Diamond Vale Elementary — September 2026 Update

September was a busy and welcoming start to the school year at Diamond Vale Elementary. The month focused on building relationships, supporting students, preparing the Welcome Room, and creating meaningful opportunities for learning and connection.

September Highlights

- **Student support:** Helped new and returning students settle into school, with additional support provided to a new primary student and their siblings.
- **Welcome Room:** Organized the space and prepared supplies so students have a comfortable, welcoming place to connect and receive support.
- **Truth and Reconciliation learning:** Supported classroom learning and Orange Shirt Day activities. Students decorated mini felt orange shirts, which were displayed on a school bulletin board. Primary classes also heard a reading of *I Am Not a Number*.
- **Guest speaker:** Dennis Saddleman shared part of his story with intermediate students, including his experiences at residential school, and answered student questions about truth and reconciliation.
- **School and community events:** Supported the Terry Fox Run, Meet the Teacher night, and the district Welcome Dinner. Families were served chili and bannock at Meet the Teacher night, with bannock prepared by Coldwater Elder Lavern Spahan.
- **Language and cultural support:** Assisted the language teacher with intermediate students and helped strengthen connections with staff, families, and community agencies.
- **Orange Shirt Day:** Students and staff were encouraged to wear orange shirts on September 29. Extra shirts were available so everyone who wished to participate could do so.



Thank you to the students, families, staff, Elders, guests, and community partners who helped make September a positive and meaningful month.



