



## ELEMENTARY

This Wednesday, February 28th, is Pink SHIRT Day...

A day recognized around the world to encourage kindness, celebrate diversity, reinforce social connections and symbolize that we do not tolerate bullying.

Dorset is getting geared up with our very own special t-shirts.

Our Home & School is thrilled to share with you that when students arrive to school on Wednesday morning, they will ALL be given their very own pink t-shirts, in their size, with a DORSET anti-bullying message.

Please send your child to school in regular clothing but don't be SURPRISED when they come home all in PINK. These t-shirts are theirs to keep and we are so happy that, with your help supporting our H&S fundraisers through the year, we could make this happen for our school this year.



The school and hallways will be a sea of PINK with Dorset students, staff and daycare monitors all wearing the same t-shirts. Together we celebrate diversity, acceptance and anti-bullying. Follow the Facebook page for pictures to see the impact at Dorset.

We would like to thank the Dorset teachers, the supporting staff along with our student Peace Pals for their ongoing support throughout the year: on the playground, in the classrooms, and regular assemblies. Working together for KINDNESS in our school community is part of an ongoing and daily occurrence at Dorset.

Guess what?

This amazing movement was started by a small group of students in Nova Scotia, Canada in 2007!

“David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. ‘I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,’ says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. ‘Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.’ So Mr. Shepherd and some other headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. ‘It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,’ Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again.”

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