



**Pender Harbour Community School Society**  
life ~ leisure ~ growth ~ community



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# Harbour Learning Centre

Hub of the community ~ Home of the community school

Gathering place, info & referral centre, computers, workshops, outreach services

# What's a community school?

Registered non-profit societies, volunteer Board of Directors

- Strengthen individuals, families and communities
- Support and improve student learning
- Respond to community interests and needs

quality programs

lifelong learning opportunities

connections to school & community resources



**Become a member – it's free**

Last count: 1,264 voting members

Voting members are Area A residents age 19+

**[www.pendercommunity.ca](http://www.pendercommunity.ca)**

# Programs & funders...

Sunshine Coast  
Regional District

Ministry of  
Education: SD#46

United Way  
UWLM

Province of BC  
Direct Access


Community members  
& local businesses

- After-school programs
- Nutrition programs
- Student & family support
- Community Recreation programs
- Youth activities
- Restitution program
- Information & Referral



# Responsive to community need

## COVID-19 !!!!

-  one-to-one support for youth and families

- Got organized

With the help of community partners & agencies

- coordinated & expanded nutrition programs
- pick up & delivery
- hot meals for vulnerable youth
- Pender Harbour Covid-19 Task Force

- Went after grants

- secured \$30K for Pender Harbour between Apr - Sep 2020

- *sudden unemployment*
- *social isolation*
- *transportation issues*
- *mental health needs increased*
- *financial hardship*
- *food and essential supplies*



# Staying connected ...



- *Connected online*
  - Certification Courses** – created a listing of online course options
  - Student Job Board** – assembled list of local employment opportunities
  - Digital photo gallery** of past May Day’s and Egmont Day’s
  - Facebook** – positive messages, mental health links, Covid-19 info, etc.
- *Connected people with resources*
  - Referrals to food bank, financial assistance, employment services, etc.
  - Lending fishing rods for kids throughout the summer
- *Virtual sessions* – ‘breakfast club’, ‘running club’, ‘youth zoom socials’, etc.
- *Virtual AGM* – hosted our first-ever virtual AGM in June

# ... moving forward



- Harbour Learning Centre
  - Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
- Offering some courses (when allowed by restrictions)
  - Pre-registration, reduced # of participants, encouraging 'bubbles', masks mandatory, physical distancing*
  - Certification courses e.g., FoodSafe
  - Computer training for folks on how to get registered online & zoom'ing
  - Encouraging outdoor activities e.g., Mushroom Forage
- Continuing to support youth & families
- Working with Rotary Club of Pender Harbour at options for our building

# ...in the schools

- At Madeira Park Elementary School
  - After-school programs
    - Kids Art Classes, Fishing Club, Running Club, Breakfast Club
  - Roots of Empathy adapted program
- At Pender Harbour Elementary Secondary School
  - One-to-one student & family support
  - New “Teen Tok” project
- Both schools
  - significantly ↑ nutritional support



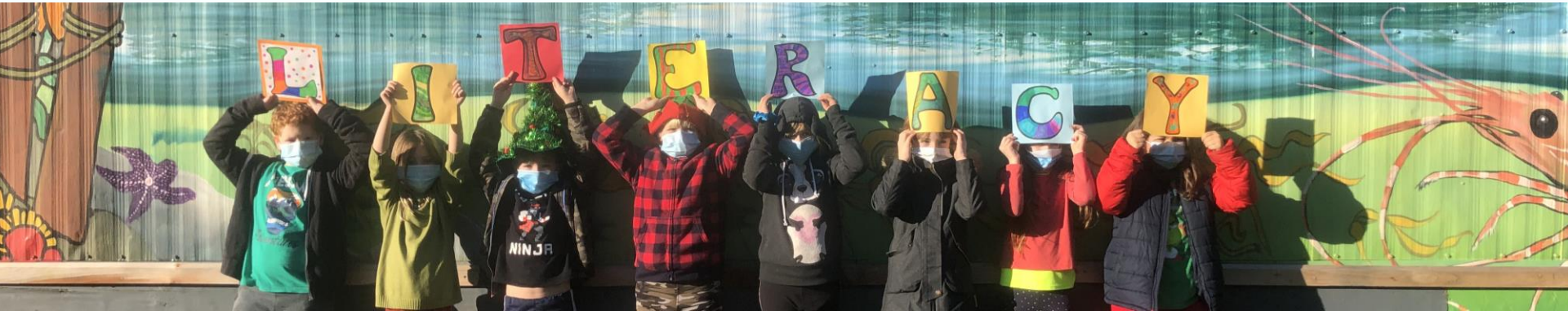


# ...in the community

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# literacy Crawl



Creating activities that keep us connected  
in partnership with Pender Harbour Community Recreation Team  
and Sunshine Coast Family of Community Schools, etc

... the winning phrase

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HARBOUR  Literacy Crawl

CELEBRATING  
COMMUNITY SPIRIT  
SEPARATE YET  
CONNECTED

... thank you