

September 10th, World Suicide Prevention Day

[Graphic Novels for First Nation & Metis Suicide Prevention](#)

Two graphic novels and motion comics on youth suicide prevention have been created by and for First Nations and Métis youth.



[Tomorrow's Hope – First Nations youth suicide prevention motion comic](#)

[WE MATTER | Indigenous-Led Organization for Indigenous Youth](#)

This amazing resource includes a nation-wide campaign, weekly videos, opportunities to get involved, teacher and support worker tool kits.



[5 Indigenous youth who are spreading hope in communities](#)

Check out these inspiring Indigenous youth from across Canada who work towards suicide prevention in their communities.

Meet 5 Indigenous youth who are spreading hope in communities on World Suicide Prevention Day



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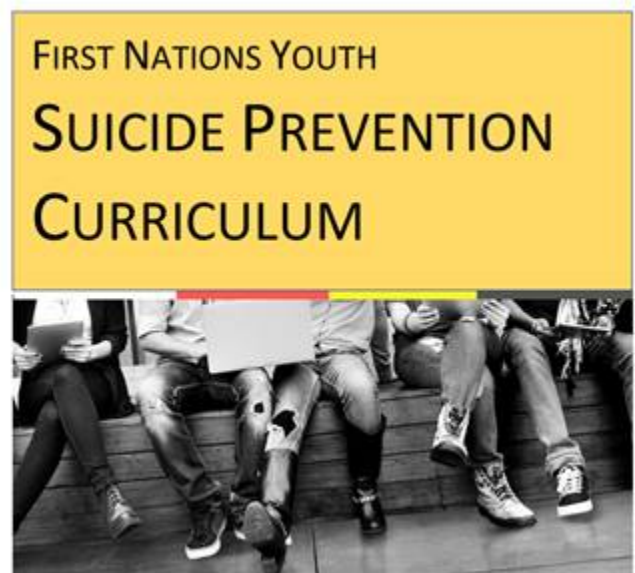
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Chylar Sewell, 17, is one of We Matter's Ambassadors of Hope. (Nadya Kwandibens/Red Works Photography)

[First Nations Youth Suicide Prevention Curriculum](#)

This curriculum for teachers and support workers is full of resources and activities to use when working with youth. Free to download.



September 25th, Student Welcoming Celebration

Community Event | Student Welcoming Celebration

This annual event hosted by the Circle of Indigenous Students is an amazing opportunity to enjoy First Nations, Metis and Inuit Performances! Everyone is welcome!



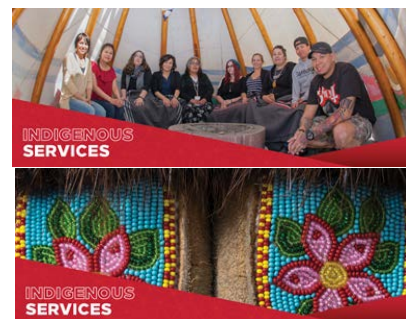
Headliner Kelly Fraser | Critically acclaimed Inuk Artist

Kelly, who sings in both Inuktitut and English, is a Juno Awards Nominee, Indigenous Music Awards Nominee, and Inspire Youth Role Model Recipient! She will be taking the stage at the celebration.



GPRC | Circle of Indigenous Students

The CIS, who are hosting the celebration, are the indigenous student group that provides support to Indigenous students on campus through cultural and social activities.



September 30th, Orange Shirt Day

ABOUT | Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario

This website explains the story behind OSD and provides resources for teachers.

Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters Campaign

In honour of ETO's endorsement to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada's Calls to Action, ETO is committed to moving forward into reconciliation and commemorates the survivors of the residential school system by recognizing the Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters Campaign on September 30, 2018.

What is Orange Shirt Day?

In 1973 six-year-old Phyllis Webstad was gifted a brand new orange shirt from her grandmother and wore it to the residential (mission) school she attended in British Columbia. Upon her arrival, school officials removed and discarded the shirt from her and replaced it with a school uniform. This greatly impacted the mental and emotional well-being of Webstad and symbolized that "her feelings never mattered." September 30 was chosen as the date to commemorate all the children that attended residential schools as it was also the time of year that children had to leave their homes and communities to attend the schools. This annual campaign began in 2013 after Webstad shared this experience at a reunion with other survivors.

Visit the Orange Shirt Day webpage for more information and to access lesson plans at www.orange-shirt-day.org.



PWPSD | Teaching Resource for Talking about OSD

Check out this google slideshow created by PWPSD's Brigitte Benning to help teachers get started when talking about OSD in their classrooms.

Orange Shirt Day

Honouring those affected by Residential Schools

PWPSD | Follow-up Classroom Activity for Grades 3-6

This activity was created in collaboration with a grade 3 class at Harry Balfour to channel the frustration younger students were feeling after learning about Residential Schools.

'Better Schools' Project

Topic: Residential Schools
Grades: 3-6
Timeline: 45 minutes
Date Created: May 10, 2019

Overview:
This project is meant to empower children after they learn about Residential Schools. The premise was inspired by 'Shannens Dream' to create safe and caring students for Indigenous children. Learn more at <https://focusingonthechildren.com/shannens-dream>

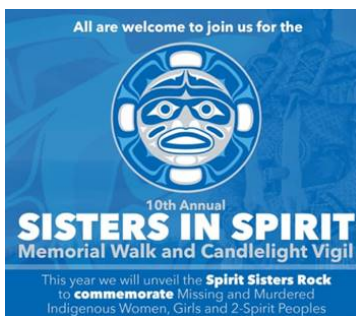
PHASES	TEACHER GUIDE	STUDENT GUIDE
Review (3 min)	Review what you have discussed about Residential Schools. For example, what they were, who went, and whatever details that were age-appropriately shared.	Have the students share what they remember by putting up their hands. This will help you grasp their understanding of it.

October 4th, Sisters in Spirit Day

10th Annual Sisters in Spirit Memorial Walk & Vigil

Friday, October 4th at 5pm - to honor Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & 2S.

Event includes an unveiling of the new Spirit Sisters Rock, drumming with dancers, a walk to the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre, Stew & Bannock, Open Mic, & Round Dance.



Learn more about the issue of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls

- [Native Women's Association of Canada statistics and information.](#)
- [National Inquiry into the issue of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & 2S](#)
- [Walking With Our Sisters Commemorative Art Installation:](#)



"10 Native Women you should have learned about in History Class"

This inspiring article reminds us of the strength of Indigenous women by highlighting 10 (from the United States) who are change makers and trail blazers.

