

Walking Together in the warm land of the Cowichan Valley

# Mill Bay Nature School

# Q'shintul

# Announcement



We acknowledge that for thousands of years the Malahat, Lake Cowichan, Quw'utsun, Halalt, Penelakut, Stz'uminus, & Lyackson Peoples have walked gently on the unceded territories where we now live, work, learn, and play. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here, one based in honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

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Next Wednesday we will be having a gathering circle with our school where we will be marking "Orange Shirt Day" which is based upon a story embedded with symbols of Indigenous peoples' experience of Residential Schools.

Sensitive to young children's hearts & minds, Anne and Kim designed a dance in which they gently communicate Phyllis Webstad's experience in being sent to a Residential School & losing the special orange shirt that her grandmother bought for her at Robinson's department store before her departure. This will be the third year of this experience for the

children - they have already asked about it.

This year, for our eldest students, we will explore the story of Residential Schools in a deeper way - rooted in Tousilum's story of leaving home at 5 years old and being sent to Kuper Island Residential School. Again, this will be done with sensitivity and respect for the children.

All children and staff are encouraged to wear orange shirts in solidarity and support of this very sad chapter of Canadian history, and our desire to honour and respect the Hul'qumi'num people moving into the future as we walk together - Q'shintul.



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