

Kylee Whirlwind Horse

COVID-19 Updates

Recently a staff member at Little Wound School tested positive for COVID-19.

When someone has COVID or is exposed they are quarantined and kept monitored.

All staff members have to be vaccinated or have a government issued paper saying they cannot get the vaccine.

Some of the precautions already put in place include monitoring students' temperature when they get on the bus and when they enter the building. Everyone wears masks at all times. Classes are encouraged to go outside when they can. Anyone part of extracurricular activities or staying after school has to be vaccinated. Lunch is packaged and the cafeteria is closed to dining.

Stay safe and mask up!



Left to Right: Wakinyan Cuny, Inyan White Crane, Carson Between Lodges, Coach Nick Shriver

Christina Plenty Wounds Little Wound Players Accepted into Indegenous Bowl



The Indigenous Bowl is an opportunity for young Indigenous athletes to be able to play in a professional setting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It is a three day event, two days of practicing and the actual game day on December 5. Making an appearance in the game from Little Wound High School are Carson Between Lodges 69, Inyan White Crane 44 , and Wakiyan Cuny 1. Lucas Pourier and Bjay Hopkins were also accepted but could not attend.

Little Wound's team had more selected players than any other school in the country. They will have four days of practice prior to their game Sunday evening.

Furthermore, they will have Jacob Frey, Minneapolis Mayor, and Alan Page, Former NFL player, as guest speakers. Coach Shriver first heard about this event through social media. Soon after, Keith Ferguson, LWHS Athletic Director, became part of the planning committee.

Between Lodges expressed that he was excited about being accepted into the program and being around other Native Americans around the country. He says, "I hope to learn more, especially on that level of exposure and let people know who I am." He will be playing the center position. Congratulations boys and good luck!

Tokala Janis

Wrestling Team's first meet cancelled

Nov. 30, Little Wound's wrestling team was supposed to participate in their first meet at Pine Ridge. Unfortunately the meet at Pine Ridge was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

According to the teams only member, Lucas Pourier, Pine Ridge's principle had the meet cancelled because the refs didn't want any wrestlers to wear a mask. Pourier had this to say: "sh*t sucks that this meet didn't happen, but I have to look forward to the next meet."

The next wrestling meet will take place on Friday, Dec. 3, at Fort Pierre.

Jada Good Crow

Smudge Stories

Mr. Lyle Iron Horn is a well known teacher at Little Wound High School. He teaches all of the art classes and is the one to go to if you are looking to enter in any art contests or even if you just need a good laugh.

Mr. Iron Horn has worked at Little Wound since 1999 and has done much more than being the art instructor. He had begun teaching middle school science, P.E / health, & social studies where he also started instructing art.

Once he had gotten moved into the high school, he had worked in the Gifted and Talented Program and taught many different subjects like geography, both World and U.S History, and Lakota Studies.

In between years he had worked as the superintendent, dean of students, principal, and assistant principal.

We can definitely consider him as an “all around employee” here at Little Wound. Of course during the 22 years that he has worked here, you can guess that he has had or heard of paranormal experiences around the school.

“When I reprimand students & tell them about the Lakota way, there’s a heavy odor of cigarette smoke in here (his classroom). When we smell that, we go out to the back & look to see if there’s someone smoking but nobody would be smoking but that cigarette smell would be heavy in here. Then I know that’s Ed, Ed’s here. He made his presence known. And when you talk about the culture or expectations or kids are being unruly, you can smell it.”

Mr. Iron Horn continues on, “Coming down in between heathers & cliffords, there was a water bottle that just manifested & fell out of the wall.. there was a big kaboom about 2 O’clock in the morning & security heard that so he came down to see what was going on. He was looking to see if anyone could throw it over the walls but there’s no way that they could throw it or there’s no way that a kid could set it up there. In the video you could see the water bottle just manifesting out of the wall & fell.. It fell out of the wall, bounced, & landed upright. He came down, looked at, & walked away”

“At nighttime, the janitors, when they walk by they’ll tell me that they hear kids in here, laughing & moving things around.” Perhaps during the day, we give company to those we can’t see. There’s many stories that we’ve heard so far but also many more that we’ll hear & read about.



Mr. Lyle Iron Horn using Snapchat filters



Eastern Europeans dressing as Native Americans call themselves “Indian Hobbyists”

Madison Clifford

A look into Europe’s “Indian Hobbyist Movement”

The discussion of cultural appropriation of indigenous culture has become a hot topic as of recently; with celebrities often displaying zero remorse when wearing a cheap, plastic featured headdress to music festivals or the yearly backlash Halloween companies face once their “Indian Princess” costume hits the shelves.

The rightful outrage hopefully solidifies in the minds of many Americans how their “tribal royalty” ensemble should be seen as incredibly disrespectful and in bad taste.

Unfortunately, the “My Culture Is Not a Costume” movement seems to only be in effect across America and Canada. When handing the mic to Europe most would be more than shocked to hear about the “Indian Hobbyist Movement”.

Germany’s intensive infatuation with native American stereotypes has a long and strange history that began in the 1800s and was intensified after a best-selling German author Karl May’s introduction of the fictional Apache “Winnetou”. May would only travel to the USA after the success of his series.

With Germany’s lack of an indigenous population no one was there to critique the lionized Winnetou, who therefore went on star in decades worth of film, television adaptations, and even reenactments of the heroes endeavors at annual festivals, in which a white german man will often paint his skin brown, attached a shiny plastic braided wig to their head, and ride around on a horse in some gaudy tan get up.

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Cheyenne Whiting
American Music Awards

The American Music Awards hosted its annual celebration live from Los Angeles on Sunday night. Here are the results:

- Artist of the Year: BTS
- New Artist of the Year: Olivia Rodrigo
- Collaboration of the Year: Doja Cat ft. SZA “Kiss Me More”
- Favorite Trending Song: Megan Thee Stallion “Body”
- Favorite Music Video: Lil Nas X “Montero (Call Me By Your Name)”
- Favorite Male Pop Artist: Ed Sheeran
- Favorite Female Pop Artist: Taylor Swift
- Favorite Pop Duo or Group: AJ/BTS
- Favorite Pop Album: Taylor Swift “Evermore”
- Favorite Pop Song: BTS “Butter”
- Favorite Male Country Artist: Luke Bryan
- Favorite Female Country Artist: Carrie Underwood
- Favorite Country Duo or Group: Dan + Shay
- Favorite Country Album: Gabby Barrett “Goldmine”
- Favorite Country Song: Gabby Barrett “The Good Ones”
- Favorite Male Hip-Hop Artist: Drake
- Favorite Female Hip-Hop Artist: Megan Thee Stallion
- Favorite Hip-Hop Album: Megan Thee Stallion “Good News”
- Favorite Hip-Hop Song: Cardi B “Up”
- Favorite Male R&B Artist: The Weeknd
- Favorite Female R&B Artist: Doja Cat
- Favorite R&B Album: Doja Cat “Planet Her”
- Favorite R&B Song: Silk Sonic (Bruno Mars, Anderson, Paak) “Leave the Door Open”
- Favorite Rock Artist: Machine Gun Kelly
- Favorite Inspirational Artist: Carrie Underwood

Ohiyesa Ramirez

Bringing the Children Home



Photo by Eleanor Ferguson

“I am alive because my grandparents survived cultural genocide.”

Red Cloud Indian School (Holy Rosary Mission Residential Boarding School) has been operating since 1888 on the Pine Ridge Reservation in SD.

This facility is 1 out of 15 residential boarding schools still operating in the U.S. According to IIYC, they had a meeting with Jesuits from the red cloud giving them until December to start the ground penetrating radar search on their campus and OLL’s campus.

If they fail to comply they will search the grounds themselves within the next 35-45 days. The organization has full access to ground penetrating radar equipment and GPR specialists.

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Someone is leaving paintings around the school

Recently someone has been leaving inspirational quotes around Little Wound High School. Some have found the occasional painting with them.

The students that do find them say that it makes them happy and it makes their day.

The artist has also put little paintings on the walls as well and inspirational quotes on post it notes around.

Finding them is such a cool thing and when you do find them, especially a little painting it just brightens the person's day.



A painting found by a student

Lady Mustangs Varsity Basketball Team visits Black Hills State University

Heather Hinkle

Dec. 5--The Lady Mustangs Varsity team traveled to Spearfish for a college visit and basketball game at Black Hills State University (BHSU).

After the campus tour, the Lady Mustangs watched the BHSU D2 basketball team play against Fort Lewis.

Senior Tionna Pourier says, “I think that being able to watch athletes play at the college level was exciting to watch Saturday. Made me think about what I can improve on, and what not to do.”

“It was inspiring to watch so many indegious plays at the D2 level,” Senior Tara Rouillard says.

The Lady Mustangs will have their first home game Sat. Dec. 11 at home.



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It’s not just the performer that dresses up either, oftentimes at these festivals, Germans come dressed to the nines in traditional Native American costumes and will spend weeks living in tipis, wigwams, grass houses, and others.

They partake in “native” activities such as beading and dancing as if at a summer camp. A strange practice as is it gets even worse with more details, such as them repeatedly turning away touristng native Americans from their own cultural practices for “not wearing traditional clothes”.

When called out for their blatant fetishization of a culture they’ve no part in, they often preach in defense that they are “honoring” and “preserving” by wearing black wigs and showing off artifacts they made themselves

As for audience reaction to this “flattery”. In my research I found maybe comments made by Native Americans who have no problems with this practice, and in fact teach Germans visiting the states the actual history, or will study a “real Indian” on a trip to the states. Or you could subscribe to the other party, rightfully calling these German’s “cringy” or recoil with the knowledge that on your trip to Germany you may have a stranger speaking to you in fluent Lakota whilst trying to pet your hair.

No matter the reaction here in the states, rest assure Germany’s odd practices are unfortunately going nowhere anytime soon.

Heather Hinkle

Plenty Wounds Ranked Superior at Oral Interp State Meet

Dec. 5--Ms. Christina Plenty Wounds, Senior, earned Superior Ranking in storytelling at the oral interp state competition.

In order to qualify for state, competitors must rank first, second, or third at regionals. Ms. Plenty Wounds placed third qualifying her for state.

At state she performed “The Goldfinch.” Mr. Alejandro Tellez-Cruz, English Teacher and Coach, says “I had been working on this piece with her for quite some time and watching her grow throughout the season has been a really rewarding experience for me.”

“Everything came together marvelously and she executed the best performance of the piece I have ever heard from her. Her delivery was melodious and confident, which really drove home the piece’s message of hope for the future,” Mr. Cruz continues.

Mr. Cruz is extremely proud of Ms. Plenty Wounds!



Coach Alejandro Tellez-Cruz and Senior Christina Plenty Wounds

Ms. Plenty Wounds is proud of her accomplishments this season for oral interp. She says, “I went up there knowing that I made it there, I earned it just as everyone else there did. i did the best I could and it ended up being one of the best.”

She describes the state competition as being intense because everyone was practicing so passionately desiring the same end goal.

“It was pretty good winning, when they first announced my name I didn’t believe it,” Ms. Plenty Wound says. “It was pretty good to be there my first year and actually win.”

Congratulations Christina!!

Enola Running Hawk and Wanakiwin Janis
Wet'suwet'en Strong Free Sleydo

Wet'suwet'en, native americans of Canada are dealing with an issue that affects a cultural and ecologically land spot in their territory. A new project called the “Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project”. This pipeline is to be able to export natural gas. Of course the protesters do not want this so they tried to offer a different plan, but it was a no because it involves an extra cost of money. In a small way this company is in violation with one of Canada’s laws. The land that is about to be used for this project is unceded land. Unceded lands means there is no treaty over this particular land and it belongs to their people.

Five Wet’suwet’en hereditary clan chiefs have said that they never gave consent. While the elected band councils only administer smaller reserves. Which means what happened here was that the government consulted only with the band leaders and not the hereditary chiefs. “In theory, they are supposed to be neutral enforcers of several laws in this country.” The Unist’ot’en Matriarchs Freda Huson, Brenda Michell, and Dr. Karla Tait was arrested while holding a ceremony.

