

Never Forget

We are sorry

That you could not sing to the morning gale

Your body grew oh so frail,
You could not feel the smiling sun
You could not run,
you could not hide,
Life turned into one horrific ride
we made you new; changed your life too

You could not feel your mother's arms wrapped around you,

Holding you tight,
on a cold winter night

We're sorry that we stole away how you speak
That we kept you there, day by day, week by week

We killed your culture
Like a cold hearted vulture

Picking away at the carcass of a long diseased rodent

Your life was destroyed in a moment
We killed the beautiful first nation inside

To forget, we have tried

We killed them, even at the age of three
At night, you could hear them plea
To use the noose, we set down stairs
Or feed them to the bears
215 children lives mercilessly cut off
They will never choke out another cough
Covered up by our nation

One wrong move and they never left that station
The people that ran the school not caring or being concerned

215 girls and boys never returned

Cold blooded people, not listening, ignoring the sad truth

Blocking the memories of the dead youth
They WANTED to forget, forget what they did

To each child, and every kid

Their parents waiting at the door for the children to come back,
names of those 215 children never even commemorated on a mere plaque

maybe one person said sorry, if any
Even one child was one child to many
One child, is one more memory,

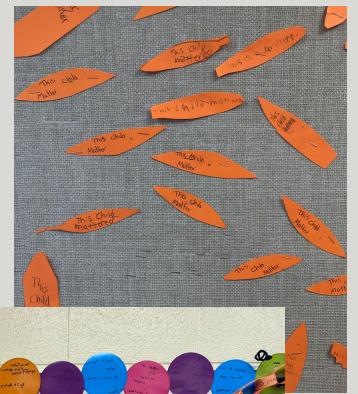
Of the beautiful lives once lived, their lives could have been a
documentary

Too much of Canada's history died with these children

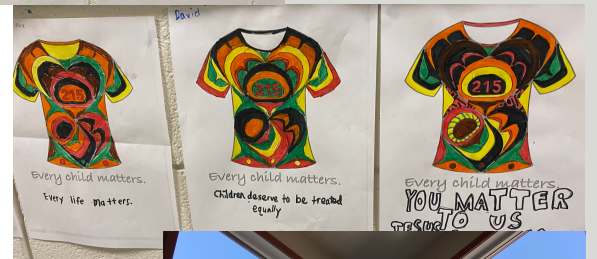
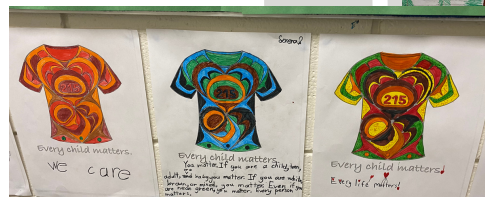
These children were locked in a prison
Everyday we think about this with regret

And if there is one thing we know, is that we'll never forget

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215 feathers and paper chain including 215 messages and prayers.



Stained glass art created by Gr. 9 Social Studies classes created as they discussed residential schools.



Elementary students May 31.

From Mrs. Schollaardt:

Grade 1S has been learning about long-ago-Calgary. As we uncovered our past, we learned about the original caretakers of the land. As justice seekers, we wanted to do our best to support all peoples especially when there have been misunderstandings in the past. So, to honor and recognize the original caretakers of this land, we learned a land acknowledgment and videotaped it for chapel so we could teach the whole school. We also are now saying it each morning at devotion time.

[Watch 1S share the acknowledgment here.](#)