



NEWS RELEASE

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Out of respect and remembrance, all of our staff and students will remember the 215 children found buried on the Kamloops Indian Residential School site this week. In honour of the children, their families and all residential school survivors, the district will be flying all our flags at half-mast and staff and students have been invited to wear orange as a remembrance. Each school began the week with a moment of silence, and many schools are honouring these children in other ways. For example, Hillview elementary will be tying 215 orange ribbons to their school fencing.

Burial grounds instead of playgrounds. Heartbreaking. We must continue to learn about the history and ongoing impacts of colonialism, and recognize that we have a responsibility to personally and collectively answer the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

The district acknowledges the many staff, students, and families who are deeply and, in some cases, personally affected by this tragedy.

Supports are available at:

Indian Residential School Survivors 1-800-721-0066

KUU-US Indigenous crisis line- available 24 hours

Youth Line 250-723-2040

Adult Line 250-723-4050

Residential School Crisis line - available 24 hours

1-866-925-4419