

Community Information Bulletin

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 25, 2025

Please note that flags on DPCDSB schools and facilities will be flown at half-staff on Tuesday, September 30 in observance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day recognizes the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

For more information about National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, please visit the [Government of Canada website](https://www.government.ca).

Let us pray:

O God, Creator and Father of all, with humility we your children acknowledge the relationship of all living things. For this we thank you, we praise you and we worship you.

We call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh – our teacher, prophet and brother – to open our hearts to all our brothers and sisters, and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage and respectfulness shown in The Sacred Teachings.

Give us the vision and honesty to recognize that we are all brothers and sisters of one human family, created and sustained by the One Creator.

As we deal with many challenges, may we never give way to fear and anger, which can be the source of division and threat amongst peoples.

We look to how God always gives to us, as a remedy for sins of prejudice and intolerance.

We see in God the Creator of all things, One who always provides and is generous –even given the abuses we have heaped on one another and on the earth.

We see in the Son, Jesus Christ - the innocent Victim who pours His life blood out from the Cross for all peoples.

We see how the Holy Spirit is God's gift, alive in our world today – inspiring vision and hope that we can have the same mind and heart of God! May Your Spirit bless all souls who died at residential schools.

May this same Spirit also bring blessing and healing to all families and communities affected in any way by the schools.

O Creator, show us the way to healing, forgiveness and reconciliation and a renewed fellowship. Amen.

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