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Scholastic Fall Book Fair
September 17-21, 2012



Welcome to the 2012-2013 School Year!

Message from Our Principal/CEO
September 8, 2012

Dear Parents of FCWCS,

We're about a month into the new school year and already so much has happened!

Most recently, we've weathered the storm—Isaac. Our physical plant made it through with a few bruises. Working out of trailers only makes the new building across the parking lot just that much more attractive!

Because of the five instructional days lost to Hurricane Isaac, we will have to

adjust our school calendar. Upon approval of C.L.A.S.S., (our Board of Directors) we will issue our revised schedule to you ASAP. As always, we will use this newsletter and the website (fcwcs.org) as a means of keeping you advised of the happenings on campus. Your involvement will enhance all that we do here for our students.

We know that our new building and your involvement will help to make FCWCS one of New Orleans's finest educational institutions. Please take every opportunity available to you to become an involved parent or guardian. Join the Parent-Teacher Association (only \$5.00 per family),

attend Report Card Conferences, make sure your child attends school daily, send your child to school with the needed supplies and in complete uniform. These are only a few of the things you can do to make this an outstanding school. We look forward to seeing you at the Open House/ Tour Day of the new building in October. Let it be one of many positive visits to the campus this school year.

See you in a few weeks!

Kelly S. Batiste

Chief Executive Officer/Principal
Fannie C. Williams Charter School



Upcoming Calendar Events

Week of September 17-21
Fall Scholastic Book Fair

Tues.-Thurs., September 25-27
1st Quarter Exams

Tues.-Thurs., October 2-4
Achievement Network Interim 1 (Testing for Grades 2-8)

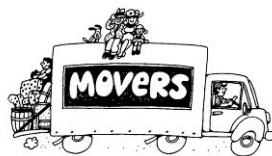
Thurs., October 11
1st Quarter Report Cards Sent Home with Students

Fri., October 12
No school for students, staff meeting, and beginning of move to new building

Mon.-Fri., October 15-19
No school for students, moving week

Fri., October 19
Tour Day/Open House for Parents

Mon., October 22
Students return for full day of school



*Our new home is almost ready!
Join us for Tour Day/Open House
on Fri., Oct. 19th!*



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NO PROGRESS REPORTS 1st Quarter due to Hurricane Isaac



Expanded Learning Time Returns

Popular after school program returns September 10th

The community organization VIET (Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training) and Fannie C. Williams Charter School are once



again partnering to bring Expanded Learning Time (ELT) to our campus. This marks the second year of this collaboration.

The after school program attempts to stimulate students intellectually, creatively, and physically. It desires to keep kids safe as their parents complete their work days.

Just as last year's program, this year's emphasis is on 2nd and 3rd grade students. VIET is striving to improve literacy, reading, writing, math, and

science among our 7, 8, 9 year olds. We are striving, once again, to have every 2nd and 3rd grader committed to this worthwhile program.

Students in grades K, 1st, 4th, 5th and middle school (6-8) are also encouraged to take part in our after school program. There is no cost associated with enrolling your child. Transportation is provided (via yellow school bus) to get students home at the close of the day. Students will receive help with homework and then be allowed to take part in various activities (karate, arts & crafts, music, etc.). No child will be allowed to attend if a complete application has not been submitted.

Dean-of-Students Bernetta Sisco will serve as instructional leader for the program. The program began on Monday, September 10th. Hours are from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. **Make sure your child is part of this rewarding experience. Enroll him today!**
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**Expanded Learning Time:
Monday-Thursday, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Open to grades K - 8.**

New state law mandates stricter attendance policy
State lawmakers have mandated that elementary and middle school students may not be absent more than 12 days during the academic year. **Students whose attendance exceeds the 12 days (13 or more) will not be eligible for promotion to the next grade for the 2013-2014 school year, regardless of the student's grade point average (GPA).**

The school year is composed of 177 instructional days. Because of Hurricane Isaac, we will have to adjust the school's calendar to make up the five days lost due the storm. Administration is awaiting Board approval of the adjusted schedules. Parents will be notified in writing and via the school's website.

Uniforms are mandatory

All students attending FCWCS are expected to arrive daily in full uniform. When parents send their children to FCW, it is understood uniforms are part of the agreement. See the school's website and the handbook for a full list of acceptable and non-acceptable articles of clothing.

Slow Down! City Council has extended school zone hours

The New Orleans City Council, in a vote of 7-0, enacted new school zone rules governing the entire city. **The 20 mph school zone hours have been extended to 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. and from 2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. each school day.**



Parents and friends of FCWCS should be aware that NOPD will be patrolling our area on Bullard. Violators will be ticketed. Be careful. You may save a life!



We've got a hard-working PTA . . . join and help the cause!

Cost: \$5.00 per family
When: Every second Wed. of the month at 5:30 p.m. (this month, Sept. 19 due to Isaac)
Where: Media Center (library)

2012-2013 Officers

President: Barbara Johnson Kidd
Vice-President: Darvel Burgess
Treasurer: Tremica LeCoq
Parliamentarian: Vacancy
School Liaison: Bernetta Sisco (until 9/12)

The new hard copy version of the 2012-2013

Family Handbook

for Fannie C. Williams Charter School coming soon!

Also available at www.fcwcs.org



Use of drugs, tobacco, or alcohol on school grounds is prohibited and will result in suspension or possible expulsion of any student caught breaking this rule!

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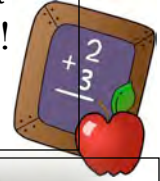
will hold its next Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, **September 18, 2012** in the school's Media Center (library) at **6:00 p.m.**



Mrs. Angela Goodly (left) receives her Teacher-of-the-Year Award for '11 from Principal Kelly Batiste.

Fannie C. Williams Charter School Warrior Hall of Fame Teachers-of-the-Year		
Terri Daigle	5th Grade	2011-2012
Angela Goodly	4th Grade	2010-2011
Diane Wiltz	3rd Grade	2009-2010
Joseph Saulsbury	Instrumental Music	2008-2009
Bernetta Sisco	Physical Education	2007-2008

If you can read this newsletter, thank a teacher!



Terri Daigle, Teacher-of-the-Year 2012

The faculty of FCWCS has chosen their co-worker, Terri Daigle, as Teacher-of-the-Year for the 2011-2012 school year. The announcement was made during the opening days of this school term.

Daigle, a native New Orleanian, is a graduate of Seton Academy. She has earned degrees in Business Administration and Education Leadership. Mrs. Daigle has spent 25 years in the classroom. Before Hurricane Katrina, she taught at Gentilly's Stuart R. Bradley Elementary. An outstanding educator, Daigle has received TOTY honors twice before!

Last year, Mrs. Daigle taught our 4th grade Warriors. Administration noted her exceptional skills in the classroom and moved her into a position as an instructional coach for grades 5-8. Her new responsibilities include bringing data-based practices into the classroom by working directly with the classroom teacher to enhance instruction.

Congratulations to Mrs. Terri Daigle on a year well done!



Mrs. Terri Daigle, Fannie C. Williams' Teacher-of-the-Year, 2012!

teach•er (noun) - one who shows or explains.

FCWCS's Teacher-of-the-Year is chosen by his or her colleagues at the end of the school year by secret ballot. The recipient is chosen primarily for their skill in the classroom to inspire students, their teaching methods, and creative ideas.

2012-2013 of FCWCS Faculty & Staff

ELC (Early Learning Ctr.)

Pre-K

Shawn Tolliver
Tali Guidry

Kindergarten

Angelle Cagle
Ashley Singleton
Lynette Henry

1st Grade

Ashlyn Williams
Cari White
Darlene Whittington

The Red School

Computer Literacy

Terry Smith

2nd Grade

Shayla Shane
Danielle Andrew
Arriane Jones

3rd Grade

Kioka Ardoin
Allison French

Special Education

Beverly Castille
Karen Lewis
Shoran Warren



Instructional Coach

Terri Daigle

The Blue School

Dean of Students (Pre-K-5)

Bernetta Sisco

4th Grade

Mary Gelis
Angela Goodly
Shanda Theriot

5th Grade

Kendra Cobbins
Seané Taylor

Art

Phillip Britt

Reading Interventionist

Carla Lewis

Vocal Music/Choir

Kitty Wright

The Yellow School

Grade 6

Karen Gustave (Math & Science)
Shelia Hickman (ELA & SS)

Grade 7

Jamisha Battiste (Science & SS)

Grades 7 & 8

Stephen Goodly (Math)
Yolande Thurman (ELA)
Deirdre I. Williams (Read 180)

Instrumental Music/Band

Thaddeus Petit

Dean of Students (Middle School)

Ozzie Ross

Paraprofessionals

N'Daria Allen (Pre-K)
Valerie Wimberly (Pre-K)
Chianté Cunningham (SPED)
Linda Ducros (SPED)
Sonya Jones (SPED)
Ireane Hall (SPED)
Crystal Petit (ELC)
Joshua Webster (SPED)

Instructional Support Center (ISC)

Deidra Barnett (Reading Interventionist)
Lynda McCray (Speech Pathologist)
Jacqueline Edmond (Counselor)
Janice Watts (Instructional Coach)
Vickie Coleman (Data Manager)
Gretchen Batiste-Johnson (Executive Assistant)

Administration

Kelly S. Batiste (CEO/Principal)
Tarynesa "Terri" Williams (CAO)

C.L.A.S.S. (Board of Directors)

Debra Dean (President)
Candice Forest (Member)
Duane Stelly (Member)
Donnyette Love (Member)
Al Edwards (Member)



Green & Herbert, Fannie's Dream Team!

Currently our Physical Education instructors operate without a traditional gym or yard to hold classes. Not unusual in post-Katrina New Orleans, but exceptional when you see what takes place in the white nondescript building, known as the "gym" to those on the Fannie campus.

The new building with the large state-of-the-art gymnasium is just across the parking lot. Our move to the new building can now be counted in days instead of months. But for six years, our Physical Education teachers have handled (quite well, I will add) their classes in a space not much larger than a modern classroom. First, Coach Sisco, then Coach Green. Now, Green shares the space with new faculty member D'Lon Herbert. Without missing a beat, Physical Education teachers Terry Green and D'Lon Herbert have taken "team teaching" to another level. They are the Dream Team on campus, working in very close proximity daily—sharing an office and "gym" space with each other, making it work.

I observed their interactions with two Pre-K classes, 40 Warriors, with an average age of four years!

What was fun and games to the students, was actually the exercising of their little bodies and minds. They may not have been aware of it, but they were learning to distinguish between the right and left sides of their bodies, learning to follow directions, learning the basics of being a team player, and exercising those small limbs.

Their teachers conducted this class with the fluency of two individuals who have been working together much longer than the few weeks they've been at. I call them our 'Dream Team' of Physical Education.

Both are natives to the metro New Orleans area. Green hails from St. Bernard

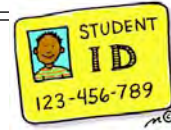
Parish, a graduate of Chalmette High School. Coach Green played football and basketball for four years as an Owl. His athletic talents won him a scholarship to

Langston University, an historical black college, in Oklahoma. For four years, he played on the football team as a strong safety. He was honored twice as a Coca-Cola Academic All-American (for all major HBCUs). Coach has been a teacher for nine years. This is his third year at FCWCS. He is the father of a 10 year old daughter.

The "rookie" of the Dream Team is Coach Herbert.

D'Lon Herbert is a graduate of McDonogh No. 35 High, where she lettered in track, volleyball, softball, and basketball! She ran track, played volleyball and softball for four years as a Roneagle. She joined the basketball team her final year on Kerelec Street. Herbert also found time to play in 35's band, blowing trumpet and mellophone. Her talents took her to Louisiana Tech in Ruston. She ran track, specializing in sprints and the 100 and 200 relay teams. She is the mother of one teenage daughter who attends Warren Easton High School. She has taught for 11 years. This is her first year at Fannie C. Williams Charter.

Green and Herbert are part of Fannie's Enrichment Team—the "lagniappe" in the school's curriculum. Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Art, Computer Literacy, and Physical Education.



Materials Fee are due . . .

Parents are asked to submit their child's materials fee. **The fee is \$20.00 for students in Pre-K through 2 and \$25.00 for students in grades through 3-8.**

- The fee pays for the following items:
- 1-FCWCS T-shirt (new design for '12)
 - 1-School ID w/picture & lanyard
 - 1-FCWCS Student Planner (3-8)
 - 1-FCWCS Family Handbook (1 per family)

Sorry, no personal checks accepted; cash or money orders (made out to Community Leaders Advocating Student Success) accepted.

Thank you!

The other members of the team work alone in their classes, collaborating lessons, when possible, with core teachers. But our Physical Education teachers, by necessity, spend their working hours conducting classes together because of a lack of space. They've definitely turned a negative into a positive. With older students, you see them running with them under the breezeway, keeping them in a constant state of motion.

Just wait until they get into that spacious gym across the parking lot!

"Seven days—one week—without exercise makes one weak." *—the importance of exercising according to Coach Herbert*

Visit our website (www.fcwcs.org) to see pictures of our Dream Team and their Pre-K students!



Collect and save **Box Tops** for our **Box Tops for Education Campaign** for 2012-2013. Each coupon is worth 10 cents to our school's treasury. Last year's school-wide efforts raised more than \$500.00. Please cut them off household goods you purchase and send them to your child's homeroom teacher. Our librarian, Mrs. K. LeBlanc chairs this important fundraiser.



We appreciate your assistance!

Lunch Applications are due! All lunch/breakfast applications should be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher immediately (**new info - only one app per family is needed**; send the completed app to the homeroom of your oldest child enrolled).

In order to be eligible for free or reduced meals, all parts of the app must be completed. Incomplete applications will be returned to parents to complete! Eligibility for free or reduced lunch is based upon family size and income. The National School Lunch & Breakfast Program sets the guidelines. Parents not completing an application will be required to pay full price for their child's meals (breakfast \$1.00; lunch \$2.00).



The Warrior Café serves two nutritious meals daily to students. Our cafeteria is run by the food program of Orleans Parish School Board.

Hey Mom, Dad, Grandmom, Paw-Paw, Foster Parents . . . **Looking for ways to get involved at FCWCS?**

Check out the list below . . .

- Attend monthly PTA meetings
- Come to our Open House
- Save Box Tops for Education coupons
- Take part in our school candy drive
- Buy a book or two during the Book Fairs

- Attend report card conferences
 - Attend our annual Grandparent's Day Celebration
 - Volunteer for the Fall Fest or Spring Bling
 - Attend Donuts for Dad or Muffins for Mom
 - Attend LEAP Night
- Dates can be found in this newsletter or on the school's website. Good schools always have strong parental support!

If your son or daughter has an emergency at school, could we reach you quickly?

Please keep all contact information current in the school's Instructional Support Center. (main office). Send new home address, phone numbers, etc. to your child's homeroom teacher immediately. The teacher will pass it on to the ISC.



Thank-you for your kindness . . .

We're giving a big Warrior thank-you to parent **Taquina Holden**, mother of Shaun & Shannon Holden. Ms. Holden donated two backpacks to the middle school.

The backpacks have been awarded to students who will definitely put them to good use. Thanks again, Ms. Holden, for your thoughtfulness!



Breakfast is served each morning starting at 7:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 should proceed to the Warrior Café upon arrival to school Grades Pre-K - 2 will accompany their teachers to the Café.

Don't be late—you may miss the day's most important meal!



Did you read this issue of **WARRIOR NEWS**? It was prepared especially for parents and friends of FCWCS! We've got a monthly drawing for a prize for those Warriors whose parents send this coupon (within 2 school days of receiving the **WN**) back after reading these pages for important information about our great school! Let us know you've read these pages by signing the backside of this coupon on page 6.

Save this issue of the **WARRIOR NEWS** to keep abreast of FCW Charter's activities for September.



Warriors, save your money for the upcoming . . .

Scholastic Book Fair September 17 - 21 FCWCS's Media Center

Flyer coming soon with book titles and prices—there's something for everybody!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go." —Dr. Seuss



Have you registered to V O T E?
Election Day for President of the U.S.A.
is Tuesday, November 6, 2012

It's important!!!

Additional info:
Orleans Parish Registrar of Voters
City Hall, Rm. 1W23
1300 Perdido St., NOLA 70112
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Mission Statement of Fannie C. Williams Charter School

The mission of Fannie C.

Williams School is to achieve the highest academic success through collaboration of staff, parents, and community.



Did you know Fannie C. Williams Charter School's students are transported daily to and from our campus via Berry Transportation, a local company?

Do you have questions or concerns regarding bus transportation?

Call

Berry Transportation

www.berrytransportation.com

504.365.8327



Get involved by joining FCWCS's Parent-Teacher Association!

The general membership will meet the second Wednesday of every school month at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center (library).

President Barbara Johnson Kidd

What are the 4Ps?

Our expectations are simple regarding student behavior—all Warriors (regardless of grade level)—are expected to be **PROMPT, POLITE, PRODUCTIVE and PREPARED!** These are our 4Ps. They provide the guidelines for student behavior on campus.



Cut me out and send me back to school within 2 school days.

Save this issue to keep abreast of all the good things happening at Fannie C. Williams Charter School.

I've read the September 2012 issue of **WARRIOR NEWS . . .**

PLEASE ENTER MY CHILD IN THE FIRST DRAWING FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR!

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ Rm. No. _____

please write legibly

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____