students

Sept 30: Truth and Reconciliation
Day- No school

Oct 10: Picture retakes in
afternoon

Oct 13th Thanksgiving - no school

Oct 24: Conference Day- no
school for students

Nov 21: Assessment day: No
school for students

Hello PLES Families,

This is a BIG week at Porters Lake Elementary. We are making changes in our configuration with the addition of a new teacher and classroom. A separate email was sent on Sunday and posted on our website. We have been working to carefully reorganize our students, set up a new classroom, and change our schedules. This week we will be working with our families and students to put the changes into place. This is going to be a change which can be hard in the moment but in the long run beneficial. We'll need to work together to make this successful.

Lots of other big things this week:

- The hot lunch program starts this week with a new inschool cafeteria making our meals. Please send along any feedback to us on how to make things better.
- Picture day is on Tuesday September 23.
- Friday is Orange Shirt day. Students and staff are asked to wear Orange if they can as we

Keep your eye out for dates. Our SAC and PTO will start meeting in October.

Mr. Fry Principal, Porters Lake Elementary

Other Info

- **Demographic Form Updates** On September 9, the Demographic Updates Form will be available to families in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. This form should be updated by every family to ensure all information about your child is current, including contacts, medical information, consents and demographics.



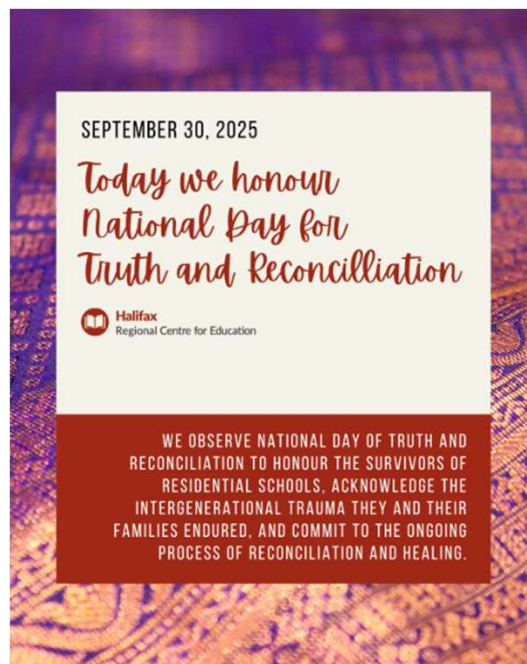
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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Each year on September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honors the children who didn't return from residential schools, as well as survivors, their families, and communities.

Orange Shirt Day, led by Indigenous communities, aims to raise awareness about the inter-generational impacts of residential schools and allows us all to show our support for the Every Child Matters movement.

As there are no classes on Monday, September 29 and Tuesday, September 30, we welcome staff and students to wear orange on Friday, September 26.



Outdoor Changes:

We have been making some changes at the school to support safety and supervision. Here are a few updates:

- All students are eating at the same time, and going outside at the same time. This provides more adults to supervise students.
- Added orange tape in the woods/bushes as a visual to show students our boundaries
- Grade 4-6 students are now using the main doors as their entrance in the school in the morning, after recess, and after lunch. This provides more supervision and quicker entry in the school.
- All students are welcome to play on the field. We are seeing P-6 students playing soccer, tag on the field.

Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26
SCHOOL LUNCH STARTS	SCHOOL PHOTOS		Class Switches start today	ORANGE SHIRT DAY