

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

CAMPBELL RIVER FIREFIGHTERS SUPPORT ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Campbell River, BC – If you see an orange ribbon on the front of the Campbell River Fire trucks today, that’s because our local firefighters are showing support for Orange Shirt Day “Every Child Matters”.

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.ⁱ

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. Fire Chief Thomas Doherty says “it’s important to support, learn and understand events such as this so we all can come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come”.

For more information on Orange Shirt Day, please visit their website at www.angeshirtday.org

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ⁱ Orangeshirtday.org

COVID-19

Please note: We have new procedures in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We are gradually – carefully – resuming in-person services and limited public access to City facilities. For the most recent information on City services, please see our website (campbellriver.ca). Reach us with general inquiries by email (info@campbellriver.ca) or telephone **250-286-5700**.