OUR MISSION

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Current Initiatives

CLASSROOM LESSONS
We provide lessons for our students K-12 throughout the school year and in summer school through classroom and afterschool programming with an emphasis on understanding where food comes from to promote healthy eating. Other reservation schools have the opportunity for field-trips on site as well.

FOOD PRODUCTION
We grow year-round in our greenhouse and seasonally in our outdoor space. The food is shared in the community and at school. We use regenerative practices and seek to innovate methods together with local growers to adapt for climate change and challenging conditions.

STUDENT INTERNSHIPS
We offer a summer internship for high school youth. During these internships students help to plant, weed, and harvest the school garden, facilitate lessons for our elementary students in summer school.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
We partner with local organizations and producers, such as Oglala Lakota College and the Lakota Food Sovereignty Coalition. Last year, a group of our students represented Red Cloud at the first annual Lakota Food Summit. We endeavor to support local food system development and resiliency.
Q1: ARE YOU ACTIVELY WORKING ON GETTING A NATIVE FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM FUNDING SUPPORT FROM THE SCHOOL?
First Annual Lakota Foods Summit: Red Cloud Youth Participants

FOSTERING STUDENT LEADERS...
“It shows the students the outcome of their hard work and teaches them how to take care of the Earth along with other relevant skills that they can take home...I would love to see our cultural foods at the school because if we are trying to save the language, we must save the culture and teach our generation what our ancestors lived like to carry it on.”

-STUDENT INTERN
Q2: DO YOU HAVE A GATHERING PLACE WITH SHADE AT YOUR SCHOOL?
Promoting Community Resiliency in Pandemic

HOME GARDEN KITS

FARMERS MARKET

DISTANCE LEARNING
Q3: DO YOU KNOW THE MEDICINES THAT GROW AT OR AROUND YOUR SCHOOL?
RESOURCES

https://www.redcloudschool.org/farmtoschool

Supplies:
https://www.farmersfriend.com/
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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