

Bowden Grandview School

September 26, 2022



Snake Hill in Sundre

The first race for the cross country team was on Wednesday in Sundre. Congratulations to all the runners who came out and raced! Roxy Reynolds lead the pack and raced hard for a 4th place finish in a time of 11:37, she was closely followed by her classmates; Isabel Sherwood, JayAuna Lazowski, and Austin Awe. William Taylor lead the grade 7 boys coming in with a time of 11:28 followed closely by his classmates; Jaxton McKay, Hayden Webb, Caleb Barnim, and Owen Strauss. As for the grade 8's Broc Awe, Levi Awe, and Brody Willert competed for the boys. Overall a very successful day for the team. Next race is October 6th.

What's Happening:

Tuesday, September 27

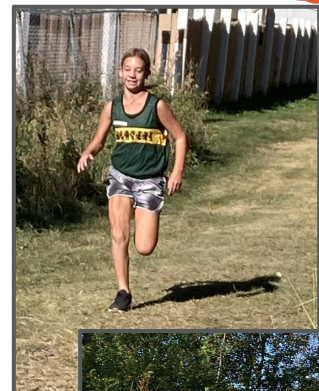
- Parent Grad Meeting

Thursday, September 29

- Orange Shirt Day
- Hot Dog Day

Friday, September 30

- No School—National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Orange Shirt Day and Truth and National Truth and Reconciliation Week at Bowden Grandview Schools is September 26-30, 2022

Alberta's commitment to incorporate First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives and experiences into the education system was reaffirmed on March 27, 2014, at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) event in Edmonton.

This commitment included:

- mandatory content for all Alberta students on residential schools and treaties
- a Kindergarten to Grade 12 curriculum development standard
- support for professional learning opportunities for teachers

Education for reconciliation is a step towards rebalancing the education system, advancing reconciliation and supporting the commitments made by the Alberta government in response to the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action](#).

We are excited to explore the idea of “clans” this week since we already believe that Bowden Grandview School is a “family of learners”. Thank you to Ms. Northrup for planning some fun and educational activities for our elementary students and guiding all of us on how to incorporate Indigenous learning into our regular classroom teachings.

In August, our staff participated in TIPI raising and Bannock Making with Indigenous knowledge keepers. It was a very informative and reflective experience for all. On September 30 (a non-instructional day) some of our staff will be engaging in some land based learning and team building while we hike in Kananaskis country enjoying our beautiful province.

We continue to support Alberta's commitment to incorporate diverse perspectives into the culture of our wonderful school.

For more information please access the following website.

<https://www.alberta.ca/education-for-reconciliation.aspx>



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Our safe and caring schools - A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

We truly appreciate having your children back in our schools enjoying a face to face environment. They give us tremendous energy and we do everything we can to return the favour by being as positive as possible with every interaction every day. We care deeply about our students and we work hard to ensure a safe and caring environment exists for everyone.

We have all made our way through some challenging times over the past few years. As we move forward we are committed to doing our part to develop your child's well-being to the highest level. To help us with this commitment, please communicate with your child's teacher so our staff know how we can best assist you as a parent.

If issues do arise that you aren't able to resolve, please contact your child's principal and know that you are most helpful when you join them in looking for solutions. There is almost always a solution right at our fingertips and our staff want to support you in every way they can.

Relationships matter at every level in our school division. We look forward to working closely with you as parents to ensure that all of our students feel safe and cared for in our schools.

To read the latest version of the Board eNews, please [click here](#).

Social Emotional Wellbeing course



On course - Dr. Marcie Perdue, Associate Superintendent of Student Services, shared details of the division's locally developed [Social Emotional Wellbeing 15](#) (SEW) course with all school-based administrators as the year got underway. This is an Alberta Education approved, mandatory 50 hour three credit course for all Grade 10 students in Chinook's Edge - the first of its kind in Alberta! It continues a multi-layered approach to protecting and enhancing the mental health of students and staff throughout the division.

Indigenous Learning in Chinook's Edge



Indigenous Leads Day - Schools in Chinook's Edge have a representative to support the division's Indigenous Education priority, and that group met to begin the year together (above). Staff continue to build knowledge to meaningfully embed Indigenous learning into their lessons, to gain a greater understanding of the history, culture and contributions of Indigenous Canadians.

Please note: schools and offices will be closed on September 30th to observe the [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#).



Smile Cookies



Thank you Bowden Community for your continued support. We raised over \$750.00 from the Smile Cookies sold by the Grade 6 class. All funds raised will come back to Bowden Grandview School.



Bowden Grandview School raised \$280.00 through the Toonies for Terry Cancer Research and held their Terry Fox run on September 22nd. Thank you to the Bowden Grandview School community for your support!



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

BGC Olds and Area is excited to partner with Bowden Grandview School to offer before and after school care!

THE DETAILS

BGC Olds and Area has been providing licensed before and after school programs for children in Olds and area for the past 38 years! Our program provides children with a safe place to go in the out of school hours where they can have fun, interact with their peers, and develop skills that will last a lifetime

Before School - \$250

After School - \$310

Full time - \$380

Before and after kindergarten - \$175

Drop in \$20/segment

***Subsidies are available through the Government of Alberta for families with a household income less than \$89,999

REGISTRATION

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Olds & Area



Bowden Grandview School Council 2022-2023

The School Council at BGS is a group of parents, administrators, the Town of Bowden, our Ward 5 School Board Trustee and other community stakeholders that meet monthly to discuss ideas related to the school. It provides a forum to discuss concerns, celebrate successes, and plan for the future. The School Council through The Friends of Grandview (FOG) also fundraisers for a number of enrichment programs.

This may include:

Playground Development Teacher Appreciation Events Fine Arts Performances Advanced Technology Purchases For The Classrooms Music program Life Skills Program Breakfast Program Support for Grads

The School Council is committed to offering a number of ways to get involved. Being a parent volunteer is one more way to stay connected and involved in your child's educational experience. The activities you choose to undertake do not have to be overly time-consuming. We welcome new members and volunteers to come out to our council. You can make a difference!

We are meeting through **Google Meets at 12:00pm** on the following dates this year:

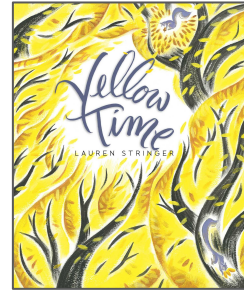
September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20, January 24, February 28, March 14, April 18, May 16, June 20. All meetings begin at noon.

Please contact us at bqscouncil@gmail.com to be sent a link. We look forward to having you.



Literacy Corner

Goodbye Summer and Hello Autumn! With trips to the farm, leaf gazing, and sweater weather, there is a LOT to love about this gorgeous season! The essence of this magical season is brilliantly captured in the books featured here:



Lauren Stringer's *Yellow Time* celebrates the coming of autumn in this exuberant, joyful ode to that magical time when the leaves are changing color and the animals are preparing for winter



With gorgeous photo illustrations, award-winning author April Pulley Sayre's *Full of Fall* explores the transformation trees undergo in fall. The book takes readers through the leaves' initial change from green to red, yellow, and orange, the shedding of the leaves, and the leaves crumbling as winter approaches. Extensive back matter explains the science behind this process to the youngest of budding scientists.

Loiuse Greg's *SWEEP* is about Ed - Ed's bad mood begins as something really small, hardly a thing at all. But before long it grows, gathers pace, and spreads through the whole town.

Can Ed sweep his troubles away?



Alice Hemming's *The Leaf Thief* is a brilliantly funny story of the seasons, written by Alice Hemming and illustrated by Nicola Slater. Squirrel is so cross. Yesterday there were loads of beautiful leaves on his tree, but today? Today some are missing and Squirrel is convinced that someone has stolen them... there's a leaf thief on the loose!

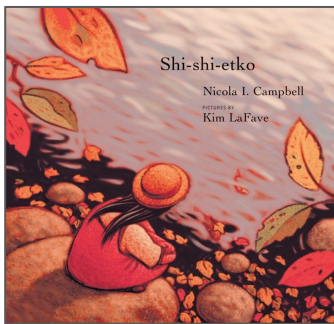
Indigenous Education

Orange Shirt day was designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

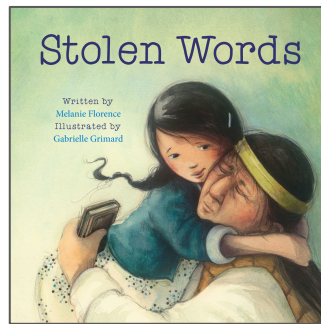
Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of this project. As spokesperson for the Reunion group leading up to the events, former student Phyllis (Jack) Webstad told **her story** of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl.

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.

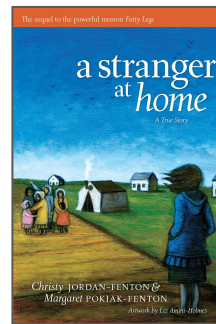
Here are a few great reads about this topic:



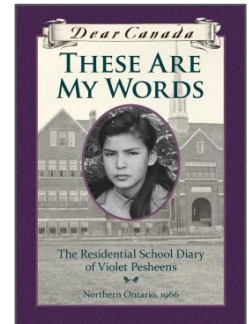
Shi-shi-etko Written by Nicola I. Campbell and Illustrated by Kim La Fave



Stolen Words Written by Melanie Florence



A Stranger At Home Written by Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton



These Are My Words: The Residential School Diary of Violet Pesheens (Dear Canada) Written by Ruby Slipperjack

WHY DO WE HONOUR ORANGE SHIRT DAY?

Orange Shirt Day was created as an opportunity to discuss the effects of residential schools and their legacy. It honours the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, celebrates resilience and affirms a commitment that every child matters.

On Thursday, September 29th, Bowden Grandview School staff and students are invited to honour the experiences of Indigenous Peoples and wear orange.

