



Andrea Diaz, the Surf Academy coach this year

## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

by Adam Daniel

Dear Parents,

It has been great to see smiling faces back at TIDE and having seen the school come to life after our long time away. The teachers are busy building personal relationships and getting to know your children this week.

Over the first few weeks we will be conducting various assessments. These assessments are to help us better inform our planning, identify academic gaps, and help us better facilitate your child's learning.

Assessments will include:

- Students in grade 2-8 will complete 'cold texts' which are writing samples we use to identify personal grammar and punctuation goals.
- Students in grade 6-8 will complete spelling, punctuation, and grammar assessments. These will be used to further aid us setting writing goals for them this term.
- Students in grade 2-7 will complete be completing reading and comprehensions assessments. These will assist us to determine a student's reading level and identify his/her strengths and weaknesses as a reader.
- Students in grade 2-8 will take informal math exams to indicate any gaps and forgotten content knowledge from years past and aid staff in identifying areas that need review before moving onto grade level content.

All exams are sat in an stress free environment where students are aware that the exams are tools to help inform us about their learning, not as a graded component of the class. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to me at [aed322@usask.ca](mailto:aed322@usask.ca)

Regards,  
Adam Daniel

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#### SURF ACADEMY

Start date is: September 15th

**Days:** Tues and Thurs 6:30-7:30am and Friday, time with the tides, for 3-4 hours

**Cost:** \$120 per 4 weeks

Contact us to sign up!

#### MEET AND GREET

Our first Sunset Meet and Greet will be September 17th at 4:00pm. Location TBA

#### FLOWER BOXES?

Is anyone skilled in making flower boxes? We are looking to make some for our front entrance. Let us know!

#### NO SCHOOL

Remember we have no school on September 14th. We will have classes this year on September 7th (Labor Day).

#### LIBRARY IS OPEN

We want to remind you that the library is open. Students are welcome to check out books through our online checkout program: Booksource.



## TIDE COMMUNITY

It has been wonderful seeing everyone again this week. We are all adjusting to the new normal and we are glad to see how respectful and supportive everyone has been.

We want to remind you that if you need to meet with any teachers or staff members, please schedule an appointment by emailing us at [TIDEAcademy@gmail.com](mailto:TIDEAcademy@gmail.com).

We are planning on sending a bi-monthly newsletter, if you have any thing you would like to announce or add to the newsletter please just send us an email: [TIDEAcademy@gmail.com](mailto:TIDEAcademy@gmail.com).

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**My favorite day is  
everyday at TIDE**

*Noah, on his third day of  
Kindergarten*

