



# NEW SOCCER NETS MAKE PLAYTIME BETTER IN PORT CLEMENTS

Kids in Port Clements love playing soccer, but they were having a hard time after the goalposts and nets at the school field were removed earlier this year for safety reasons. The nets were old and had become hazardous, explained principal Verena Gibbs. The school field is right in the middle of town and kids and families enjoy playing soccer and other games there before school, during school, after school, on weekends and during holidays, weather permitting. But the lack of nets made it challenging to play regular games, and students said they would really appreciate new ones.

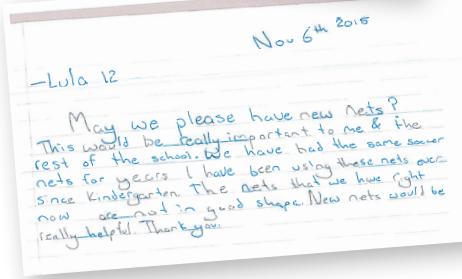
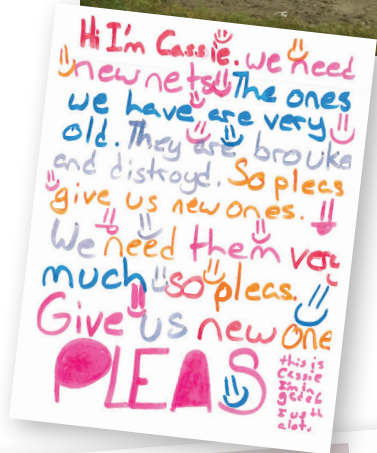
The school turned to the Gwaii Trust's Youth Program for a grant that allowed for the purchase and installation of new nets over the summer. Combined with money from the school and the parent advisory committee, the youth grant of \$2,125 covered the cost of the new nets and shipping them to Haida Gwaii.

The new nets are high quality and have been permanently installed in the school field, Verena said, so they will last for many years. This project is now giving Port Clements youth more opportunities to play sports, encouraging family and community play, and promoting healthy, active lifestyles.

Gwaii Trust Youth Grants provide funding to organizations

on Haida Gwaii for educational and/or recreational services aimed at youth. In general, we are interested in applications that build relationships, support opportunities for youth in sports, culture, arts and outdoor activities, reduce barriers to participation, and promote youth leadership. Decisions on Youth Grant applications are made by our Youth Board.

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