

## DIVISIONAL OBSERVANCES

Divisional observances are mandated activities designed to promote citizenship, national identity, and reconciliation within the school community. In accordance with provincial legislation, these observances must remain non-sectarian in nature.

**The school will endeavor:**

- To foster an environment of respect and patriotism through daily and annual observances.
- To promote awareness and understanding of Treaty Acknowledgments as a means of furthering reconciliation.
- To ensure all mandated exercises are conducted in a respectful and timely manner.

**Responsibilities of the School Board:**

- a) Establish a written administrative procedure respecting Treaty Acknowledgements.
- b) Ensure that this administrative procedure is implemented in each school within the Division.
- c) Provide a working copy of a Treaty Acknowledgement to schools and annually review the Treaty Acknowledgement.
- d) Ensure that the Treaty Acknowledgement is used at the beginning of meetings, events, and gatherings.
- e) Promote awareness and understanding of our Treaty Acknowledgement in furthering reconciliation.

**Responsibilities of the Principal:**

- a) Ensure that "O Canada" is sung and observed in a respectful manner at the beginning of every school day.
- b) If applicable, certify that citizenship exercises are held annually on days set aside by proclamation of the Governor General or Lieutenant Governor.
- c) Make certain that a Remembrance Day observance is held each year on a school day between November 4 and November 10.
- d) Ensure that the Treaty Acknowledgement is used at the beginning of meetings, events, and gatherings.
- e) Promote awareness and understanding of our Treaty Acknowledgement in furthering reconciliation.

[Reference: Bill 40: An Act Respecting "O Canada" and Other Observances and Land and Treaty Acknowledgements in Schools \(Education Admin\)](#)