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Fats Domino, Musician



Spike Lee, Movie Director

Men of Cornerstone United Methodist Church Spend Fridays in February with FCWCS



Our First Lady, Michelle Obama, is the topic of conversation for Mr. Leroy Cook and the members of Ms. Darlene Whittington's first grade class.

Each Friday morning, we can count on our neighbors from Cornerstone United Methodist Men's Club gathering in the school's library to choose their Black History Book for the day. They proceed to their classes, where they will spend the next 30 minutes reading to first, second, and third graders stories about the African American experience in the U.S.A.

They bring wisdom and a keen insight into the subject matter they read about, for they lived it. We appreciate their thoughtfulness and sharing of their time and knowledge. Our guests include Misters Benjamin Diggs, Sr., Leroy Cook, Angelo Kingvalsky, Roland Doucette, Howard Morgan, Gary Harris, Wilfred Norris, and Phillip Reed. ###

1st Student/Faculty Basketball Game Good Time for All

Middle School B-Ball players team up on 2nd grade teacher Ms. Danielle Andren, January 18th. Faculty won, 46-45.



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First Semester Principal's Honor Roll

- 1st Grade**
Anthony Brock
Damon Butler
Anirea Edwards
Makaiyah Evans
Breiana Matthews
Reagan McKinnis
Angela Williams

- 2nd Grade**
Jerome Brown
Jordan Livas
Dale Matthews
Brandon Tardy
Jerome Tyler

- 3rd Grade**
Iyana Corley
Darvell Hall

- 4th Grade**
Byron Hall

- 5th Grade**
Robert Lewis

1st Semester "A" Honor Roll

- 1st Grade**
Nya Batiste
Tah'J Butler
Ar'mani Campbell
Hermonnie Cornelius
Daisy Gipson
Janiyah Sawyer
Brandi Tardy
Carissa Washington
Kendall Washington

- 2nd Grade**
Mighal Martinez
Amaya Richard
Akilah Senior
Justin White

"A" Honor Roll (cont'd)

- 3rd Grade**
Tyrin Batiste
Tessica Thomas
Hayley Jones
Henry Rhodes

- 4th Grade**
Mya Evans

- 5th Grade**
India Davis

- 8th Grade**
Mystyc Robertson

1st Quarter Principal's Honor Roll

- 1st Grade**
Landon Armstrong
Jahda Brown
Jonell Scott
Tajjah Thomas
Amare Turner
Jaydon Ward
Darvale Williams

- 2nd Grade**
Tyrone Morgan
Domonick Sentino

- 3rd Grade**
Jaya Baham
Shannon Corley
Keymidria Winn

2nd Quarter Principal's Honor Roll

- 1st Grade**
Jesse Barquet
Amirius Lazard
Milton Matthews
Amarie Roberts
Jayden Scott
Shelby Stigler

- 2nd Grade**
Ja'myra George
Devin Kelly
Christie Mequan
Shayna Sykes
David Norwood

(Honor Roll cont'd on pg. 4)



Message from Our Principal/C.E.O.
February 2013

Dear Parents and Friends of FCWCS,

The next few weeks are crucial regarding the 2013-2014 school year.

We need your cooperation in getting the word out that we are recruiting for new students and hoping to keep every child we presently have on campus today.

It is important that parents “step-up-to-plate” and make decisions regarding their child’s educational needs for next school year. Charter Schools are about parents having choices, but along with those choices are responsibilities—making the best decisions for your child in a timely matter.

You may wonder why schools do this so many months before the next school year . . . we are only a little more than halfway through the 2012-2013 academic year. But remember, schools need to make decisions based on enrollment for next year. Staffing and financial decisions have to be made early to be effective. Schools in both

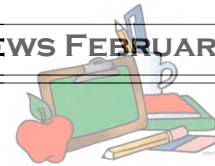
the public and private arenas all recruit this time of year.

We hope you have been pleased, thus far, with what is happening on our campus. Our new facility is no longer a dream, but a reality. The facility has allowed us to do things we could only dream of when we were in the trailers. We anticipate next school term as being even more productive as we learn to utilize our new edifice to its fullest potential.

But, we need your help. Shortly, information will be sent home regarding the New Orleans Public School Enrollment Process, known as one App. The application should be filled out completely and returned to any participating school listed in the packet, on-line (www.enrollnola.org), or at any of the Family Resource Centers (Coghill Elementary, Landry High, OPBS Central Office or Crocker Arts & Technology School). **The deadline for the application is Friday, March 15th.** Notification letters will be mailed the week of April 15th.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO



Saturday Warrior Academy

Warrior Academy assists students academically, through a variety of fun and engaging lessons, as they work toward successful attainment of at least “Basic” proficiency rating on this year’s iLEAP/LEAP assessment in the Spring.

Students selected for SWA should arrive by 9:00 a.m. Classes end at 11:00 a.m.

Remaining dates for SWA are:

- February 23
- March 2
- March 9
- April 6

Parents are responsible for dropping their child off and picking them up promptly at 11:00 a.m. on the above Saturdays.

Regular attendance is critical.

LEAP testing begins with Phase 1 (4 and 8 grades) on March 19th.

Phase 2 Testing for LEAP/iLEAP, iTBS and LAA2 Testing (grades 2 - 8) will be held April 8-11, 2013.

Exams, Progress Reports & Report Cards



February 25-26
3rd Quarter Exams

March 13
3rd Quarter Report Cards Issued @
Parental
Conferences, 4-6 p.m.

April 24
4th Quarter Progress Reports Issued

May 8-9
8th Grade Final Exams

May 13-14
Final Exams, Grades (1-7)

May 23
4th Quarter Grades Issued

May 28
LEAP Remediation Begins (Summer School)



2012-2013
Grading Quarters

1st Quarter
August 9 - October 4

2nd Quarter
October 5 - December 13

3rd Quarter
December 14 - February 28

4th Quarter
March 1 - May 23

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!

It is important that all students be well prepared for these assessments. Good attendance on Saturdays and throughout the normal school week helps to ensure that all students will be ready and able to do their absolute best. Thank you for your usual cooperation!

“Terri” Williams, CAO

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.

It's time to enroll your child for the 2013-2014 school year at FCWCSS! Apps are due March 15th. Reserve your child's seat.

1st Quarter "A" Honor Roll

(cont'd from pg. 1)

1st Grade

Chrishel Oliver
Amari Roberts
Jayden Scott
K'von Simpson
Jakhai Thomas

2nd Grade

Mequan Christie
Dominer Davis
Ja'Myra George
Jacameron Jackson
Nadjah Jefferson
Gabrielle McCloskey
David Norwood
Shayna Sykes
Malia Williams

3rd Grade

Kyla Alexander
Mia Ali
Bryscan Cornelius
Janae Davenport
Imani Davis
Pshyne Johnson
Malik Kendrick
Gary Price
Clau'Je Quinn
Tracy Walls

4th Grade

Wilford Johnson
Amyria Tenner

5th Grade

Kevin Simpson

2nd Quarter "A" Honor Roll

1st Grade

Unique Anderson
Jahda Brown
Quinn Emery
Aniya Jarreau
Elijah Lecoq
Treyvon Moliere
Jada Morris
Terristopher Ross
Jonell Scott
Taijah Thomas
Amare Turner
Jaylyn Tyler
Jaydon Ward

2nd Grade

Rasheeda Anderson
Deshaun Batiste
Marco Lazo
Ernest Lecoq
Zion McNabb
Jakobe Thomas



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

"A" Honor Roll (cont'd)

3rd Grade

Jayia Baham
Shannon Corley
Darryl Jackson
Gary Price
Keymidria Winn

4th Grade

Ija'na Davis
Janae Jones
Byroneka Strowder
Jacorey Warner

6th Grade

Mykal Gardner
Frank Lewis
Chrisshine Matthews
Sheldon Scott

8th Grade

Raven Bolden

Upcoming Calendar Events

February 19

C.L.A.S.S. (Board of Directors) Mtg.
6:00 p.m.

February 25-26

3rd Quarter Exams

February TBA

P.T.A. Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

March 1

4th Quarter Begins

March 8

Donuts for Dads
School Café, Time: TBA

March 12-14

ANET Interim Assessment 4 (A4)
Grades 2-8

March 13

3rd Quarter Report Card Conferences
Time: 4-6 p.m.

March 15

3rd Quarter Awards Celebration
Time: TBA

2013-2014 School Applications Due

Return them to the Main Office at
FCWCS

March 19

LEAP Phase I, Grades 4 & 8

March 22

Flight for Excellence (Tentative)

March 26

C.L.A.S.S. Mtg., 6 p.m.

March 29

NO SCHOOL, Good Friday

March TBA

P.T.A. Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

April 8-11

LEAP/iLEAP/iTBS/LAA2 Testing

April 19

NO SCHOOL, Spring Break

April 22-26

Scholastic Book Fair

April 23

C.L.A.S.S. Mtg., 6 p.m.

April 24

4th Quarter Progress Reports Issued

April TBA

PBS Spring Bling (Spring Festival)
for students who follow the 4Ps

April TBA

P.T.A. Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

May 8-9

8th Grade Final Exams

May 10

Muffins for Mom
Time: TBA, Location: Warrior Café

May 13-17

8th Grade Spirit Week

May 13-14

4th Quarter Final Exams

May 14

Last Day for Enrichment Classes

May 16

Pre-K Closing Program, Time: TBA
Location: FCWCS

May 17

Kindergarten Closing Program,
Time: TBA
Location: FCWCS

May 18

8th Grade Closing Ceremony
Time & Place: TBA

May 20

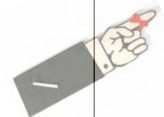
Awards Program, Grades 1-7

May 21

C.L.A.S.S. Meeting, 6 p.m.

May 23

Last Day for Students
(4th Quarter Ends)





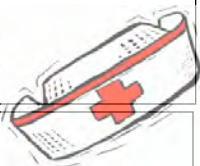
What Every Child Needs

To become a healthy, happy adult, every child needs:

- **Interaction** - Consistent, long-term attention from caring adults.
- **Touch** - Holding and cuddling does more than merely comfort children, it also helps their brains grow.
- **Environment** - A safe, healthy living and growing environment is vital. It should be free of lead, loud noises, sharp objects, unclean areas, and other hazards.
- **Communication** - Talking with your child builds verbal skills needed to succeed in school and life. It also helps children learn to relay their feelings of anger, jealousy, and frustration to adults.
- **Relationships** - A stable relationship with parents and other caregivers buffer stress from children.
- **Self-Esteem** - With respect, encouragement, and positive role models from the very beginning. Children can develop wonderful self-esteem that will assist them in life forever.
- **Quality Care** - When you cannot be with your child, quality care from a trained professional can make all the difference in the world.
- **Play** - Helps your child explore his/her senses and discover how the world works. Playing with others help children learn to share and be part of a team; it also stimulates creative thinking.
- **Reading** - To your child from the very beginning (even while still in the womb) will show the importance of reading and creates a lifelong love of books and the written word.
- **Music** - Expands your children's world and teaches them to sing songs and play instruments. It also helps develop their logistical skills and usually enhances their science and math learning.

Borrowed from Illinois Department of Human Services
Michelle R. B. Saddler, Secretary

www.dhs.state.il.us



From the Desk of Nurse Robichaux

Did you know that February is Cancer Awareness Month and that February 4th was World Cancer Day?

Exactly what is cancer? It is a disease caused by an uncontrolled division of abnormal cells in a part of the body. It can also be defined as a malignant growth or tumor resulting from such a division of cells. These abnormal cells divide without control and invade other tissues of the body through blood and the lymph systems.

There are more than 100 different types of cancers.

From the Desk of Nurse Robichaux
(cont'd from column 1)

In the United States, the following cancers are most diagnosed: bladder, breast, colon/rectal, lung, melanoma, non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, endometria cancer, pancreatic, prostate, kidney (renal cell), leukemia, and thyroid cancers.

The medical community is advocating that we all take control of our health and reduce the risk of cancer. What can we do?

- Stay away from tobacco.
- Stay at a healthy weight.
- Get moving with regular physical activity.
- Eat healthy with plenty of fruits and vegetables.
- Limit how much alcohol you drink (if you drink at all).
- Protect your skin.
- Know yourself, your family history, and your risks.
- Have regular check-ups and cancer screening and tests.

The African American community is more likely to be diagnosed at a later stage of cancer. Early detection is the key to surviving!

If you have additional questions about cancer, you can call the hot line—day or night—with your questions at 1-800-227-2345 or visit them online at www.cancer.org.



School Carpool Lanes Can Be Dangerous!

Teachers on duty in the carpool lane have asked **WARRIOR NEWS** to reach out to our parents who drive and pick up their children about the safety issues listed below.

We have noticed that many of our parents are distracted, especially in the mornings, when dropping kids off. We have observed parents involved in the following activities:

- using cell phones (talking and texting)
- reaching or looking behind
- grooming children
- playing music so loud that they could not possibly hear directions given to them by staff
- “flying” through the 20 mph school zone
- letting children out while double parked and on the driver’s side of the car
- lingering in the drop off zone, with the engine on.

All of these behaviors are serious safety concerns. We love your children and think of them as ours. Please help us to
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There's always something noteworthy going on at FCWCS! Check out our website for additional pictures and info—fcwcs.org



Physical Education photo by Coach Hebert. Thanks!



Pictures top row: (left) This year was the inaugural season for our girl's basketball team. (center) Middle school students without discipline demerits for the first semester were honored by Dean-of-Students O. Ross. Pictured are a few of the honorees. (right) It's Sincere's birthday and his classmates are

present for cupcakes and ice cream. Bottom row: (left) Physical Ed. students "dress out" for PE class now. Great uniforms! (center) Practicing for parades. (right) Honor Roll Award Program brings accolades and a new t-shirt, courtesy of the school's administration.

School Carpool Lanes (cont'd, pg. 4)

to keep them safe in and out of the building. Parents are asked to do the following to ensure the safety of all students on campus:

- adhere to the school zone (20 mph) in and out of the school's yard
- please stay in the line closest to the school building on your right
- follow the directions of the staff members on duty. Move your car as far up as the teachers on duty instruct
- when you reach the designated drop off area, staff members will tell students when to exit the car. They will

open and close the door for our younger students

- turn your radio down as you approach the school so that you can hear any directives aimed at you
- do not allow students to unbuckle their seat belts until you have brought your vehicle to a complete stop
- students should exit the car only on the right-hand (passenger) side; at dismissal in the afternoon, students should still use only the passenger side of the car
- if you need to get out of the car, please park your car in the area with the signs **LOW-EMITTING FUEL EFFICIENT PARKING**, to the right of the teachers

on duty

- when parking your car and escorting your child into the building, please be sure your family uses the cross walk
- if you arrive early for dismissal (3:15), please pull forward and turn your engine off until your child comes out of the building
- ensure that they are fully in the car and have their seat belts on before driving off.

Remember, your children are your most precious possessions. Let's do everything possible to ensure their safety in all areas of the campus. ###



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 February/March.





FCWCS Implements Schoolwide Health & Wellness Program

In collaboration with Healthy Lifestyle Choices, a non-profit organization, FCWCS has begun a school wellness program that encourages students, parents and our local community to lead a more active and healthy lifestyle.

Dean-of-Students Bernetta Sisco (Pre-K to 4) is the catalyst for the health initiative. Wanda Bush, the school wellness coordinator for the organization Healthy Lifestyle Choices, approached Sisco with the idea of our school participating. We are one of four schools in New Orleans East to receive a grant from the Methodist Health System Foundation, Inc.

NOE is still a challenge when it comes to health care. FCWCS was a natural choice, since we already had an established school wellness program in place. However, there was a need to "raise the bar." The curriculum for HLC covers six core areas—youth risk behaviors, conflict resolution, nutrition, fitness, safety, substance abuse prevention and life skills.

One area we are trying to raise our score is the school community relation, parent participation and school wide access to our facilities as related to the school nurse. We are tackling providing health announcements from the school's nurse, Cheryl Robichaux. According to Ms. Bush, "that will help them meet their goal of more parent participation and access to the school . . ." This month's "From the Desk of Nurse Robichaux" centers on cancer (see page 4 of this issue). February is Cancer Awareness Month. Last month's story in **WN** spoke of the importance of immunizing the entire family against the flu.

Our new facility has allowed us to be able to very competitive in working this endeavor. The gymnasium allows for all types of activities, such as the Student/Faculty Basketball Game, excellent physical education classes (with two teachers), and a place for adaptive physical education class to take place. ### ✂

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

The instructional day begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. School dismisses at 3:15 p.m., Mon. - Fri.



Students in **Expanded Learning Afterschool Program** (Monday through Thursday) are dismissed at **5:45 p.m.** Parents of car riders are asked to be here **10 minutes before dismissal.**



C.L.A.S.S. is scheduled to hold its **Board of Directors Meetings** on the following **Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.**

February 19
March 26
April 23
May 21
Location on campus: TBA



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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 February 2013 issue of WARRIOR NEWS . . .
PLEASE ENTER MY CHILD IN THIS MONTH'S DRAWING!

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

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____