

News from Penelakut Island Learning Centre

Report for 2021

The 2021 school year was very challenging for PILC. We hit our average registration number of 40 but COVID greatly affected the number of students attending and we operated with only one teacher (Bernice McKenzie) and our regular support staff (Helen Campbell, Richie Jim, Karen Sommer and Ron Sylvester). We began the year meeting with the staff from PIES to create COVID safety plans applicable to each school and operated accordingly.

During the COVID closures we supported students with online learning and independent learning packages. We definitely saw the benefit to in-class instruction as many students struggled with an online approach and we found home internet connections to be a barrier at times. We did not have any graduates in June of 2021. On a positive note though we were able to act as a host/support site for grade 8 and 9 students doing home learning.

The two highlights of 2021 for PILC would be the renovations that took place and the addition of two new staff members to PILC for the September start-up of this current school year. Andrene Sam and Becky Wall. Andrene has joined us as our new administrative assistant. She brings plenty of enthusiasm and initiative to our school. Becky comes to us with a Masters in Special Education and currently runs our humanities program. Our building had significant upgrades, including electricity, interior finishing and a new exterior including the stairs and deck. I have limited pictures from before but would like to share the following powerpoint.

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