



F.P. WALSHE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

litaamiisisko, good day! As a school community, we continue to move forward with our Truth and Reconciliation efforts along with building First Nations foundational knowledge into our daily learning at F.P. Walshe School. This September, we have a number of significant dates and learning activities planned for our students summarized below.

- Through the month of September teachers will spend some time reviewing the signing of Treaty 7 and the Blackfoot Confederacy.
- Monday, September 19 - Wednesday, September 21 classrooms will be engaging their students in lessons and activities around MMIWG2S, *Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls and Two Spirit People*. Classroom teachers will be giving an introduction to MMIWG2S along with activities including making Red Dress pins and MMIWG2S buttons to be handed out to high school students in the hangar.
- On Thursday September 22 @ 9:00 am we will be hosting an assembly for grades 6-12 on Treaty 7 and MMIWG2S. We have a special guest speaker, Stephanie English, who will be speaking to the students about MMIWG2S. Stephanie is from Piikani and has lost 2 daughters to violent crimes. She will share her story and her message with us.
- On Wednesday, September 28 we will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day. This year we have an Orange Shirt for every student and staff member which will be distributed on the 28th.

On Saturday, Oct. 1 Stephanie English and her family will begin their annual walk from Piikani nation to Olympic park in Calgary. The theme of the walk is "Calling My Spirit Back" and the family is walking in honor of their loved ones who have gone missing. The walk finishes on Tuesday, October 4 at Olympic Plaza in Calgary. On Monday, October 3 we are hoping to take some staff and students to walk a leg with Stephanie and her family. For more information regarding the walk there is a Facebook page titled: Justice for Joey.

As always, do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Chad Jensen

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Principal