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Faculty Gets First Look @ New FCWCS Home

About 21 months ago, our groundbreaking ceremony took place on a cold and windy Tuesday morning in December. Today, on that same piece of land, sits a brand new \$24,000,000 school, the new 95,690 sq. ft. Fannie C. Williams Charter School. Funding from FEMA made this impressive structure possible. This month, 550 students will get to study in the kind of facility all children deserve—a school with all the “bells and whistles,” the new state-of-the-art FCWCS.

Teachers tour the music wing of the our new school building. Ms. T. Williams, CAO conducts the tour (above right).

Veteran educator Ms. L. Henry surveys her new kindergarten classroom (right).



Good Attendance Important

New state law mandates stricter attendance policy for elementary & middle school students

Louisiana legislature members have mandated that all elementary and middle school students must not be absent more than 12 days this school year. **Students whose absences reach 13 days or more will repeat their current grade, regardless of the student’s grade point average.**

The school year is 175 days of instructional time. Due to Hurricane Isaac, the calendar has been adjusted for the five days lost due to the storm.

Please note the changes made to the calendar in this newsletter and the schools’s website (fcwcs.org).



Additional information regarding student attendance can be found in the FCWCS Family Handbook on page 2. ###

Children who are nurtured at home are ready to be taught at school!

Encourage your child to be **prompt, polite, productive, and prepared—the 4Ps of the Warrior Behavior Plan.**

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. It is the Warrior Way!



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.



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“Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.” —Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Message from Our Principal/
C.E.O.**



October 1, 2012

Dear Parents & Guradians

We're busy packing boxes and getting ready for the big move this month. Most of you know what it is to pack a household and move to new quarters. Image packing up a school!

Our new home is beautiful! Just what we needed after spending five years in trailers. This new facility will allow us all the amenities desired and needed to provide the best for all students enrolled at FCWCS.

Parents are reminded that students will have no school Friday, October 12th through Friday, October 19th. All students will return to school, in the new building, on Monday, October 22nd. Breakfast will be served at 7:30

a.m. in the new large Warrior Café. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. sharp. Dismissal remains at 3:15 p.m. Car riders will be picked up on the Bullard side of the building. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Parents and students are invited to attend the Tour/ Open House of the new building on Friday, October 19th, times to be announced soon. We hope to see all of you on Friday, October 19th, at the **new** Fannie C. Williams Charter School.

Kelly S. Batista



From the desk of Ms. Sisco . . .

Thank you parents for your patience and tolerance as we transition our bus routes to accommodate the ExpandedED (ELT). We could not have done it without you! However, please note the following items for our continued success:

- The Warrior Way is in full affect, students are expected to behave accordingly;
- there is absolutely no eating permitted on the school bus;
- **parents must meet all students in grades Pre-K through 3rd at their bus stops;**
- **parents are not allowed on the bus—NO EXCEPTIONS!;**
- if the bus does not come, please call 504.717.9226;
- if there is a problem on the bus, please call Ms. Sisco at 504.444.1063.

Thanks again for your assistance in making FCWCS a great school. *—Bernetta Sisco, Dean-of-Students*

This smiling face belongs to one of our youngest Warriors. Why is he smiling? His mother read the September issue of the **WARRIOR NEWS**, the newsletter of FCWCS, and submitted the coupon on page 6. His name was pulled and he received a new "friend." You never know what treasures you will find in Principal Batista's desk! Read the monthly **WARRIOR NEWS** for all the news worth knowing about campus life.



Photo by S. Goodly

Slow Down! City Council has extended school zone hours . . . Violators, it will cost you!



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!

Members of the Rotary Club of N.O. Visit FCWCS

Misters Hellwig (left), Hollingsworth (right) and Ms. Simon (center) bring dictionaries and vocabulary books to all fourth graders on September 27th.



Thank you Rotary Club of New Orleans for your generosity!

Report Cards Coming

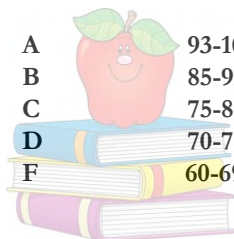
Report Cards will be sent home with your child on **Thursday, October 11th!**

Be sure to ask your son or daughter for their grades.

**Grading Scale
2012-2013**

Letter Grade Numerical Grade

A	93-100
B	85-92
C	75-84
D	70-74
F	60-69



Pictures from our campus . . .

Fannie Album



*Librarian LeBlanc checks out fourth graders during the Fall Book Fair (top).
Second graders are happy consumers after a visit to the school's Book Fair (middle).
Physical Education class helps to keep students fit during their morning run (bottom).*

Upcoming Calendar Events

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

Thurs., Oct. 4 End of 1st Quarter (40 days); Fall School Pictures Taken

Wed., Oct. 10 P.T.A. Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 11 Report Cards Sent Home with Students

Fri., Oct. 12 **NO SCHOOL** for students, Faculty Mtg. and start of move into new school building

Mon. - Fri., Oct. 15 - 19 **NO SCHOOL** for students, move into the new building

Tues., Oct. 16 C.L.A.S.S. Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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

Mon., Oct. 22 Students return to new building (breakfast served at 7:30 a.m., classes begin at 8:00 a.m.)

Fri., Nov. 2 Annual Fall Festival for students who have followed the 4Ps

Tues., Nov. 6 **NO SCHOOL** for students and staff, **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

Tues., Nov. 20 Grandparent's Day
Grandparents invited to our campus, RSVP

Wed.-Fri., Nov. 21 - 23 **NO SCHOOL** for students and staff, Thanksgiving Break

Mon., Nov. 26 Students and staff return to school

Tues.-Thurs., Nov. 27-29 Achievement Network Interim II (Testing for Grades 2-8)

Collect & Save Box Top Coupons

Box Tops for Education Campaign for 2012-2013. Each coupon is worth 10 cents to our school's treasury. Cut them off packages and send them in immediately to your child's homeroom teacher. A Pizza Party for the homeroom with the greatest number of coupons at the big count in the spring.

We appreciate your help!

2012-2013 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 & 8

Jamisha Battiste (Science & SS)
Stephen Goodly (Math)
Yolande Thurman (ELA)
Deirdre I. Williams (Read 180)

Instrumental Music/Band

Thaddeus Petit

Physical Education

Terry Green
D'Lon Herbert

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)

Sharnell Theard (In-School Suspension)

Karen LeBlanc (Librarian)

Instructional Support Center (ISC)

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

School Nurse

Cheryl Robichaux

School Social Worker

Shontra Varnado

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)
Emily Roubion (Member)
Brenda Flint-Minor (Member)
Eddie Davis (Member)

SPED = *Special Education*



We're running our list of faculty and staff again this month. We inadvertently left off invaluable members of our team last time. Our sincere apologies to faculty and staff housed in the "gym" and library, whose names did not make the list.



Now available: Fannie C. Williams Charter School Sweatshirts! Gildan 50/50 crewneck, sweatshirts of poly/cotton blend in royal blue with school logo on front. Pre-shrunk. **Only official (royal blue) FCWCS sweaters, jackets, or sweatshirts may be worn inside of the school building.** This is the perfect outer wear for school. **Cost: \$15.00 for youth sizes (small - large); \$20.00 for adult sizes (small - 3 X). Cash or money orders (payable to C.L.A.S.S.) only, no checks.**

Texting Shorthand for Adults 101

AITR Adult in the room
2EZ Too easy
2NTE Tonight
2MOR Tomorrow
511 Too much information
6Y Sexy
7K Sick
404 I don't know
4AO For Adults Only



NORD's Movies in the Park

New Orleans Recreation and Development Commission has sponsored "Movies in the Park" since Friday, August 24th.

Parents and kids are loving the idea, with it turning into a picnic for families. The **free** movies are held on Fridays at 7:30 p.m., between now and November 16. The outside "theater" will rotate to various parks or libraries within the city of New Orleans.

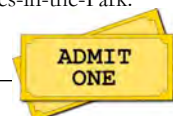
All movies are "family friendly." They will be shown on 30 x 60 foot screens. In October you can expect to view "The Dark Knight" (Lemman Park, October 5); "The Smurfs" (Sampson Park, October 16); "Grease" (Latter Library, October 19) "Spy Kids

2" (McDonogh, October 26); "Iron Man" (Conrad, November 2); "Spider-Man 2" (Joe Brown Park, November 9); "Kung Fu Panda 2" (Taylor Park, November 16); and "Iron Man 2" (Digby Park, November 16).

Residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, as well as coolers and snacks. Adults must accompany children younger than 16. Alcohol, smoking, tents, BBQ grills, and pets are not allowed.

Additional information can be had by calling 504.658.3017 or visit nola.gov/Residents/NORD/Movies-in-the-Park.

See you at the movies! ###



**Student Council Elections
November 14**

Mrs. L. McCray, SC advisor, has announced that this year's election for officers for FCWCS's Student Council will take place on Wednesday, November 14, 2012.

The SC is an extracurricular activity for students. It presents the student body's view points regarding situations affecting students to the school's administration. It also teaches students how democracy and leadership works in our society.

Students in grades 3-8 are eligible to run for office and will be the "voting public" in the school-wide election for students. Nominees will also be selected from homerooms of grades

3 through 8. Office seekers will decide if they will seek the office for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and sargeant-at-arms. Students will present campaign speeches to the student body several days before the election.

Voting machines will be utilized to give students experience in how adults vote in local, state, and federal elections.

Good luck to all candidates! ###



We're heads over heels for **Box Tops for Education** at Fannie C. Williams Charter School. Send us all you got! Thanks.



More pics from our campus . . . **Our Fannie Album**

Second grade students enjoy an afternoon in the computer lab.

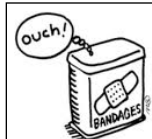
Two of our exceptional students enjoy socializing while building a house out of blocks in room 506.

School Supplies Needed Now!

A school supplies list was sent home prior to the close of the 2011-2012 school year. It is hoped, that by now, all supplies have been purchased and sent to the homeroom teacher. Items listed are needed for instructional and hygiene needs daily. Parents needing a copy of the list can find one in the ISC (main office) or on the school's website www.fcwcs.org (see Recent Posts). Thanks to all parents who have sent supplies to school.

School Supplies Sold Daily

Student Council turns students into entrepreneurs
It's Sunday night and you realize your son or daughter does not have enough school paper or pencils for Monday. Don't worry. They can visit the Warrior Store for School Supplies. Open each school day, 7:30 a.m. until 8 a.m. Students should visit Mrs. McCray's office for needed supplies at nominal costs. Support the Warrior Store and the Student Council.



We've got a great school nurse (Nurse Robichaux), but remember, she provides first aid only.

She does not diagnose illness, but will note symptoms and notify parents of her observations. Students injured at school will be administered first aid and parents will be notified. Make sure we have current phone number(s) for you in case of emergencies.

Uniforms are mandatory
All Warriors are expected to be in complete uniform daily. Parents should review pg. 6 of the Family Handbook and the school's website for uniform Dos and Don'ts!

Visitors to our campus must check in first with Security and the main office. This is our way of protecting your child!



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 October.



Info regarding **Free Activities** for children @ www.neworleanskids.com



Materials Fees 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!



Great schools always have great a P.T.A.!

Your voice is needed!
 Join the P.T.A. today.
 Only \$5.00 per family . . .
October 10, 2012
 5:30 p.m., Media Ctr.

Cell Phones (and other electronic devices) are not allowed in the classroom during the instructional day.

Students needing cell phones for after school contact with parents should check them in with **security in the morning**. They are returned at the end of the school day by the security staff.



C.L.A.S.S.

will hold its next **Board of Directors Mtg.** on **Tuesday, October 16, 2012** in the school's Media Center (library) at **6:00 p.m.**

The new hard copy version of the 2012-2013 **Family Handbook** for **Fannie C. Williams Charter School**

was sent home by your son or daughter. Did you receive your copy? Have you returned your acknowledgement sheet? Thanks for doing so! It is 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!

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?

Berry Transportation
www.berrytransportation.com
504.365.8327



Have you registered to VOTE? 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
 Phone: 504.658.8300



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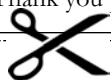
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The instructional day begins promptly at 8:00 a.m., Monday - Friday . . .



Dismissal is at 3:15 p.m., Monday - Friday! (Parents of car riders are asked to arrive for pick-up 10 minutes before dismissal).

Thank you parents!



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 October 2012 issue of WARRIOR NEWS . . . PLEASE ENTER MY CHILD IN THE SECOND DRAWING FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR!

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ Rm. No. _____
please write legibly

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____