

Keeping the Promise



**From the 1880's... to the 2000's and beyond...
providing a quality education to Lakota children
on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation**



**Red
Cloud
INDIAN SCHOOL**

While at Red Cloud Indian School, take the time to visit:

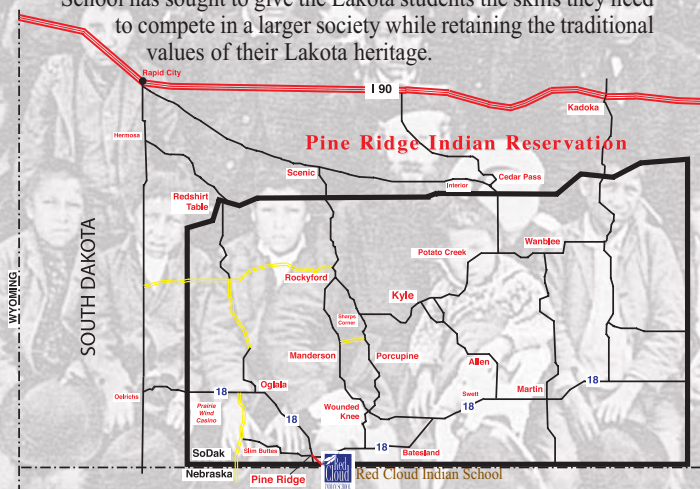
- **Chief Red Cloud's grave**, just over the hill from the century old Mission Building.
- The newly renovated **Heritage Center Museum**, which features one of the largest collections of Native American Art in the Northern Plains.
- The **Red Cloud Annual Art Show** is June 5 to August 21, 2005.

Red Cloud Indian School

**18 miles from the Historic Wounded Knee
Massacre Site**

In the middle of the 19th century, the westward movement was sweeping the United States. In the Black Hills of South Dakota lived a group of people who called themselves Lakota, meaning "Allies".

As was seemingly inevitable, Europeans recognized the opportunities of wealth in the land to the west. After numerous battles the Lakota came to terms with the United States Government, signing a treaty to live on the Reservation land. Chief Red Cloud, despite criticism, felt that the best decision for the survival of his people and their culture was to begin learning the way of the "White Man". Earlier Red Cloud had met Father DeSmet, the famous Jesuit missionary who often served as a mediator between the U.S. Government and the Native Americans. Red Cloud petitioned the Government to allow DeSmet's fellow "Blackrobes" (the Jesuits) to teach the Oglala Lakota, and, in 1888, Holy Rosary became the first Catholic Indian Mission on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The school later honored the name of this great Lakota leader, becoming Red Cloud Indian School. For more than a century, Red Cloud Indian School has sought to give the Lakota students the skills they need to compete in a larger society while retaining the traditional values of their Lakota heritage.



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