

# *Pemetic Elementary School*

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To Whom It May Concern:

We were so pleased to have the opportunity to have the STARLAB demonstration at our K-8 school, Pemetic Elementary. We could only provide the lab experience to our third through eighth graders. We really wanted to be able to allow all of our students the chance to attend, but could not find enough time in the day to schedule everyone. Since our third through eighth grade teachers worked most closely with Peter Lord developing an appropriate astronomy curriculum and activities, we felt that we should prioritize and allow them the opportunity first. We scheduled thirty-minute sessions for these classes, and judging by the comments from students and teachers, this just whetted their appetites for more!

Our teachers are very interested in improving our astronomy curriculum and lessons and have worked closely with the Island Astronomy Institute to do this. The STARLAB was a perfect way to reinforce all that they had worked on together. We even had a special evening for the teachers and Peter to talk about the possibilities of further enhancing our lessons with this wonderful tool. It was exciting to look at the different programs that related to all of the concepts we had talked about in our sessions with Peter.

We hope to have further opportunities to use the STARLAB both as professional development for our teachers and as a means to illustrate the concepts for our students in such an engaging way. The technology available to further both of these objectives is impressive and exciting! We strongly urge you to support the Institute and its work.

Sincerely,



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Principal

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