

WARRIOR NEWS

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i-Ready Employed to Improve Reading & Math



FCWCS has implemented a Reading and Mathematics program called I-Ready Diagnostic and Instruction. It provides computer-assisted intervention in the aforementioned subjects (phonological awareness, phonics, high-frequency words, vocabulary, and comprehension in reading; number and operations, algebra algebraic thinking, measurement and data, and geometry in mathematics).

The program is a self-paced, interactive, computer based curriculum. Students in grades 1-8 were given an adaptive assessment in Reading and Math. It is designed to be both challenging and engaging. Students spend at least two hours per week on i-Ready at school. Families with the Internet at home can also access the website. Usernames and passwords were sent home. We hope you encourage your child to utilize it at home. Their progress will be shared with you. ###

Middle school students work on their reading skills daily in the computer lab for 1/2 hour. Students are using the self-paced computer base program called i-Ready.



Hair ribbons for sale to assist the Garden Club in purchasing plants to beautify our campus. See Ms. Barbre.

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Message From Our Principal/CEO

October 20, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

One year ago I wrote to you regarding being in our "new" building a year. Can you believe we are now "home" for two?

This school year has seen an increase, once again, in our student population—we are nearing 600. That "great school we spoke of building" is still very much a work in progress.

We strive to make this not only a place of education, but one that is

also fun for kids and definitely a part of the community in which we reside. As stated last year, all adults on our campus strive to make efforts to develop the youth in our charge intellectually, mentally, physically, and emotionally. Witness within these pages the many activities we provide to develop well-rounded individuals. We want all students here to progress as thinkers and people of character. For that we need "a village." "It takes a village to raise a child," says the old African proverb. Work with us to achieve that goal—raising children to the fullest potential.

-Mrs. K. Batiste, Principal/CEO

Great deal on pizza for a great school!

\$5.00 Fundraiser Card Buy one today at FCWCS!

Valid at: 6003 Bullard Ave. (504.244.7272) 7100 Downman Road 504.243.8989 1029 O C Haley & Calliope Sts. 504.558.9669

3:15 Bell Doesn't End School Day

Many students remain after "traditional" hours

There was a time when school buildings were only inhabited by the custodial staff after dismissal. Not today, not at FCWCS. Monday through Thursday, Warriors are provided with nurturing after the close of the "traditional" day.

At 3:15 there's still two more hours of time on campus—if you are enrolled in the After school program. The program provides a safe place for students until they can be reunited with their parents. The \$10.00 registration fee covers the entire year of snacks, a little help with homework, and great after school activities—music, art, dance, and sports. See Ms. Sisco for more info. ###

1st Semester NO SCHOOL Days for Students

- Week of November 24-28 - Thanksgiving Break
•Week of December 22-31 - Winter Break
•January 1-2 - Winter Break

GOOD Conduct Important When Riding Bus

The safety of all riding the school bus daily is of the utmost importance to our school community. Drivers are responsible for operating the buses in a manner that will not jeopardize the safety of anyone onboard. Pupils who misbehave on the buses risk the well-being of all on board.



Parents should be aware that students misbehaving on the school bus will be removed and their parents will have to provide transportation to and from school until they are able to use school transportation again.

Parents should review the rules and regulations of riding the school bus with their child(ren) in the Family Handbook (see pages 3, 13, and 20).

Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right! ###

Report Card Conferences

with parents will be held 4 - 6 p.m. on the following dates:

- October 22
January 7
March 25
May 21 (time TBA).

Mark your calendars. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your student's needs and achievements. ###

Attendance Is Required for Learning

The school calendar for 2014-2015 has 175 days of instruction. Students missing 10 days or more will repeat the grade the next year, regardless of the student's Grade Point Average(see pg. 2 of the Family Handbook for additional information.)

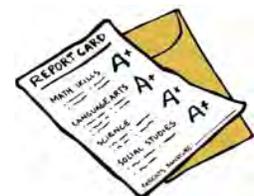


School ID Pictures

\$5.00

Needed for school activities (e.g., field trips)

New students and students who were absent will be photographed on October 29th in school uniform.





**From the Desk of
Nurse Cheryl Robichaux, R.N, B.S.N.
Cold & Flu Season Coming Soon**

In the Northern Hemisphere (countries above the equator) winter time means flu season. It can occur as early as October, but it peaks December through February (just in time for the holidays and Mardi Gras).

What causes influenza (flu)? Flu is the result of viruses that invade the body. These ultramicroscopic (too small to be seen with the naked eye), metabolically inert, infectious agents that only reproduce within the cells of living hosts (bacteria, plants, and animals, also known as humans).

It affects the respiratory tract (the nose, throat, and lungs). Unlike the common cold, flu can result in life-threatening complications in many people. Each year, 5 to 20% of the US population gets the flu. More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from seasonal flu-related problems. It can cause death. Seniors, young children, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions are most at risk. The best way to prevent this health concern is to get a flu vaccination each year.

Flu vaccines protect against the flu viruses that research believes will be most prevalent during the upcoming season. Everyone 6 months and older

should be vaccinated soon after the vaccine becomes available in your community. It takes about 14 days for the immunity to become active.

What are the symptoms of the flu? The flu may include the following:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Body or muscle aches
- Headaches
- Tiredness
- Vomiting and diarrhea (usually in children)

Now is the time for the flu vaccination. Stay healthy, get one!
###



U.S. Green Building Council

Parents of New Students

and those who missed the photographer in September!

Re-takes will be taken on Wednesday, October 29th for school ID pictures. All students should appear in complete uniform to be photographed. IDs will be sold for \$5.00, once processed by the photographer. It includes a lanyard so it can be worn around the neck. All students must have an ID for school events and field trips! Also, a FCWCS ID will allow students to participate in upcoming fun activities or free giveaways!

We're A Green School—USGBC Visits Oct. 20th

Did you know our building was constructed using the LEED's model? Schools built in this manner are built to:

- save energy
- use water efficiently
- sustain land use
- improve air quality
- serve as stewards of natural resources.

Since 2000 this organization has set the standards regarding measuring and building "green" schools. A green school can enhance a student's learning, keep them healthy, attentive, and present. ###

FCWCS Wins Personalized Learning Grant

CAO Terri Williams announced on October 1st that FCWCS has won a Personalized Learning Grant through Breakthrough Schools. We were selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants to receive \$46,000.00 to purchase technology equipment that will be used to enhance classroom instruction. Funding for this initiative comes from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, and the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation. Each of these partners have invested between \$1.8M and \$3.M to this grant program found in several regions of the USA. ###

Third grader **Kendall Washington's** mom read the September issue of the **WN** did you? Kendall won our September drawing!



It's official—our WFC Candy Sale for 2014 is over! The WN is pleased to announce our top seller for this year is

Keven Smith, Jr.

a second grader in Mrs. Jones' class and one heck of a salesman! Keven (and his family) sold 7 boxes of candy and is the winner of \$100 gift card. Thanks to the Smith family for a job well-done. ###

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. ###

Warriors always follow the 4Ps . . .

They are prompt, polite, prepared, and productive each day.

Carpool Safety

In order to ensure the safety of all students, we are asking all parents to adhere to the following carpool policies:

- The speed limit on campus is 5 mph.
- All students must exit the right side (passenger side) of the vehicle only.
- Ensure your child is fastened in a seat belt until the car comes to a complete stop.
- Put your car in PARK before you allow your child to exit the vehicle.
- Turn down your radio on school property.
- DO NOT PARK in the carpool lane. If you must enter the school, please park on the left in the spots labeled "Low Fuel Emitting Vehicles."
- Smoking is prohibited on campus, even in cars.
- On rainy days, please proceed to the second entrance. Your child will need to exit and proceed to the stairs under the overhang. Please keep a poncho or small umbrella in their backpack. ###

Saints Training Camp Coming Back to FCWCS



The NO Saints Training Camp will be returning to our campus on Wednesday, November 5.

A big hit with students in grades 3-8 last year, the training camp experience will be part of the PBS Experience, a reward for students following the 4Ps for the first quarter. **Students with Responsibility Trackers that average 90 or better for the quarter will be invited to attend. ###**

Upcoming Meetings!
Mark your calendars . . .
FCWCS
C.L.A.S.S.

**Board of Directors Meeting
November 18 - 6 p.m.**

Family Handbooks Hard Copies Exhausted!

FCWCS Family Handbook were issued at the August 27th Open House! Parents who were not in attendance should have received their copies via their students. We have run out of our 450 allotment for this year.

New members of the Fannie Family are asked to review a copy by accessing our website (fcwcs.org) and printing a hard copy. Please keep it for the entire academic year. It is important that all members of your family understand the school's rules and regulations. ###

All rules at FCWCS revolve around doing four things—being prompt, polite, productive, and prepared every day.

**Parents of Physical Education Students in Grades 3-8
Please Note . . .**

Is your child enrolled in Physical Education with Coach Herbert or Green? If they are, they are in need of a Physical Education uniform. The unisex uniform consists of a t-shirt and gym shorts. Students will be able to purchase the uniforms from school.

- Youth Large - Adult XL (shirt & shorts) \$20.00
- Adult XXL (shirt & shorts) \$24.00
- Adult XXXL (shirt & shorts) \$26.00

(cash or money orders only, sorry no checks)

Upcoming Calendar

- Oct. 10 - FCWCS Goes Pink (Breast Cancer Awareness)
- Oct. 22 - 1st Quarter Report Conference, 4 - 6 p.m.
- Oct. 24 - PBS Experience (1st Q) Saints Training Camp for Warriors following the 4Ps
- Oct. 31 - Fannie Haunted House
- Nov. 7 - Fall Festival
- Nov. 10 - 2nd Quarter Progress Reports sent home
- Nov. 18 - C.L.A.S.S. Board Mtg.
- Nov. 24 - 28 - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Week
- Dec. 5 - Staff vs. Students Basketball Game
- Dec. 8 - 10 - ANET 2 Testing
- Dec. 15-17 - 2nd Quarter Exams



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All Warriors know the importance of voting. They are asking you to "Rock Da Vote" by getting out and voting on Tuesday, November 4th. Decisions will be made regarding 14 amendments to our State Constitution, a senate race,

and the race for Lt. Governor, and a judgeship. Be a part of the solution—VOTE. Listen to the message of these young New Orleanians—Get Out & Vote.



VOTE VOTE VOTE

**Rock The Vote!
Tuesday, November 4th is
Election Day**

Be part of the solution . . . VOTE
Early voting runs from October 21-28
(excluding Sun., October 26)

**Sunday, November 2nd
2:00 a.m.**
Move your clock back 1 hour
to
1:00 a.m.



Upcoming Calendar
(continued from pg. 4)

- Dec. 18 - Holiday Program, Time: TBA
- Dec. 19 - End of 2nd Quarter (44 days) - Class Parties
- Dec. 22 - Jan. 2 - NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 7 - 2nd Quarter Report Conferences, 4 - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 12 - Black History T-Shirt Design Winner Announced
- Jan. 19 - MLK, Jr. Birthday, NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 20 - Black History T-Shirts Sale Begins
- Jan. 26 - 3rd Quarter Progress Reports sent him via students
- Jan. 30 - Black History T-Shirt Sale Ends
- Feb. 6 - HBCU Step Show, Time: TBA
- Feb. 9 -10 – A-Net 3 Testing
- Feb. 13 - HBCU Step Show (Black History T-Shirt & Jeans)
- Feb. 16 - Presidents' Day – NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 17 - 18 – Mardi Gras Week, NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 27 - BH Program (BH T-Shirt & Jeans)

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! Cut this part of the page, fill out the back side (pg. 6) and return it to school to enter the drawing. **SAVE** the rest of the **WN**.

Keep the **WARRIOR NEWS** to stay abreast of FCW Charter's activities for the upcoming month.



1st S.M.A.R.S. Session Runs Smoothly

The initial meeting of staff and their students in our newest program on campus—S.M.A.R.S.—appears to be a resounding success. Principal Batiste was able to circulate around the building and look in on the many small group sessions. Her response was “thank you, thank, thank you to everyone for doing an outstanding job with our first S.M.A.R.S. session of the year. All groups were engaged with getting to know me activities . . .” Mrs. Batiste served as the day’s official photographer.

S.M.A.R.S. (Student/Mentor Academic Review Sessions) has been developed to assist students in setting realistic academic and behavioral goals while holding them accountable for their progress toward their goal. This activity involves all students in grades 1-8.

Every available adult and space in the building was utilized on Thursday, October 9th. Students were grouped heterogeneously by grade level (more or less) in groups of about 10, allowing staff enough time to interact with them. It is hoped that these small sessions will help to develop a true mentor-student relationship, thus helping students academically and behaviorally. The groups meet again on November 13th. Kudos to Ms. T. Williams for developing this activity to assist our 600 Warriors on campus. ###
“It takes a village to raise a child.” – Old African Proverb

Wonderful Warriors—Students-of-the-Month

	August '14	September '14
Teacher	Student	Student
Tolliver	Sydney Cain	Kiersten Jones
Singleton	Nevaeh Mercadel	Ayanna Ramos
Henry	Deloné Gaston	Travion Griffin
Cagle	Kaniya Sanson	Maci Evans
Harrell	Harry Meyers, Jr.	Chyna Everett
A. Williams	Jonas Livas	Imany Roches
Whittington	Derrion Walker	Jaden Williams
Lindsey	Lloydell Ferrand	Brian McCollum
A. Jones	Genaiya Leslie	Dakarai Norwood
Edmond	Mariah Gipson	Asia Davis
Petty	Tytianna Jones	Vernell Brown
Fowler	Jada Morris	Anirea Edwards
French	Angel Foley	Damon Butler
Exposé	Reagan McKinnis	Antonio Brown
Goodly	Jerome Brown	Jordan Livas
Gelis	Marco Lazo	Jazlyn Williams
Kelly	Taylor Bennett	Devin Kelley
Bickham	Alexis Williams	Jayia Baham
Haley	Haley Jones	Henry Rhodes
Taylor	Wade Atlow	Jamil Bovia
Barbre	Rayvin Harris	Kayla Manning
Colar	Octavia Jackson	Kaprechia Lewis
Williams	Lyric Williams	Jaleel Bowman
S. Goodly	Channing Armour	Christine Matthews
Zanders	Alexis Augustine	Mykal Gardner
Verges	Genesis Williams	Alyse Benson

Students-of-the-Month are chosen by classroom teachers because of their ability to follow the 4Ps (they are prompt, polite, prepared, and productive), maintain a 90 or greater score on their Responsibility Tracker, and has the “perfect fit”—few, if any uniform infractions. ###



What is PBS? Positive Behavior Support emphasizes the use of proactive, educative, and reinforcement based strategies to achieve meaningful and positive behavior and lifestyle outcomes. It’s aim is to be build a positive environment in which we recognize those pupils following directions. We reward these students with recognition (see list above) and special “favors,” such as breakfast with administration. The team is composed of Mrs. Batiste, Ms. T. Williams, Mrs. C. Lewis, Mrs. T. Daigle, Mr. Ross, Ms. Theard, and Ms. Sisco. ###



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 2014 issue of WARRIOR NEWS . . . PLEASE ENTER MY CHILD IN THE SECOND DRAWING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR!

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

please write legibly

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____

You're Invited To A
Halloween Scare

Come and Join Us
(if you dare)

The PBS Team
presents:

Fannie Scare House
Fri., October 31st
in the Band Room
during your
Enrichment Class

Admission: \$2.00



6th Annual Fall Fest

**Fri., Nov. 7, 2014
FCWCS Campus**

*You must have an
armband to play games
and win prizes!*

**Armbands - \$8.00
for unlimited
games, fun and
attractions!**

*Not included:
Concessions*



**Book It!
Is Back**

Now in its third year at FCWCS, Book It! has returned to encourage students (K-6) to engage in that important skill of reading.

Pizza Hut has been sponsoring the program since 1984. It provides certificates by meeting monthly reading goals set by the teacher. The Reading Award Certificate can be redeemed at Pizza Hut, where your child will receive their very own, one-topping Personal Pan Pizza to celebrate their reading accomplishment. No other purchase is necessary and the pizza can be taken to go.

Students who complete all six months and collect all six stickers will have a chance to win The Book It! Fairy Tale Giveaway: a \$30,000 College Plan! The Program runs from October 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015. Thanks Mrs. LeBlanc! ###

Warriors Flag Football Results

Regular Season

9/10	FCWCS vs. Trinity	26-0	W
9/18	FCWCS vs. St. Mary's	31-0	W
9/22	FCWCS vs. St. Andrew's	28-14	W
9/29	FCWCS vs. St. George's	33-6	W
10/14	FCWCS vs. Belle Chase	13-42	L
10/16	FCWCS vs. Hynes	12-13	L
Coach: T. Green			

**FCWCS Middle School Girls
Volleyball Results**

Regular Season

9/13	FCWCS vs. KIPP Believe	W
9/20	FCWCS vs. Sylvanie Williams	W
9/27	FCWCS vs. McDonogh #15	W
10/8	FCWCS vs. Esperanza	L
10/18	FCWCS vs. Akili	W
10/20	FCWCS vs. Lafayette	W
10/25	FCWCS vs. Harriet Tubman	W
Coaches: M. Exposé & A. Fowler		



Girl Scouts Enter 2nd Year

Scouting for our youngest girls is alive and going well at FCWCS. Under the guidance of Mrs. D. Barnett, the organization is open to females in grades kindergarten through 4th grade. Last year's newest organization holds meetings after school every two weeks. To join Girl Scout Troop 41296, see Mrs. Barnett for an application and additional information. The registration fee is \$15.00.

Did you know? Scouting was started in Savannah, Georgia by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912. Our school's namesake—Fannie C. Williams—was responsible for bringing scouting to African American girls in New Orleans' 7th Ward at Valena C. Jones. Troop 99 was the first group of African American Girl Scouts in New Orleans.

Ms. Williams was principal of Jones school from 1921-1954. She also served on the Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts. ###

Cross Country Meets

- 9/6 Holy Cross-Dominican Invitational
- 9/13 Mt. Carmel Invitational
- 9/20 Rummel-Chapelle Invitational
- 10/4 CSAL Invitational (NO Area Elem. Championship)
- 10/11 MMSL Championship

Entire season has been a very good one for our runners. At the October 13th meet Raymond Joseph came in 2nd place and ran a personal best in the 8th grade boys division.

Congratulations to the members of the team and Coaches Herbert, Green, and Kyle (volunteer, Ms. Herbert's nephew).

Cross Country, early Saturday morn, City Park (below, right, and lower right).

Taking the pledge not to handle a gun (2nd pic below).



It's September so it must be Grandparents' Day! (left).

Join the Walking Warriors
See Mrs. G. Johnson in the main office for details!
Finish the fight against breast cancer. Join our team to walk on **Saturday, November 1st** by participating in the 5k Fundraising Walk to raise awareness and funds to end breast cancer. ###



Responsibility Trackers All Stars (above) after their treat of donuts and milk with CAO Williams.

Waiting for the serve, members of our newly formed Girls Volleyball Team (below). At press time, they were 5-1.



FCWCS vs. St. George's. Warriors won!



Pretty in pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Faculty vs. Students Annual Flag Football Game. Despite Mr. Britt's efforts, students won—again (above). Learning to use the library is a skill taught by librarian Mrs. K. LeBlanc (above).



Working hard to stay healthy. This month's biggest losers were P.E. teacher T. Green (left) and CAO Williams (right).



Birthdays are big deals at Fannie. You may find yourself with a crown and many best wishes of the day (above).



We LOVE Box Tops for Education

Our school collects educational Box Tops coupons found on many products bought for the home. Please send them to school. Each Box Top has a value of 10 cents. In the last three years, parents have helped us earn over \$1500 for the school's general fund. ###

Our bus service is provided by

Wells Transportation



Phone:
504.469.1277
with questions
or concerns.



Did you know NOPL has a room filled with computers for public use? They're allocated on a first come-first served basis. No reservations are accepted.
How long? 60 minutes for adults; 30 minutes for children's and express.
East New Orleans Branch
5641 Read Blvd. 596.0200

Pssst, Mom, Dad, Grandmom, Paw-Paw, Nanny, etc. Looking for a way to get involved at FCWCS?

Check out the list below for a few suggestions . . .

- Join the P.T.A.
- Attend the quarterly P.T.A. meetings
- Come to our Open House
- Save Box Tops for Education coupons
- Take part in the school's World's Finest Chocolate
- Buy a book or two during our bi-annual book fairs
- Attend report card conferences
- Attend our annual Grandparent's Day Celebration
- Volunteer for the Fall Fest or Spring Bling*
- Check out an athletic event
- Attend Donuts for Dads or Muffins for Moms
- Volunteer to supervise a middle school dance*
- Volunteer to attend a field trip with your child's class*
- Help chaperone the Marching Warriors in a Mardi Gras Parade*
- Cheer the Marching Warriors on at a Mardi Gras Parade!

*Volunteers are required to submit to a background check according to the rules and regulations of RSD.



**Friday, November 7th
Parent Volunteers
Needed**

*Must have background check
Contact your child's homeroom teacher if
you can assist. Thanks!*

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Volunteer Policy

All adults who plan to attend a field trip, volunteer in the classroom, or help with any school related functions (i.e., Mardi Gras Parades, Spring Bling, Fall Festival, etc.), **must submit a validated criminal background check each year.** This document is valid for one (1) year from the date that is stamped on it.

Where will you go:

- NOPD Headquarters Bldg.
- 715 South Broad Street
- Public Records Room (1st Floor)
- Mon., Wed., Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

What you will need:

- Driver's License or State ID for proof of identification
- \$5.00 (cash only)

If you have any questions or concerns, contact our band director, T. Petit, at 504.373.6228, Ext. 22815