



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



Every year, September 30th marks Truth and Reconciliation day. This day honours those who were affected by residential schools, including those who never returned home, survivors, their families and their communities.



TRUTH

The first part of recognizing and understanding what happened in the past is listening to, and learning the truth.

To accomplish this, we need to listen to the stories of Indigenous People's experiences with residential schools and any other unfair policies.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Residential schools were created by Christian churches and the Canadian government as an attempt to assimilate Indigenous youth into their vision of Canadian society. The children attending these schools suffered various forms of abuse and the inadequate environment led to a high death toll.

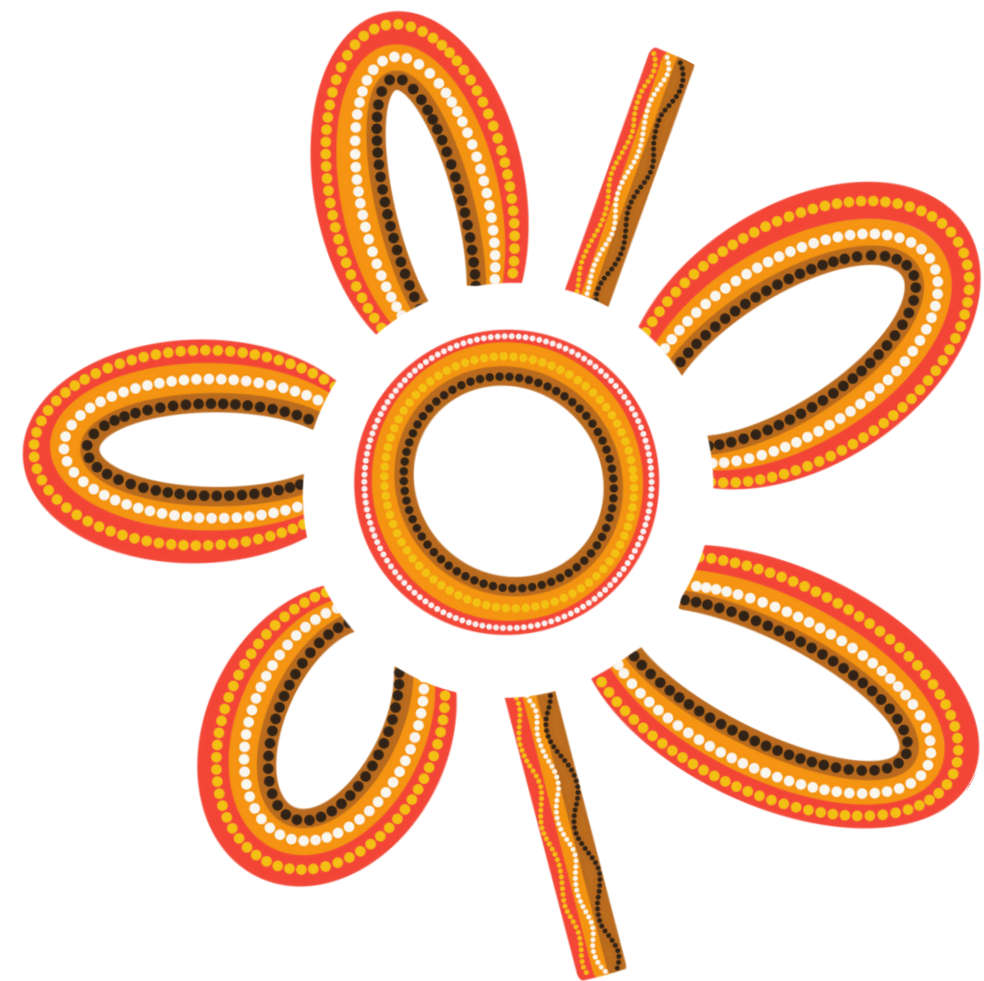
The first residential school opened in BC in 1867, and the last one closed in Saskatchewan, 1996.



LOCAL STORIES OF TRUTH

Listen to the clip below to hear Alicia Grenz, Madelyn Grenz, and Coraline Maliteare tell us the story of Craig Bay, passed through oral traditions.

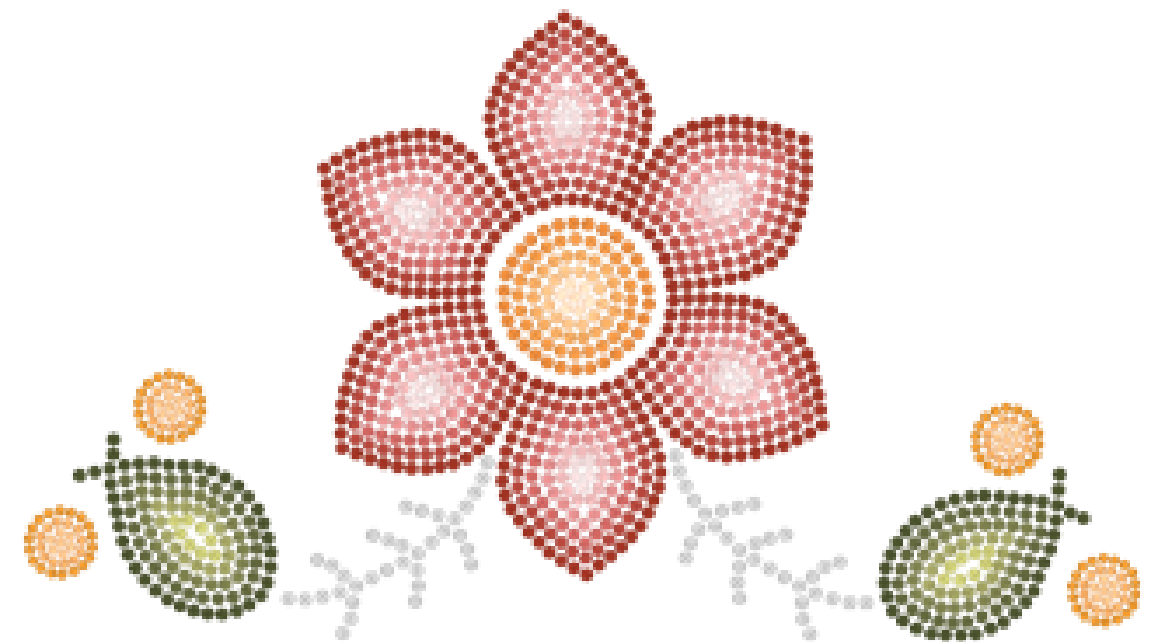
[Click Here for the story.](#)



DISCUSS

Discuss the story of Craig Bay as a class:

- What stood out to you from this story?
- What surprised you from this story?
- What will you remember about this story?
- How does this connect to Truth and Reconciliation?



RECONCILIATION

What does it mean?

According to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission:

“Reconciliation is about establishing and maintaining a mutually respectful relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in this country. In order for that to happen, there has to be awareness of the past, an acknowledgement of the harm that has been inflicted, atonement for the causes, and action to change behaviour.”

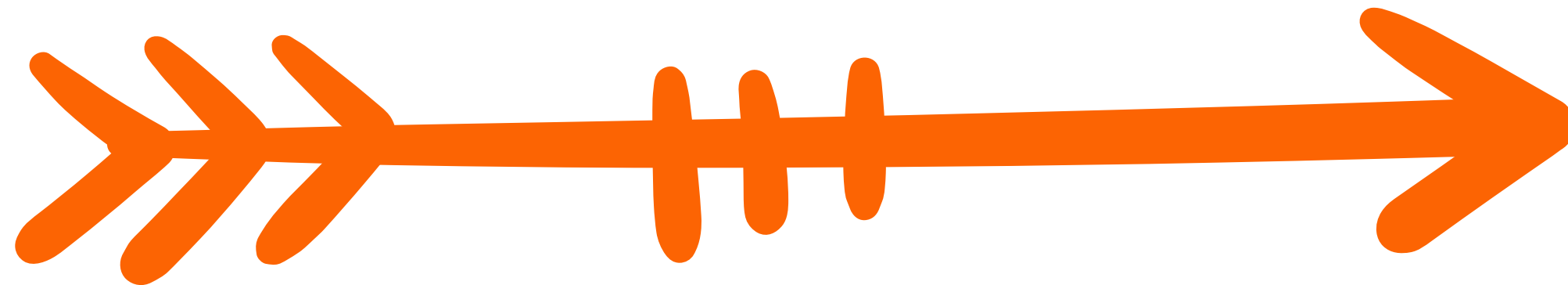
WHAT'S NEXT?

Click the link below to hear what reconciliation means to Indigenous Peoples

[Link to Video](#)

HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH THIS?

What are some things that people can do to move towards reconciliation? Come up with a list as a class.



MARCH FOR RECONCILIATION

On Friday, while we are walking think about what you've learned and how you can personally take action towards Reconciliation...