ABOUT THE LAKOTA WALDORF SCHOOL

The Lakota Waldorf School was founded in 1993 by a group of Lakota parents committed to an alternative vision for their children’s education – one that includes traditional Lakota values. The founders of the Lakota Waldorf School recognized that for a school to succeed on the reservation it must help the Lakota children to connect with their roots and to develop skills necessary to lead healthful, fulfilling lives in the future.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Lakota Waldorf School (LWS) is to provide a Waldorf education integrated with Lakota language and culture. Lakota children learn to create positive futures for themselves and their communities. Based on Waldorf principles, our goal is to develop intellectual, social, emotional, physical and spiritual capacities of the developing child through an age-appropriate curriculum.

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WALDORF EDUCATION: Changing Lives One Lakota Student at a Time!

The Lakota Waldorf School is offering you a unique opportunity to personally become involved in creating a positive, life-transforming education to a deserving child. We invite you to sponsor a student or their family through one of the various sponsorship opportunities listed. Your support provides a student with this incredible educational experience which is often the only constant in their unsettled life.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Meal Sponsor .........................$1,000
Ensures students will be fed two organic meals a day.

Transportation Sponsor ..............$2,500
In addition to your meal sponsorship, your support at this level will ensure students are safely transported to and from school.

School Supplies Sponsor ..............$5,000
In addition to your sponsorships of meals and transportation, this sponsorship will cover the costs for all school supplies.

Faculty Health Care Sponsor ...........$7,500
In addition to your sponsorships of meals, transportation, and school supplies, this sponsorship will ensure faculty members are covered with a health care plan.

Faculty Support Sponsor ...............$10,000
Sponsorship includes support for all of the above and also provides professional development support and training for faculty. In addition, you will receive correspondence from one of the sponsored students and a personal invitation to visit the reservation.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING OF A SPONSORSHIP!

LIFE ON THE RESERVATION

Despite its natural beauty, Pine Ridge is lacking in resources. Geographic isolation, infertile land, limited water and lack of other natural resources have made it difficult for the Lakota to establish themselves economically. And unfortunately, it is burdened by other incredibly disturbing statistics. A handful of these statistics include:

- Alcoholism rate estimated at 80%
- The rate of diabetes on the Reservation is reported to be 800% higher than the U.S. national average
- Suicide rate more than twice the national rate
- Teen suicide 4 times the national rate
- Infant mortality is 3 times the national rate
- Life expectancy on Pine Ridge is the lowest in the United States and the 2nd lowest in the Western Hemisphere. Only Haiti has a lower rate. (Re-member.org, 2007)