

Every Child Matters

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An Everyday Hero



On September 29 at RVS we will be recognizing both the Every Child Matters - Orange Shirt Day campaign, as well as our own Canadian Everyday Hero - Terry Fox. We will be participating in a staggered start Terry Fox run/ walk along the route we do every year. Unfortunately, parents/ visitors are not able to join this school event this year, due to the pandemic. Many classrooms have been teaching and learning about the legacy of this amazing young man as a role model for perseverance, courage, and commitment to a cause. If you would like to send a donation with your child for the Terry Fox campaign that day, that would be wonderful - our goal is to raise \$500.00 which will be donated to Terry Fox Foundation.

We would also ask that your child wear an orange shirt that day. The orange shirt is meant to recognize the harm done to residential school students (in operation in Canada until 1996) and show a commitment to the principle that every child matters. It grew out of a former residential student's account of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school. A date in September was chosen because it is the time of year that children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and safe and caring policies for the coming school year. It is worn in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of all children to come.

RVS kids are encouraged to wear an orange shirt and have their "get up and go" shoes on for Wednesday, Sept 29 - thanks!

Mrs. Cooper-Shand **Please ensure your "walk about" permission form that came out a few weeks ago is signed.