

**“Labor of Love” Murals and Art Contest**  
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The Native American people are rich in culture, especially in Art. Student Council has devised an annual project within their school district where they pair efforts with a local gang prevention program called "Labor of Love". We host a student art contest where the student body can vote to select projects that become the murals. Once art is selected, the student body, student council, art department, community members and “Labor of Love” crew spend about 3 days painting the student images in places that are on the school grounds like the gym or courtyard etc... This is to discourage the graffiti as we do have a large gang population, and replace it with positive images that are culturally responsible, and reflect their history and pride in their school. This grant-funded and personal donation program provides all supplies. We eat breakfast and lunch, take turns painting, play ping pong, etc...and share stories. It is great because it is the community getting involved in the school activities as well as promoting school spirit and pride!