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## **BTPS HONOURS National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

September 30, 2021 is the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and has been established as a federal holiday “to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools.” The past few months have brought to light the tragedies of residential schools for all Canadians and it is important for all of us to honour and pay our respects to the children who suffered in residential schools, the survivors and their families.

Our Board Chair, Lanie Parr, said that “BTPS recognizes that we need to be an active part of reconciliation. We will honour this day by bringing awareness and understanding to our students by learning together. Our students’ day of learning will support sharing about residential schools, Indigenous People and Canada’s history, as well as resiliency and how we all need to be part of reconciliation.”

The federal government established September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, as a day to reflect on the legacy of residential schools. Buffalo Trail Public Schools will be reflecting on the tragedies of residential schools as well as providing learning and sharing opportunities for our students across the division. BTPS will be active in moving the reconciliation process forward.

BTPS has given October 8, 2021 as a holiday for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Buffalo Trail Public Schools is committed to honouring and respecting Truth and Reconciliation. We are working hard to respond to the calls to action in the Truth and Reconciliation Report.