

Both **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** and **Orange Shirt Day** take place on September 30th.

The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

Lake of the Woods District Hospital encourages all to reflect on our nation’s history, take the opportunity to have meaningful discussions, to process the effects of residential schools and how each of us can play a part in moving reconciliation forward.

For details of the work LWDH is doing with Indigenous communities please visit www.lwdh.on.ca or follow our social media the week leading up to September 30th.

On September 30th, wear orange with us to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.