

# Surfari Pals Newsletter



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Briana the Bottlenose Dolphin and Caddo Parish Officers



Southern Hills First Grade

## We Appreciate Your Support

Almost as soon as we put our first Surfari Pals school year in the books, we started working on the second one. We have worked hard all summer, and we begin teaching again on September 5, 2017. We teach ten weeks in both the fall and spring semesters. To follow us during the school year, Like us on FaceBook and Follow us on Instagram.

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### THE NUMBERS

We taught a total of 334 children in three schools and one neighborhood rally.

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### THE SUPPORT

We now have ELEVEN regular supporters. Four of these are businesses local to Shreveport.

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### THE SUCCESS

10% of our students completed the program at 100% and another 12% completed 70%.

## HOW WE USE YOUR SUPPORT:

Unless otherwise specified, all Surfari Pals support goes directly to the general fund. From this fund we pay everything that goes into developing curriculum, printing (books, certificates, charts, stickers, etc.), artist drawings, office expenses, supplies for teaching, awards for the children, and all other expenses, directly and indirectly related to bringing the program to the schools *ready to go*. All material is ready to go for the fall, and through your continued projected support, we will have the spring program ready to go by December.



## SHORT TERM GOALS:

- ▶ Begin Surfari Pals in two more schools this school year, and hire two teachers for those schools.
- ▶ Partner with six additional local business sponsors. (Referrals appreciated)
- ▶ Recruit a part time volunteer to help with office work and/or teaching assistant.

## LONG TERM GOAL:

The long-term goal of Surfari Pals is seeking to open a summer camp for children who have completed second through fifth grades. This camp, called Camp Surfari, will primarily serve the children and community of Caddo Parish. The main purpose of this camp is to provide children from low economic communities the ability to attend a summer camp. The goal of Camp Surfari will be the same as the Surfari Pals enrichment program. Camp Surfari will have a great impact our community. Through Camp Surfari, we hope to bring people together to support one another, and provide community and economic development for Caddo Parish. One purpose of this camp is to offer second-chance employment to Caddo Parish citizens. This will happen through collaboration with other nonprofits and human welfare agencies in Caddo Parish. We have long-term plans for the children who attend Camp Surfari through their elementary years. We will invite them back as volunteers during their middle school years, and then offer them summer employment at the camp during their teenage years. We are seeking a large property to be donated for Camp Surfari.



**Surfari Pals is the solution to the problem that we don't recognize until it's too late. As a supporter, you are part of that solution. Thank you!**