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"Pulling Together"



With its small size, [Sapa Un Catholic Academy](#) can offer a quality education for the children of the Rosebud Reservation. This month, I want to share with you some of the exciting things that are going on there.

Our Middle School teacher, Hillary Sherwood, has been teaching her students about money. They took a trip to a bank in Valentine where they learned about setting up an account, loans, and savings. Back home, in the classroom, they're learning about managing finances. With play money, they have to rent their desks, computers, and other school supplies, and to pay for food and snacks. They earn "money" by attending classes and doing their homework. Periodically, they pick "life cards," which offer lessons about car and health insurance, tax refunds, and miscellaneous costs, like having a pet.

The students also learned about the Iditarod Race in Alaska, its history and its dangers, the sleds and the dogs. Though our mild March did not provide snow cover, they still pulled a sled around campus. Back in the classroom, they learned about the Holocaust by reading Anne Frank's "Diary of a Young Girl" and viewing interviews with concentration camp survivors. Now they are learning about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.



In conjunction with the [Rosebud Wellness Center's](#) Diabetes Prevention Program, all our students set a goal of walking one hundred miles. Four laps around the campus equals one mile, and they are now halfway to their goal. Besides getting some fresh air and exercise, the students are learning about one of most common diseases on the reservation.

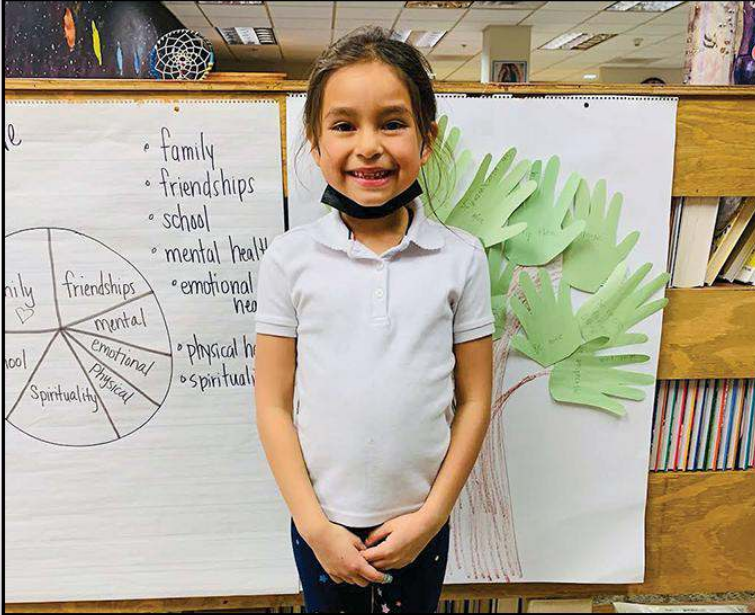
On Monday and Thursday afternoons there is Tiospaye Time, where the focus is on character development. Good mental health is essential for the learning environment of Sapa Un, and we begin and end each week learning to deal with negative feelings and experiences and to help one another.



Since you're never too old to learn, a group of adults from "Leadership South Dakota" came to visit the [Buechel Memorial Lakota Museum](#) and historic St. Charles Church. Dr. Ben Jones, South Dakota State Historian and Director of the Historical Society, gave the group an overview of the government treaties and the reservations they created.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



Amelia - Sapa Un 1st grader-
wants to be a doctor when she grows up.

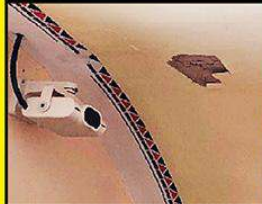
SPECIAL CHURCH REPAIRS FUND



Structural stucco cracks



Basement wall deterioration



Plaster damage



Water staining in plaster

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In the last few years, I've learned a lot more about the sad history and trauma of the reservations. As the largest non-profit on the Rosebud, St. Francis Mission is striving to make a difference, one person at a time. I'm grateful for your help. With it, we are pulling together to lay the foundations of a better, more self-sufficient future for the Lakota.



Sincerely yours,

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