Reconciliation is All of Us

No matter who you are or where you're from, you can take part in peaceful and respectful actions to help make a better Canada for First Nations children and their families. Here are a few ways you can participate.

Reconciliation Ambearristers - Year-Round

The Reconciliation Ambearristers Program invites groups to host one of our Reconciliation Ambearristers (ambassadors + barristers) who will guide you through a year of free ways to make a difference for First Nations children and promote the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. Hosting groups work alongside Elders, "teach" the bear Indigenous languages and stories, and make sure they join in cultural activities so they become a well-known Reconciliation Ambearrister in the community!







School is a Time for Dreams - September-October

Every child in Canada has a right to quality education, but many First Nations young people do not get the same opportunities to learn or to achieve their dreams as others do because of inequities in First Nations education.

Shannen Koostachin, founder of Shannen's Dream for safe and comfy schools, wanted all children to be able to live

their dreams. Caring individuals can support equitable education for First Nations and all young people in Canada by learning about Shannen's Dream and sending letters to your elected officials.

#ShannensDream #RêvedeShannen



Elderbeary Day - March 20

Elderbeary Day honours and celebrates the contributions of our Elders, who do so much to teach and raise our little ones. Celebrate by thanking your Elders for all that they do for you and for your community by writing them letters, drawing them pictures, or in any way you believe best represents how much you care.

#ElderbearyDay #JournéeOursonAîné

Have a Heart Day - February 14

First Nations children on reserve receive less funding from the federal government for education, child welfare and health services than other children receive from the provinces and territories.

Have a Heart Day is a child and youth-led reconciliation event that brings together caring Canadians to help ensure First Nations children have the services they need to grow up safely at home, get a good education, be healthy, and be proud of who they are. Anyone can take part by sending a Valentine's Day card or letter to your elected official, hosting a Valentine's Day party to raise awareness.

#HaveaHeartDay #JourneeAyezUnCoeur

HONOURING MEMORIES



Bear Witness Day - May 10

May 10 is Spirit Bear's bearthday and an important date in the history of Jordan's Principle at the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. Jordan's Principle is a child-first principle and legal rule named in memory of Jordan River Anderson. It ensures that First Nations children receive the services and supports they need when they need them.

Supporters of all ages can celebrate Bear Witness Day by bringing their teddy bears to work, school or even daycare to "bear witness" and support the full implementation of Jordan's Principle in honour of Jordan River Anderson.

#JordansPrinciple #BearWitnessDay #PrincipedeJordan #JournéeOursonTémoin

Honouring Memories, Planting Dreams - May-June

Individuals and groups are invited to plant Heart Gardens in memory of the children lost to the residential school system and to honour residential survivors, their families, as well as the legacy of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

#TRCHeartGarden #CVRJardindeCoeurs



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