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August

Five Red Cloud kindergarteners become the first students in the new Lakota Language Immersion Classroom (LLIC) – one of the reservation’s first total immersion elementary-school programs. Created through a partnership with Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation, the LLIC is advancing culturally-relevant education by allowing students to learn every subject, from math to history, using Lakota as their primary tongue.

September

The Heritage Center and artist Keith BraveHeart celebrate the official opening of Horse Nation of the Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, a groundbreaking exhibition exploring how horses have shaped the history, spirituality, and culture of the Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota people. Developed through an innovative, community-influenced process, the show reflects the insights of elders, artists and many other culture bearers from across the Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, or Seven Council Fires.

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December
On a bright Sunday morning, a group of Lakota lay ministers from Red Cloud’s parishes gather for a special retreat to reflect on the challenging work they face every week: guiding grieving families through wake services. After two years of training together, the group renews their commitment to providing spiritual support to parishioners during times of great need.

January
Red Cloud’s Lakota Language Project publishes its first series of Lakota language readers, written and edited completely in-house. These brightly illustrated books are designed to help students from kindergarten through high school learn the language in a whole new way, through stories that reflect their culture, history, and heritage.

February
Through a nearly decade-long partnership between Red Cloud and Creighton University, a select group of Red Cloud Volunteers – the members of the Magis Catholic Teachers Corps – continue to bring academic rigor and innovation into the classroom. Says volunteer coordinator Maka Clifford ’05, “they truly expand educational opportunities here – and recognize the amazing potential in all their students.”
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LEADERSHIP AND FINANCIAL REPORT

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Transfer to Permanent Endowment                      | 1,180,436   |

Operating Surplus (Deficit)                          | ($1,007,032)

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Notes
This financial report covers the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 (FY17).
A copy of Red Cloud’s FY17 independent audit is available upon request.
End of Year Net Assets in FY17 is $45,770,808.
Overall Increase in Net Assets in FY17 is $2,824,745.

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