

## Superintendent's Report - September 2025



Welcome back to all our students, staff, and families! We wish everyone a great school year.

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## National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

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### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Each year, **September 30** marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.





# MERRITT SECONDARY

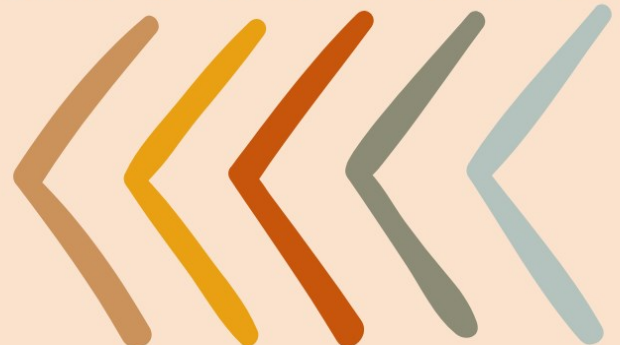
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! HALLWAYS ARE BUSY AND CLASSROOMS ARE READY FOR LEARNING.



# MERRITT CENTRAL



Beating the heat on the first day of school.



## DIAMOND VALE

Our new Kindergarten crew and students are enjoying our new roundabout on the intermediate playground.



The buses arrived at JAE bringing children filled with joy and laughter. Students enjoyed time with last year's teachers, and some STEM activities prior to being placed in this year's classrooms. Learning is found in the classroom and on the playground.



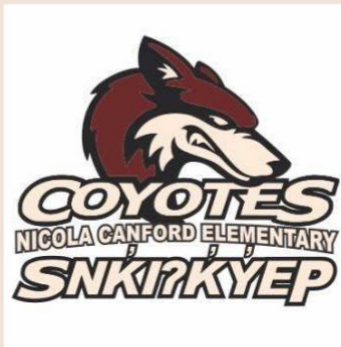


# WELCOME BACK TO BENCH!



This week was about reconnecting with old friends. Here's Jack playing in the Gaga pit at recess, Jameson and Brady exploring outside. Grade 6/7 students 'hanging out', more Gaga pit play, and Kindergarten drop off





# FIRST DAY FUN





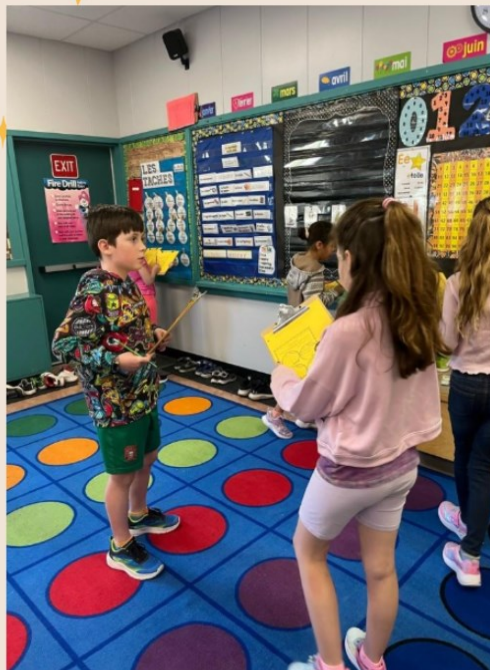
Mme Bourke's  
Grade 1/2 class  
showing their  
"serious" and "silly"  
faces.



Who's excited to be  
back at Collettsville?  
Zach is!



Mme  
Odegard's  
Grade 3/4  
class using  
their  
cooperation  
skills.





## Vermilion Forks Elementary

**WE LAUNCHED THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH LAUGHTER AND GAMES OUTSIDE, WRAPPED UP WITH A GYM SHOWDOWN, AND SET THE STAGE FOR A FANTASTIC YEAR!**

# IMPORTANT DATES

September 30, 2025	Tuesday	<b>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Statutory Holiday.</b>
October 13, 2025	Monday	<b>Thanksgiving Day.</b>
October 23, 2025	Thursday	<b>All Schools – Early Dismissal Day –</b> Schools will notify parents of early dismissal times.
October 24, 2025	Friday	<b>Non-Instructional Day.</b> (Professional Development Day.)