

October 5, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Glen Allan Elementary School students will be taking part in a school wide opportunity entitled Project of Heart. This project will be led by an Elk Island Public School consultant, Amanda Fayed.

Project of Heart was created to educate Canadians about the history and legacy of the Indian Residential School program. It will recognize the loss of thousands of children and acknowledge the families and communities to whom those children belonged. It was originally designed to bring awareness both to the settler community and communities of new Canadians. In acknowledging the loss suffered by Indigenous children, families and communities through the Indian Residential School experience, we also gain an understanding of the strength, wisdom and resilience of the traditional peoples of this land. Project of Heart seeks to build relationships between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples within our country based on mutual understanding, respect and a choice to create a different future.

The Canadian and provincial governments have formally recognized the importance of acknowledging the past mistakes and working to create a positive future.

The need for the discussion about residential schools is outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions 94 Calls to Action (#62-65). For more information please check out the following link:

http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf

Project of Heart can be found at:

<http://projectofheart.ca/what-is-project-of-heart/>

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school

Ms. Fayed has asked parents to complete the following questionnaire prior to your child's participation in Project of Heart. It can either be complete by submitting the attached hard copy or through the following link:

Questionnaire: <https://goo.gl/forms/OkIkq9YTslqlo2W2>

Thank you.

Marnie Ferguson
Counsellor

Project of Heart

Good day parents.

In order to start my visit with students learning about residential schools, I would like to ask that you fill out a little information about the significance of your child's name. Why did you chose the name? Why was it important to you? Please fill out a form for each student you have at Glen Allan. Thank you!

Amanda C Fayed

What class is your child in?

	K AM - Jill Woodman		3-3 Neila Westergaard / Melissa Kemsley
	K PM - Jill Woodman		4-1 Jennifer Miles de Silva
	K AM - Megan Burns		4-2 Stacey Robinson
	1-1 - Susan Curran		4-3 Carolyn Barr
	1-2 Marta Dmytruk-Jones		5-1 Kristen Rosato
	1-3 Karen Kotlarchuk		5-2 Sandra Ganemtore
	2-1 Christine Bezuko		5-3 Scott Miller
	2-2 Marnie Ferguson		6-1 Amy Barry
	2-3 Tamara Andruchow		6-2 Dawn Budney
	3-1 Kendle Foley		6-3 Fraser Kerr
	3-2 Naomi Halcrow		

What is your child's name?

What is special and significant about your child's name?
