

Lona has a magnetic, natural ability to weave a story in a warm and engaging way and the program Zitkala-Sa: "Land of the Red Apples and Other Tales" allowed our students to forge authentic and meaningful connections to the curriculum material. The artful musical instrumentation, as well as the surprising and compelling personal connections that she weaves into the performance, will leave you captivated and spellbound! Each participant walked away having learned countless lessons while being thoroughly entertained!

Lona worked closely with the ELA department to ensure that the program fit the needs of our unique students and she made the collaborative process a pleasurable and productive experience! In short, she was great to work with and I warmly recommend her to any educators looking to expose students to traditional stories and storytelling while simultaneously drawing connections to contemporary concepts and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. I will assuredly book her for future performances!

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