

Message from Our Principal

January 30, 2012

Dear Parents of FCW Charter,

On page one of this newsletter is a copy of the flyer produced by the Recovery School District. It contains very important information regarding re-enrolling your child in FCWCS next year.

Next week we will begin registration for all students. Parents will be scheduled to come to the school to complete the RSD's enrollment process. We are hoping that you have been pleased with our services and you plan to re-enroll your son or daughter at FCWCS. Please look for a letter/flyer listing times we will be completing the application process. Continuity is important when educating children. We want your child with us next year to continue their education.

There are some things we know need changing on campus to improve student success, these we will do. For example, our physical plant will be quite different next year—we will be in our new \$20,000,000 building. It has been a long five years in our "temporary" quarters, but we know it will be worth the wait.

Have you witnessed our band and marching units? It is our desire to make the Warriors of Fannie C. Williams Charter School well-rounded students—well-versed in academic achievement and in the arts. Underway this year is emphasis on the **ABCs—art, band, and choir**. We've developed all three! Quite an



accomplishment for one year's effort. The right personnel was the key to an endeavor like this. The Board of Directors and the Administration of the school are working diligently to see to it that we have the best staff available for our students.

Charter schools are about **choice**, **flexibility**, and **accountability**. Parents **choose** to send their children to us and faculty/staff choose to work here. Administration and the Board of Directors have the **flexibility** to make timely decisions regarding the running of the school and the hiring of personnel. As an educational institution receiving public funding, we are **accountable** to parents, the state of Louisiana, and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

Our mission is a simple, but profound one—to achieve the highest academic success through the collaboration of staff, parents, and community. We are working hard to ensure that each child under our care are provided with an education that will take them from our campus to high school with a great degree of success. Their move from Dwyer Road to any high school campus should be a seamless one. **Children who are nurtured with great care at home and at school will have the greatest advantages in life.** Parents must remember that the school and the home are a team—we must work together to get our young people where they need to go. Allow us to continue this mission we have begun. "A journey of a 1000 miles begins with a single step." (Chinese Proverb)

—K. Batiste, Principal/C.E.O.

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.

**Academic Quarters•Grading Periods**

1st Quarter
August 11 - October 20

3rd Quarter
January 13 - March 15

2nd Quarter
October 21 - January 12

4th Quarter
March 16 - May 23



Fannie C. Williams Charter School meets the second Tuesday of each school month in the school's library at 5:00 p.m.

Can we count on you to join us on **Monday, February 13, 2012 ?**

(we're meeting on Monday, the 13th due to Valentine's Day on Tuesday, the 14th)

Please join us . . . your voice should be heard!

Barbara Johnson, President
Darvel Burgess, Vice-President
Ireane Hall, Secretary
Tremica LeCoq, Treasurer

**Friday, February 17, 2012
Deadline for Box Tops Nears**

Thursday, March 1st is the deadline for Box Tops to be submitted for redemption. These coupons, found on many products purchased for the home, are worth 10 cents to our school treasury. We appreciate all who have donated to this effort.

All Box Tops should be submitted to Ms. LeBlanc at FCWCS by Friday, February 17, 2012.

**Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough PTA Fundraiser Coming Soon!**

FCWCS is happy to announce its upcoming Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough fundraiser set to begin on February 13th. Order forms and money should be turned in by March 2, 2012. Thanks in advance for making this fundraiser a fantastic success!

The PTA of

Fannie C. Williams Charter School is conducting a

**Membership Drive**

January 6 - March 31, 2012

Membership is \$5.00 per family . . .



The homeroom with the largest percentage of families belonging will be treated to a **pizza or ice cream sundae party!**

Join today . . .

Great schools have great PTAs!
So can we!!!

**The Board of Directors**
of

Fannie C. Williams Charter School
Community Leaders Advocating Student Success
(C.L.A.S.S.)

Debra Dean, President

will hold its monthly meeting on
Thursday, February 23, 2012
at 6:00 p.m. Site: TBA

Need help with homework?

Free Online Tutoring and Academic Resources available at . . .



www.homeworkla.org

Student Council Seeks Mardi Gras Beads

2012 Marks 3rd Year Group Collects for Strive Foundation

Once again, the SC is asking students and faculty to bring those Mardi Gras beads to school to contribute to their annual campaign to fill 64-gallon cans with beads and trinkets from our annual Mardi Gras parade season.

The beads and throws will be donated to The Strive Foundation, an agency that employs mentally-challenged adults in New Orleans. Last year Warriors filled more than two 64-gallon cans. Your generous contributions provided employment for our fellow New Orleanians. They sorted, recycled, and sold the beads at discounted prices to countless float and truck riders.

Any student contributing several strands of beads or throws can bring their donation to Mrs. L. McCray's, SC faculty advisor, in Room 908 in the ISC (main office). They will receive a ticket that can be redeemed for a special treat at the Warrior Store.



Your donation provides employment to adults with intellectual challenges. Strive Incorporated provides the most life-enriching experiences in work and play to those individuals in their program. What a worthwhile endeavor for our students. In previous years, the SC has been able to make a substantial donation to this effort. With the school's help, we can do it again! The beads and throws will be collected until May 2012. Thanks to students, faculty, and parents for your usual cooperation.

—Mrs. L. McCray, SC Advisor



National School Choice Week (January 22-28, 2012) kicked off in New Orleans at the Lakefront Arena this year. On band to do the pre-show, was none other than, the Marching Warriors of Fannie C. Williams Charter School. They look and sound impressive. A lot of hard work has gone into getting the band, majorettes, flag twirlers, cheerleaders, and dance team into performing mode. Kudos goes out to the band director, group advisors, and students who toil tirelessly after school daily. Your hard work has definitely paid off!

"A" Honor Roll

GPA 3.5 - 3.8

1st Grade

Isaiah E. Bynum
Mariah M. Christophe
Kendrick J. Davis
Nigel S. Howard
Kerrielle A. Hubbard
Marco A. Lazo
Ernest J. LeCoq
Mighal M. Martinez
Taylor M. Maye
Shonia J. Regis
Janaya A. Walker
Antione N. Williams

2nd Grade

Jayia Baham
Tyrin Batiste
Kailah Brown
Brysean K. Cornelius
Janae J. Davenport
Herbert Foster
Darvel Hall
Milan R. Horton
Hayley Jones
Keymidria M. Winn
Shawnneil Youngblood

3rd Grade

Mya Evans
D'Shante A. James
Jakel D. Jones
Jacob Livas
Kayla M. Manning
Diamond A. Smith
Diamond D. Spells

4th Grade

Kodey Cooper
Kapricheia M. Lewis
Kiara A. Pendleton

6th Grade

Kia A. Reese

"B" Honor Roll

GPA 3.0 - 3.4

1st Grade

Antoine E. Banks
Treasure G. Combs
Lawrence Goffner
Darryl J. Jackson
Jacameron M. Jackson
Jaliel E. Jackson
Skylar J. Jackson
Taj A. Jones
Devin M. Kelley
David R. Norwood
Chrisner S. Oliver
William H. Parker
Malia A. Williams
Elvis A. Zulli

2nd Grade

Taylor G. Bennett
Imani C. Davis
Dallas L. Jacquet
Malik M. Marquez
Henry T. Rhodes
Monica Richardson
Dwayne Walker
Alexis Williams
Kendria M. Williams

3rd Grade

Kyren T. Bowman
Khaila K. Bynum
Kaylia A. Hubbard
Aaliyah L. Isom
Troyneka J. Murray
Jacorey Warren
Ny'Asiahia A. White

4th Grade

Jaleel Bowman
India Lanine Davis
Joshua Drakes
Raheem K. Graham
Brandon L. Pitts
Lyric D. Williams

5th Grade

Mykal T. Gardner
Shaun L. Holden
Raymond A. Joseph
Chrissshine I. Matthews

6th Grade

Jalen A. Crosby
D'Nyra N. Jackson
Frannisha A. Lewis
Sparkle Richardson
Kristine T. Vo
Tionna T. Washington

7th Grade

Mystic B. Robertson

8th Grade

Arian M. Williams

*"The teacher
can lead a
student to the
door; the
acquisition of
learning is the
responsibility of
the student."*

—Chinese Proverb

Send your Warrior to school in full uniform daily!

The Time has come for this year's . . .
Saturday Warrior Academy
and we want to see you there!

The first session begins Saturday, January 28, 2012
8:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The remaining sessions will take place:

Saturday, February 4th	8:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Saturday, February 11th	8:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 3rd	8:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 10th	8:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 17th	8:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 24th	8:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Parents, please note:

Please ensure that you note the time SWA ends. **All students must be picked up at the ending times indicating above. Bus transportation is not provided for Saturday Warrior Academy.** Failure to comply may result in your child being excused from SWA.



At Fannie C. Williams Charter School failure is not an option!



Saturday Warrior Academy Underway

Sessions serve as tutorials in extra small group sessions; first session goes well!

On January 28, our yearly Saturday Warrior Academy commenced. The purpose of this seven-week series of tutorials is to provide LEAP intervention sessions to students who are near earning a "Basic" rating on the state mandated assessment.

These sessions will be in small groups, taught by the staff of FCWCS. Special interventions will be sent home to parents who teachers feel will benefit from this type of intervention. The letter and a permission slip went go home the week of January 9 and parents were asked to send it back to school by Friday, January 13.

Parents will be responsible for bringing and picking up their child from school. Bus transportation is not available. Parents must pick their child up promptly at 11:00 a.m. for the first three (3) sessions and 11:30 a.m. for the next four (4) sessions.

Don't let your child miss out on this opportunity to get some extra help. The effort is worth it. ###

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

-Robert Collier

"A lot of us would like to move mountains, but few of us are willing to start on small hills."

-Anonymous

"A journey of a 1000 miles starts with a single step."

-Chinese Proverb



Every effort is made to ensure success for all students during spring testing each year. Saturday Warrior Academy provides an additional push toward success preceding LEAP and iLEAP. Pictured above is Kodey Cooper, a 3rd grader last year, receiving help from a student from Howard University. A large contingent of students from HU gave up their spring break to assist with remediation at FCW School.

Test Taking Strategies for Middle-School Students

The information touched upon in this article was found on the Internet at

www.scholastic.com.

We encourage parents and middle school students to access it and read it in its entirety. Learning to navigate standardized tests can be as important as knowing the content matter and possessing good critical thinking skills. Here are a few to check out, but don't pass up reading the entire website from Scholastic.

Test-Taking Tips

- Remind students to read and listen to all directions carefully

so they know what is expected of them.

- Review the importance of budgeting time wisely. Advise them to divide the total number of questions in half or by a fourth. They should do the same for the number of minutes allocated to the test.
- Train them to turn the pages of the test booklet carefully so that they don't miss a page.
- Advise students to read all questions and answer the ones they know immediately.
- Have them mark or star any question in the test booklet that they can't answer immediately so that they return to it later to answer it.

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- It is advisable to read the questions before the passage so that the reader will know what is considered relevant points.
- Encourage test takers to highlight or underline key words or phrases and to go back to the text to find evidence or clues to support the answers.
- Remind students to utilize text features—captions, graphs, charts, and illustrations that enhance the text and present relevant details.
- When approaching essay questions, train students to use graphic organizers, webs, outlines, and/or bulleted lists to help them organize information.
- Remind them they can use the margins of the test booklets to jot down ideas for essay preparation.
- Advise them to read the question carefully so they are sure to target the response appropriately. The topic sentence in their essay should restate the question in some way.
- Math questions should be answered with legible writing and thoroughness. Even if the answer is wrong, students may receive partial credit if their work can be read and evaluated.
- Before completing the test, check for errors, such as missing decimal points, forgetting to use labels, and adding incorrectly.
- Remind them that math questions may have more than one part and that they should answer all parts.
- Students should be reminded to check their answers if time permits.
- Test-takers should check their answer documents to make sure all answers have been completed and that the answers line up with the questions. ###

James Weldon Johnson

James Weldon Johnson was born James William Johnson in Jacksonville, Florida on June 17, 1871 (he changed his middle name to Weldon in 1913). He was the son of James and Helen Louise Johnson, a headwaiter and a schoolteacher. His mother was the first black female public school teacher in Jacksonville. His family roots, on both sides, were from Nassau, Bahamas. He was the second of three children, who grew up with a love of music and literature.

Johnson attended Atlanta University and graduated in 1894. He spent two summers during his college years teaching in rural Georgia. He experienced a life much different from his middle-class upbringing. He heard Frederick Douglass deliver a speech at the Columbia Expo in Chicago during this period and Paul Laurence Dunbar recite his poetry. He later became good friends with Dunbar.

After finishing AU, Johnson became a teacher and principal (at age 23) of the Jacksonville school his mother had once taught—Edwin M. Stanton School, the largest public school in all of Jacksonville. His paycheck was less than half of what his white counterparts were earning. However, he improved the educational opportunities for his students by adding ninth and tenth grades to the curriculum. He later resigned from this position.

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Black National Anthem

Lift Every Voice and Sing by James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.



James Weldon Johnson around the time he wrote "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers died?
We have come over a way
that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path
thro' the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from a gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam
of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places
Our God where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world
we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

Attention Parents of Marching Warriors!
(Band, Cheerleaders, Flag Twirlers, Majorettes, and Dancers)



There will be a meeting of
Marching Warriors Parents
Thursday, February 2
5:30 p.m.

(immediately following band practice)

Band Room (Bldg. 7)

Fannie C. Williams Charter School



Information regarding chaperones will be given . . . any parent desirous of chaperoning in the four Mardi Gras parades must be present—no exceptions!

Marching Warriors Parade Schedule*

Date	Parade	Arrival to FCW/ Departure from FCW	Parent Pickup from FCW
Fri., 2/10/12	Krewe of Atlas	Remain at school/ 5:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
Thurs., 2/16/12	Knights of Chaos	Remain at school/ 4:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
Sat., 2/18/12	Krewe of Iris	8:00 a.m./ 9:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
Sun., 2/19/12	Krewe of Thoth	8:30 a.m./ 9:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.

* See page 1 of this issue Warrior News for times of parades.

Marching Warriors honor memory of
Martin Luther King, Jr. during annual parade Jan. 16



The city's MLK Parade marked the debut of the Marching Warriors of Fannie C. Williams Charter School. About 1/4 of the middle school are involved in the various groups.

James Weldon Johnson

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While serving as the principal of Stanton School, Johnson studied law. He became the first black to pass the bar exam in Florida.

James Weldon's younger brother John Rosamond graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in 1897. The brothers then began to collaborate on composing songs—James writing the lyrics and John handling the music. They wrote over 200 songs. "Lift Every Voice and Sing" began as a poem written by James, the school principal for his students as part of a celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday in 1900. It was performed by the 500 students of the segregated Stanton School. It was written to honor their guest, Booker T. Washington.

In 1905, John Rosamond Johnson set his brother's beautiful words to music. It became the way that African-Americans showed their patriotism and hope for a better future. It was their way of speaking out against Jim Crow Laws, the Ku Klux Klan, and the scores of lynchings that were happening in the USA during the early decades of the 20th century. By the 1920s it could often be found in the hymnals of many African-American churches, often pasted in by parishioners. In 1919, the NAACP adopted the song as "The Negro National Hymn."

The era of the Civil Rights Movement (1950s-1970s) saw a resurgence of the song's popularity. It was often sung after the "Star-Spangled Banner." By 1990 it was officially entered into the Congressional Record as the "National African-American Anthem."

James Weldon Johnson wore many hats during his lifetime of less than 70 years. He was an author, politician, diplomatic, journalist, poet, critic, educator, lawyer, songwriter, and early civil rights activist. His talents and interests were many, but most now remember him for the beautiful and eloquent words he penned for 500 school children of a segregated school in Florida. Those words were set to paper to commemorate the birth of a US President held in high esteem by Americans of color and the then current leader of those people—Booker T. Washington—who was on hand that day to speak to those very fortunate school children who heard the message that day ". . . thankfulness to God for the hard-won spoils of liberty." ###

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70124

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*"Reading maketh a full man,
conference a ready man, and
writing an exact man."*

-Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

*Did you know that the New
Orleans Public Library has a
website?*

www.nutria.org

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Parents & Friends of

Fannie C. Williams Charter School

You can help us raise money for FCW Charter School every time you shop at Winn-Dixie. We are asking you to enroll in the Winn-Dixie Community Pals Program and instantly earn points for our school. At the end of each quarter we'll receive a donation based on a percentage of purchases credited to our school. For example, for every \$72,000 our organizations' membership spends at Winn-Dixie, we'll receive \$1,800 for that quarter.

Here's What You Do

- Stop by the school's office and get an activation coupon if you did not receive one before the holidays. Keep one and give the other one to a friend or family member who also wishes to participate in supporting FCWCS.
- The next time you shop at Winn-Dixie, present the activation coupon along with your Winn-Dixie Customer Reward Card at the checkout. The cashier will scan both the Customer Reward Card and the activation coupon, instantly enrolling you and earning points for our school. For all future purchases, you'll collect points for our Warriors when you use your Customer Reward Card. If you don't have a Winn-Dixie Customer Reward Card, no problem! Just stop by Customer Service and sign up for one—it's FREE.

Thanks in advance for thinking of Fannie C. Williams Charter School as you shop. We appreciate the assistance.



Back for a visit with Principal Batiste, LaTisha Meare (left) and Raeshaun Bolden (right), FCW's Class of 2011. Our first 8th grade class of graduates finished in 2010. Members of the class of 2010 and 2011 often keep in touch with administrators and teachers by stopping by.



Did you read this issue of **WARRIOR NEWS**? It was prepared especially for you!
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 8.

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

Asaad Richards, Grade 5, won January's drawing because his parents read the WARRIOR NEWS!



School Pride Dress Down Calendar

Date School/Activity	
Dress Down Day Fund Raiser \$1.00	
January 27	Green School
February 17	Enrichment
March 30	Band
April 20	8th Grade
May 18	Awards Day

Book Fair Luau
coming this spring . . .

Scholastic Book Fair

is coming back to the
Warrior Campus

March 27 - March 30

Hot Titles

for elementary

&

middle school students

can be previewed on

line at

Scholastic.com

stay tuned for more info

Upcoming Campus Happenings

January 28-March 24, 2012

(see page 4 for exact times and dates)

Week of February 20-24, 2012

Mardi Gras Holidays-No School

Classes resume on Monday, February 27, 2012
8:00 a.m.

Friday, March 9, 2012

Donuts for Dads

Time: TBA

March 12-13, 2012

3rd Quarter Exams

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Report Card Conferences

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 5, 2012

Professional Development for Teachers
(Workshop)

NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS

Friday, April 6, 2012

Good Friday

NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS

Classes resume on Monday, April 9, 2012

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, Friday, April 12-13

Monday, Tuesday, April 16-17

Mandatory, state-wide

ITBS/iLEAP/LEAP Testing

Week of April 23-27, 2012

Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

Classes resume on Monday, April 30 @ 8:00 a.m.



*Biloxi, MS
native and
New Orleans
educator
Fannie C.
Williams
(1882-1980)*

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*"The object of teaching a
child is to enable him to get
along without a teacher."*

-Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915)



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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. Asaad Richards won the January 2012 drawing. Congratulations Asaad!

I've read the February 2012 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 _____