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Message From Our Principal/CEO

October 2015

Dear Warrior Parents,

The safety of all children attending our school is of the utmost importance to all of us here on staff.

Last month's issue of **WN** spoke of the concerns of staff who handle the morning carpool had regarding speeding, children being released on the driver's side of the car, and the pedestrian crossing. Use of cell phones and cigarette smoking on the campus were also highlighted. We hope you carefully read our concerns and have already modified your behavior. Thank you.

We now need to address a concern for the afternoon carpool pickup. **Effective immediately, students will NOT be allowed to leave campus to walk to a parked vehicle on Bullard or Dwyer.** We need to know whose car your child is leaving the campus in. We can't do that if someone picks a student up anywhere besides the school's horseshoe driveway. By keeping kids in the gate, we can ensure their safety. The carpool line moves rather quickly, especially when everyone cooperates.

We are also asking that you don't ask the staff to allow students to leave the carpool area to get into a car that pulls up next to the car pool lane. This is a dangerous practice and can cause a child to get hit by cars in the line.

The staff appreciates your understanding and cooperation in this manner.

—Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO

Parents who read the WARRIOR NEWS are in the know! Are you? First grade mother **Osbanatter Brown** and 2nd grade mom **Terrilyn Simmons** read last month's issue. Their daughters won a prize from Mrs. Batiste's treasure box. See page 5 after reading this issue to enter your son or daughter. ###

State Law requires that elementary and middle school **students must be present at least 167 days of the 177 school days** to be eligible for promotion to the next grade.

Report Card Conferences (4 - 6 p.m.)

Wed., October 21

Wed., January 6

Wed., March 30

Thurs., May 26 (Time: TBA)



PTO Meetings (6 - 7 p.m.)

~~Wed., September 23~~

Wed., November 18

Wed., February 17

Wed., May 4

Show your pride in FCWCS Warrior Pride Store

T-Shirts	\$10.00
Sweatshirts (Youth)	\$15.00
(Adult)	\$20.00
Car Magnets	\$5.00
Small Magnets	\$2.00
ID Pictures	\$5.00
(with FCW lanyard)	
Agendas	\$5.00
FCW Folders	\$1.00



FCWCS Grading Scale

A = 93 -100

B = 85 - 92

C = 75 -84

D = 70 - 74

F = 69 or below

Quarter Exams

1st Q

~~October 5-7~~

2nd Q

December 14 -16

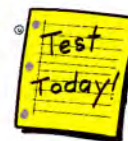
3rd Q

March 7 - 9

4th Q

May 9 - 10 (Grade 8)

May 16-17



2015-2016 Progress Reports

September 16

November 18

January 25

April 18

(Progress Reports are sent home via students)



The instructional day begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. daily. 8:01 you're late. Is your child here and ready to begin learning?

Warriors are Prompt
Breakfast Begins at **7:30**
a.m.

No student should be
dropped off before **7:30**
a.m.

The instructional day
begins at **8:00** a.m.

The school day ends at
3:15, unless you are part
of the Afterschool
Program. The
Afterschool Program
ends at **5:30 p.m. ###**

Moms and Dads . . .

Check those backpacks, especially
on Wednesday nights. We've sent
home
important
info and
we want
to be sure
you get to
see it!



Stay on
top of things! Be informed by
reading the **WARRIOR NEWS**,
explore the school's website and
check your child's school folder
each Wednesday for news
about our school and your
child's academic progress.
###

Uniforms are NOT optional at FCWCS

All Warriors are expected to arrive at school in full
uniform each day. The official uniform is as follows:

- **Royal Blue polo-styled shirt** (with school logo
on left chest area) for grades Pre-K - 5; **Gold
polo-styled shirt** (with school logo on left chest
area) for middle school students;
- **Khaki pants** for boys and girls or khaki skirt/
jumper for girls; students wearing shorts should be
attired in shorts reaching the top of the knees;
- **Belt (black)** for boys and girls;
- **White or black socks**, socks should cover the
ankles (no footies or ankle socks);
- *New for this year* - Black, **white**, or a combination of
black & white shoes; shoes with shoelaces are to
be tied at all times. No shoes with wheels or
flashing lights permitted on campus. **The correct
uniform shoe must be worn from the first day
of school to the last.**
- **Outer Wear should be only royal blue** or official
Fannie C. Williams sweaters, jackets, or sweatshirts
if they are to be worn inside the building. Students
wearing outer wear of other colors will be asked to
remove these items inside of the building.
- **Undershirts** must be solid black or white only.
- **Shirts are to be tucked in at all times.**

Non-Acceptable Articles of Clothing

Hoods and hats (inside the building); earrings on
male students (females earrings should be studs or
nickel-sized); string/rubber bracelets or support
bands; nose rings or visible body piercings; any color
hair accessories other than white, black, royal blue,
or gold; any colored hair extensions; key chains/
wallets hanging from the waist; make-up; bandanas,
"snapbacks," or caps; non-prescribed glasses or sun
glasses; more than one ring. **###**

Academic
Awards



1st Quarter Awards Day

Friday, October 23rd

Pre-K - 5th Grade – 8:30 a.m.

6th - 8th Grade – 1:00 p.m.

Congratulations to all our scholars!

Keep up the good work!!!

Parents & Guardians Report Card

**Conferences were
held Wed., Oct. 21st**

Did we get an opportunity
to see you?

**The next conference
will be held on Wed.,
Jan. 6.**

See you then!





Keep our scholars safe—drive cautiously when on campus!

From the Desk of
Nurse Cheryl Robichaux, R.N., B.S.N.

October 2015
Dear Parents,

Would you believe the flu season is upon us? In the United States winter means flu season. It can occur as early as October and already has in the metro area. Peak season is December through February.

Now is the time to get those flu shots. It takes about two weeks (14 days) for your body to build the immunity needed to fight off the viruses that can invade it and make you feel miserable for 7-10 days. Vaccinations can protect your child against the flu viruses that research believes will be the most prevalent this season. Everyone 6 months and older should be vaccinated. Remember, a sick child can't learn.

What are the symptoms of the flu? The flu may include the following: fever or feeling feverish/chills, a cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body or muscle aches, headaches, tiredness, vomiting and diarrhea (usually in children). Now is the time for those protective vaccinations. Keep our Warriors healthy. ###

Parents of Car Riders: Effective Immediately . . .

Students will NOT be allowed to leave the campus to walk to a parked vehicle on Bullard or Dwyer. Additionally, students will NOT be able to leave the carpool area to get into a car that pulls up next to the car pool lane.

Student safety is our #1 priority! By keeping students inside the gate, we can ensure they are loaded safely into your cars. The carpool line moves quickly. We appreciate your assistance in assuring the safety of all students. ###

Food Allergies Are Serious!

Does your child have a **food allergy**? You know, we need to know also! Please send your concerns in writing to your child's homeroom teacher. She/He will forward this information to the nurse and other concerned parties. ###



Bullard & Dwyer, School Zone— 20 MPH

Motorists driving in the area of Bullard & Dwyer are reminded that the area is a school zone from 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. and again from 2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Drivers are also reminded that it is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone area. NOPD has been patrolling around FCWCS to keep our scholars safe. Avoid a ticket, adhere to

school zone regulations.

Drive Carefully in the Car Pool Lane

We need safe driving on the roads outside and inside our campus.

Please watch for parents parking and escorting children (many with special needs) into the building. Remember the speed limit in the school's driveway is **5 MPH**. We love your child(ren) as you do. Keep them safe at all times! ###

Could we locate you quickly in case of an emergency?

If the school needed to reach you quickly, would your contact information be up-to-date? EMS does not like to treat minors if they can not verify parental okay. Time may be of the essence!

Has your cell phone number changed since you filled out the registration packet? If the answer is yes, we need you to update your contact information in the school's ISC (main office). ###



Sweatshirts Are Ideal for Fall Days. Members of Mrs. Barbre's class sport their FCWCS sweatshirts. Available at school for \$15. (youth) and \$20. (adult sizes).



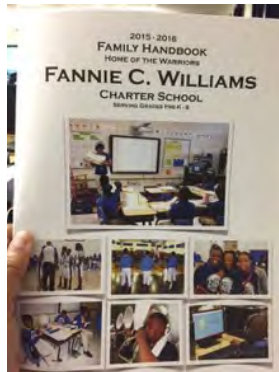
FCWCS Family Handbook

Have you seen your family's copy of 2015-2016 Family Handbook yet? They were sent home on September 9th!

The editor spotted one today in the desk of a 6th grader. Hmmm. Check your child's book bag. One per family were printed at great expense! The youngest child in the family was given the handbook to bring home.

Have no idea what happened to your family's copy. You can find a digital copy on the school's website (fcwcs.org).

Remember to look for correspondence from FCWCS every Wednesday in a special FCWCS folder. ###



Lost & Found

The weather will be turning cool soon. **Have you marked your child's clothing in the inside label or collar with their name and classroom number?** It helps to get their belongings back to them when found on campus.



Students are responsible for keeping up with their belongings. We try to teach them responsibility, but sometimes they need assistance in learning this skill.

To aid in the recovery of student's personal items—sweaters, books, jackets, eyeglasses, backpacks, etc., **parents should mark all items belonging their child with their names and homeroom number.**

Any student who has lost an item should check with their Dean (Sisco or Daigle) or the Physical Ed. Dept. to see if the item has been turned in. Eyeglasses are usually brought to the ISC (main office). ###



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 this Fall!



Warriors Are Prepared and Productive Pencils for Sale!

We are training the next generation of adults who will lead this nation. Children have to be taught to be prepared for school and one day their place of employment.



The 4Ps include being **prepared**, productive, polite and prompt. Having the needed supplies for class are important—that includes having paper and pencils for assignments.

Can you imagine having a contractor appear at your home for repairs with no tools? A doctor with no stethoscope? A chef with no pots or pans? You get the picture. Send your Warrior to school with all they need. But in case you run out of pencils, the school's library sells them every morning (before class) in the gym. **They are .25 each.** Ms. LeBlanc or Ms. Theard will have them on hand. ###



Did you know FCWCS is a NO BULLY ZONE school?

Counselor Jackie Edmond works hard at instilling the social skills of positive interaction among schoolmates at FCWCS! ###



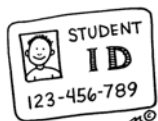
We can sure use your help selling some of the . . .

World's Finest Chocolate

Can you pick up a box? Each box is worth \$60. Our annual school fund raiser will continue to October 30th. We appreciate your help!

Show your Warrior Pride . . .

Warrior Pride Store



FCWCS T-Shirts \$10.

Sweatshirts

\$15.00 (Youth)

\$20.00 (Adult)

Car Magnets \$5.

Small Car Magnets \$2.

ID Pictures \$5.

(with lanyard)

Agendas \$5.

FCW Folders \$1.

Special Treat

Smoothie King

Fri., October 23rd

12 oz. - \$3.00

20 oz. - \$5.00



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 issue of WARRIOR NEWS . . .

PLEASE ENTER MY CHILD IN THIS MONTH'S DRAWING FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR!

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

please write legibly

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____

Upcoming Campus Happenings

October 2015

16 FCWCS Goes Pink
(Breast Cancer Awareness)
20 **Bullying Prevention Week**
Begins (All Grades)
21 **Report Card Conferences**,
4 - 6 p.m.
23 **Awards Day**
Pre-K - 5th, 8:30 a.m.; 6th - 8th
Grade, 1:00 p.m.
23 **PBIS Experience**
(Pre-K thru 3rd grade)
30 **Fannie's Scare House**,
(Pre-K - 8th Grade), 9 a.m. -
12 p.m., Admission \$2.00
30 **PTO's Trunk or Treat**,
Pre-K thru 5th Grade, 1:00 p.m.
to 2:00 p.m. (students in Pre-K
thru 5th may wear a costume to
school).
30 **Middle School Costume**
Dance, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Warrior
Gym; **FREE Admission** for
FCWCS 6th - 8th Grade Students
(Cost per guest \$5.00, limit of 2
guests per student)

November 2015

4 **Saints Training Camp** (3-8)
6 **Annual Fall Festival**
9 - 13 **I-Ready Diagnostic 2**
18 **PTO Mtg.**, 6 - 7 pm
19 **SMARS**
20 **I-Ready Celebration**
20 **Warrior Store Open**
23 - 27 **Thanksgiving, NO**
SCHOOL
30 **Students & Staff Return**
after Thanksgiving Break

December 2015

4 **Staff vs. Students**
Basketball Game, Adm. \$1.
7 - 9 **ANET Interim**
Assessment (A2)
10 **Pictures with Santa**
14 - 18 **Starbase** (5th Grade)
14 - 16 **2nd Quarter Exams**
17 **Holiday Program/Class**
Parties, Time: TBA

(continued from previous column)

December 2015

18 1/2 day for Students
18 **2nd Quarter Ends** (43.5
days)
21 - 31 **Winter Break, NO**
SCHOOL

January 2015

1 **Winter Break, NO**
SCHOOL
4 **Staff & Students Return**
from Winter Break
4 **3rd Quarter Begins**
4 - 8 **Starbase** (5th Grade)
6 **2nd Quarter Report Card**
Conferences, 4 - 6 p.m.
8 **2nd Q Awards Day**
8 **PBIS Experience** (2nd Q)
18 **MLK, Jr. Birthday, NO**
SCHOOL
21 **SMARS**
25 **3rd Q Progress Reports**
Issued
29 **Warrior Store Open**



The right to vote
was NOT always a
guaranteed right for
all Americans!
TEACH your
children to exercise
this right, VOTE!

Calling all registered voters . . .

There are elections coming up!
Saturday, October 24th (Gubernatorial
Primary) and **Saturday, November 21st**
(Gubernatorial General). Ballot includes the
race for Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of
State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Commissioners
of Agriculture & Insurance, BESE, State Senator
(Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9) State Representative
(Districts 91, 92, 94, 97-100, 102, 103, 105) and
OPBS. ###



Get a big smile from Librarian K. LeBlanc with Box Tops for Education coupons. Our first grader (his mom) knows the importance of saving those coupons for the FCWCS. We appreciate parents who are assisting in this annual fund raiser.



FCWCS Goes Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Once again, the Fannie Family went Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month on October 2nd. Faculty and Students contributed to the cause by paying \$1.00 to wear the color pink for the day. Executive Assistant Gretchen Batiste-Johnson and 1st Grade teacher Ashlyn Williams added their culinary skills (**Cupcakes for A Cure**) to the cause by preparing delicious sweet treats that were purchased by staff and students. We raised **\$431.50** for The American Cancer Society's quest to rid the world of breast cancer. Thanks Warrior Family! ###

Real guys wear pink (left)! Everybody wore their best pink attire on October 2nd to raise money for our annual FCWCS Goes Pink Day. Look at our



S.M.A.R.S. Returns for Year Two

Our first session of S.M.A.R.S. (**Student Mentor Academic Review Sessions**) was held on Thurs., October 1st. CAO Williams stated that the first hour long session was "very energetic and exciting . . . everyone I spoke to admitted to having a great session." This provides an exceptional opportunity, during these small group settings, for students to discuss their academic triumphs and concerns. ###

Members of Ms. Terry Smith's S.M.A.R.S. 6th graders group pose for the Warrior News camera during this year's first session. Students and mentor discussed I-Ready, progress grades, and anything else that would impede their success in the classroom.

We've got visitors in the house! The National Association for Multi-Cultural Educators (NAME) visited FCWCS on October 1st. The organization held its 25th annual international conference in New Orleans October 1-4. This non-profit organization advocates for social justice and educational equity through multicultural education. Pictured with the six ladies of this group are our middle school ambassadors and CEO/Principal Kelly Batiste (left).



Did you know . . .
FCWCS
is a positive place to learn & grow!



Cross Country Season Ends

Grueling Saturday Morn Competition No Easy Feat in City Park

The quick season has ended for the CC Team at FCWCS. Coaches Dana Williams and Terry Green were pleased with the results for the male and female runners who took part in a sport that is often without the glory of competition that is more visible to the student body.

Coach Williams stated that "all runners ran their best times at each meet, improving every time they ran. They ran the 1.5 miles in less than 10:27. Standout **Diamond Smith** placed 2nd in the Middle School Girls Division." The CC Team consisted of (females) Diamond Smith, India Davis, Imani Davis, and Zapporah Singleton; (males) Lyric Williams, Karen Bowman, Jacob Livas, Reginald Johnson, Joshua Drakes, and Montreal Banks. Congratulations Warriors for a job well done! ###

Reading Development Program

FCWCS is taking part in this great reading incentive program! Coupons for personal pan pizzas for all our lovers of reading in Grade K through 6th.

See your child's teacher for additional details! The Program runs from October 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. ###

Bus Riders please note . . .

Riding the school bus is not a right, but a privilege.

Preserve your ride, behave yourself on the bus. It becomes the parent's responsibility to get their child to and from school when they are suspended from the bus! ###

Flag Football Regular Season Winding Down!

Team sporting 2-3 record with one more regular season game left . . . can they comeback in the playoffs?



The Team

2015

Montrell Banks
Tyrin Batiste
Reginald Bolden
Kyren Bowman
Ted Breaux
Jousha Drakes
Francis Emaukah
Raheem Graham
Darryl Jackson
Reginald Johnson
Jamal Jones
Vincent Joseph
Jacob Livas
Jahron Manning
Donnell Robertson
Lyric Williams
Coach
Terry Green

Working hard at I-Ready is a top priority (below).



We've got great neighbors (above). Case Closed Barber Shop (Bullard Ave.), friends of Dean Sisco, "passed the bat" for our Fall Book Fair, collecting \$60. toward books for deserving students. Thanks guys. You are a cut above the rest (pun intended)!



Pretty in Pink (above) will cost you \$1. on October 8th. FCWCS raised over \$400. for the cause. (Right) Voting for SC Officers last week under the guidance of Ms. P. Ward & Mrs. N. Carr (pictured).



Grandparents' Day—Always A Great Celebration

Friday, September 18, 2015

We love it when we get to invite Big Mama, Nana, Pops, or PawPaw to school.

Every September the invitations go out and we await their decision to come (we knew they would)!

We love to show them around the school, meet our teachers and our friends. We all know we've got the world's best Grams and Gamps going. ###



The Original Dukes Social & Pleasure Club, *Great guys on a mission . . .*

Wise men know "it takes a village to raise a kid." This organization is sponsoring a reading incentive program at FCWCS for 5th graders. Read and improve your reading skills and a bicycle may be yours with their **Bikes 4 Books Program**. Thanks Misters Claude, Ron, Renold, Blayne, and Reuben for caring. ###





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HomeworkLA.org

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. ###



Great schools always have a great

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

Join FCWCS's PTO
Next meeting is
Wed., November 18 at
6 p.m. See you there!

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