

District Principal's Report

Hadi,

First, I would like to welcome everyone back to another school year. I hope that you all managed to get some rest and enjoy your time away from school. Having said that, I do realize that we are still dealing with the pandemic that continues to impact our lives in many different ways. Please see the section **Helpful Resources and Links** for more information on Covid and School start-up where we have provided articles related to this. We are happy to have our students back in school and look forward to seeing them back in classrooms this fall. We would like to thank parents for taking our calls and enjoyed the conversations that we were able to have with many of you. We would like to continue to offer our support and can be contacted at the following e-mails:

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Sincerely,

Leona Prince

Did you know?

Residential schools operated in Canada for more than 160 years, with upwards of 150,000 children passing through their doors. The last school closed in Saskatchewan in 1996. First Nations, Métis and Inuit children were removed, often against their will, from their families and communities and put into schools, where they were forced to abandon their traditions, cultural practices and languages.

Every Child Matters September 30th

The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on. **For more information see Helpful Resources and Links Section.**



Helpful Resources and Links

COVID-19

- [SD91 Restart Plan](#)
- [Cultural Safety Mindedness During a Pandemic](#)
- [Indigenous Peoples and COVID-19](#)
- [Indigenous people and mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [International Self-Care Day](#)

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

- [Orange Shirt Day Org](#) - Teacher Resources
- [Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters Campaign](#) - Information
- [What is Orange Shirt Day](#) - Activities and Videos
- [Phyllis Webstad Orange Day Shirt Presentation](#) - Video
- [History of Residential Schools](#)

Student Role Model

This year we have started a new process for recognizing Aboriginal Student Role Models. Each month 1 student from each of our high schools in SD91 will be chosen by the staff. They will be acknowledged in our monthly newsletters and then at the end of year we will hold a celebration in each school.

Who will be our
role models for
September?

