



WARRIOR NEWS

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FANNIE C. WILLIAMS CHARTER SCHOOL • 11755 DWYER ROAD
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70128

Happy Birthday Fannie C. Williams (b. March 23, 1882)



We want all our Warriors back next year . . . MANDATORY Enrollment Process Continues for the 2012-2013 School Year, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. daily! We serve students in grades Pre-K - 8. Ensure that your child has a seat next year. Have you filled out the One-App yet? The Deadline is March 31st, don't be left out!



*SWA is back
in the swing
of things-are
you?*

Saturday Warrior Academy

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.
Saturday, March 31st 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 indicated above. Bus transportation is not provided for Saturday Warrior Academy.** Failure to comply may result in your child being excused from SWA.

Coming soon, mark your calendars . . .

Parent LEAP Night
for parents of 4th & 8th graders
Tuesday, April 3rd
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
important info regarding LEAP testing!

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

The re-enrollment process continues for current students with the One-App process at FCW Charter School.

Parents or guardians can re-enroll their child(ren) Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the ISC (main office).

The new enrollment process has been developed by the Recovery School District to make it easier for parents with this mandatory yearly task. **All students must have a new application submitted. This application will ensure that your son or daughter has a desk waiting for them next school year.**



We are asking all parents of our current students to come in and fill out an application for each of their children enrolled at FCWCS. **Current students will get priority seating if their applications are submitted by the March 31, 2012 deadline.**

This will let us know how many seats will be available for new students next year.

Next year we will be housed in our new facility that is currently being built on the land closest to Bullard and Dwyer. Our new school will contain about 95,000 square feet of educational space for our students— 20 core classrooms, two computer labs, a full gymnasium, a cafeteria, a specialized art classroom—a state-of-the art facility for the children

who we are growing into life-long learners! This facility will help us achieve this goal. We've spent our first five years in modular buildings, but next year we will be in a brand new facility, with all the "bells and whistles." We want all our Warriors back with us as we move into this wonderful new home.

Please take the time to re-enroll your child(ren) by the deadline (March 31st). Do you have a neighbor or friend looking for a good school? Please let them know about us and bring them along as you re-enroll your child in *the school where failure is NOT an option.*

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Send your Warrior to school in full uniform daily!

Message from Our Principal
March 4, 2012

Dear Parents of FCW Charter,

Did you get an opportunity to see our Marching Warriors in the Mardi Gras Parades? They were fantastic!

We are looking forward to next year and so are many of the students who were not part of the Marching Warriors this year—they plan on joining and we welcome them! Additional info regarding the units can be found in this newsletter and flyers sent home this week.

Saturday Warrior Academy is back on track. Page 1 contains a schedule for the month of March. Those students who are enrolled are expected to be present and on time. LEAP and iLEAP are fast approaching and we want to ensure that all students do their absolute best. Additional info regarding LEAP and iLEAP will be sent home to you.

Have you been pleased with the quality of instruction your son or daughter has received thus far? We hope so and will continue to do all we can to enhance instruction and learning on our campus. We want all our Warriors back with us next year—but have you done your part by filling out the One-App for each child you have enrolled at FCWC School? **Applications are taken Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. It will guarantee your child a seat next Fall in our new state-of-the-art building. Our current students have priority seating—but only if their parents pre-enroll them.** The RSD imposed deadline is March 31st. **We need to hear from you now to save a seat for your son or daughter. Come to the school's main office to re-enroll, someone will assist you if you need help.** Also, do you have a friend, relative, or neighbor looking to place their child in a great school? If so, please tell them about us. RSD will send notification letters of placement via mail the week of May 1st.

Until next month . . .

—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 **Tuesday, March 13, 2012?**

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

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

Healthy Children Learn Better



School Nurses Make It Happen

Our school nurse has arranged for the district's **Immunization Team** to come and visit us on **Thursday, March 8th. Next month, the dentist will be on campus.**

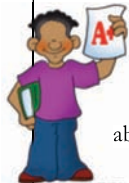
Healthy children learn better and Nurse Robichaux makes sure it happens at FCWC School!

**Want Ad**

We are in dire need of an energetic mom to be the **Den Mother** to head our Cub Scout Troop for boys, ages 6-10. The Cub Scouts have been around since 1930. They develop character, spiritual growth, good citizenship, sportsmanship and fitness, among other things.



Does this sound like you? Contact CEO/Principal Kelly Batiste (504.373.6228) if you can help!



Fannie C. Williams Charter offers parents choice, flexibility, and accountability in choosing a school for their children. Be a friend and tell a relative or friend about us and encourage them to enroll their child(ren) in our school. We appreciate your confidence.

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 next monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Site: Media Ctr.



The Parent-Teacher Association is conducting a **Membership Drive - Jan. 6 thru Mar. 31**
\$5.00 per family
Have you joined? Great schools have great PTAs!

Fannie C. Williams Charter School P.T.A.

**FUNDRAISER**
1st CRAWFISH BOIL!

Fridays in March . . .

March 16, 23, 30, 2012


Plates include: crawfish, corn, potatoes with a FREE drink!

\$8.00
per plate

Place: On the side of Building 2
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Must Pre-Pay by **Thursday, March 15, 22, 29**
All funds are to be turned in to homeroom teacher for ticket! **CASH ONLY!**

CRAWFISH WILL NOT BE TRANSPORTED BY STUDENTS—parents will be responsible for picking up plates.



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

flyers will be sent home with additional info

Box Tops Drive Yield Great Dividends for Warriors

School-wide efforts pay off for Warriors; money will be used to benefit all!



Box Tops Can Be Found On These Products . . .

Bugles
Cheerios Snack Mix
Cocoa Puffs Brownie Crunch
Marks-A-Lot Markers
Pillsbury Grands! Jr.
Green Giant Fresh: Broccoli
Green Giant Vegetables
Trix Cereal
Ziploc Slider Storage Bags
Kleenex Facial Tissue
Scott Paper Towels

The count is in—Warriors brought in almost 6000 Box Tops for Education coupons. Mrs. K. LeBlanc, Ms. Whittington, and Ms. A. Williams spent the last day of February, after school, counting the coupons to be sent off for payment.

The final tally indicates a payout of \$569.50 for this year. Our first year collecting Box Tops (2009-2010) garnered \$49.00. Last year we collected \$289.00. What a fantastic effort! Ms. C. White's 1st graders brought in 1200 and Ms. A. Williams's class followed with 750. A pizza party will be the prize for Ms. White's class.

Parents are asked to continue to collect these valuable coupons off many of the products you purchase. Send them to school and we will save them for redemption for the 2012-2013 school year. Thanks again for your support and keep those coupons coming.

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Caught Too Many Mardi Gras Beads?

We'll take them off your hands . . .

The Student Council, under the direction of Mrs. L. McCray, is collecting those beads you caught last month. We're trying to fill as many 64-gallon plastic cans with the beads and trinkets that clutter your home after the parades are over.



What do we do with them? We give them to the Strive Foundation of New Orleans. This agency employs mentally-challenged adults in our city. They sort, recycle, and re-sell the beads at discounted prices to float and truck riders for next year's Carnival Season.

Students are asked to bring their beads or throws to school. A can is located in the Security Trailer to deposit them as they enter school. Thanks to students, faculty, and parents for their efforts on behalf of the Strive Foundation. What a worthwhile effort for all of us—a way of giving back to others.

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Can you use a little help putting a good meal on your table?

Cummings-Wilson AME Church
11001 Chef Menteur Hwy., New Orleans East

Food Distribution for Senior Citizens and Needy Families

Every **Wednesday** (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

Every **Saturday** (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

What you need - Valid State ID *or* Driver's License;

Voter's Registration Card; Proof of Income -

Residency in Zip Codes 70127, 70128, & 70129

Need additional information: Call **John Patton**

@ **504.346.4759**



Our campus is a "Bully Free Zone." Report all problems to a teacher or staff member immediately!

Black History Month at FCWC School

We celebrate our heritage daily at FCWC School, but especially during the month of February.

Since our first academic year on campus (2007-2008), we've had a month long celebration.

Of course we talk about MLK, Jr.,

Harriet

Tubman,

Rosa Parks,

Ruby Bridges, and George Washington Carver. But we also have explored the life

and times of Emmett Till, the Harlem Renaissance, Madam C. J. Walker, A. P. Tureaud, James Derham, James Weldon

Johnson, Homer Plessy, the history of HBCUs, and our own namesake Fannie C.

Williams. The list is endless of black Americans who have contributed so much

to our country. This year's theme was

"Celebrating Our Legacy through M.U.S.I.C (Making Us Stand In Courage).

It was a wonderful 29 days—filled with fun, facts, drama, dance, theatre, and unknown

talents displayed for all to see. We can't wait until next year and what it

brings! ###



Black History Photo Album 2012



Black History Committee

T. Williams - Chair

D. Eugene

K. Carter

T. Daigle

J. Washington

K. Cobbins

S. Theriot

T. Vickers

B. Sisco

Set Decorations

K. LeBlanc

P. Britt



Good job Black History Committee!



Photos by T. Smith





Warriors Joining the Drive to Beat Cancer!

March 1 - 23 We Are Collecting Pennies to Fund A Cure

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. They offer a wide variety of programs and services in support of their mission: **Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families** (*borrowed from the handout distributed by the LLS-Pennies for Patients*).

With this lofty mission in mind, we will spend most of March collecting pennies to assist LLS's mission. On the counter in the ISC and each



classroom, students and staff will find cardboard boxes to collect the pennies that will go for cancer research. It should be noted that in the USA, more than 12,000 children under the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer every year; approximately 3000 of them will not survive the disease. The leukemias represented 27% of all cancers occurring among children younger than 20 from 2001-2005. Your pennies may one day bring an end to this dreaded illness. Our school goal is \$1000. We are joining forces with several thousand schools in the USA. Send your loose change to school. Thanks in advance for assisting us in reaching our goal. The cure may be only pennies away!

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Auxiliary Marching Units Prepare

Letters went home on March 5th regarding female students participation in our auxiliary units—Dancing Warriors, Flag Team, Cheerleaders, and Majorettes.

These units are just one component of the ABC Program. We've got Art and Vocal Music Classes also to help to develop well rounded students who are involved in a variety of activities. Students who take an interest in these types of activities, tend to do better academically.

This month, beginning after school on Monday, March 19 through Thursday, March 22, audition practices will be held from 4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m. **All students interested in participating must either attend the VIET afterschool program or have a parent/guardian pick them up at 5:30 p.m.**

Parents must give their permission for their daughter to participate in the auditions. Permission slips must be signed and returned to school no later than Friday, March 16th.

Students and parents should be mindful that students must audition and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA (with no Fs) and receive a favorable recommendation from her teachers to be a part of any marching unit for the 2012-13 school year.

Students selected to participate in each group will be notified the day after the audition. Questions, comments, or concerns can be addressed by calling the school (504.373.6228). We look forward to another great school year, as we enter a new chapter producing well-rounded life-long learners.



Pssst Parents . . . Weather turns cool and you can't find that sweater or jacket you just bought this school year? Where is it? It's probably here at FCW Charter waiting to come home. Drop by and ask to check the **Lost & Found** for clothing, eyeglasses, etc. that belong to your son or daughter.

Clothing left at the end of the year will be given to the Goodwill.



February's Black History Poetry Contest Winners

2nd Place Winner - Taquane Stigler - Class of 2018 (6th)

1st Place Winner - D'Nyra Jackson - Class of 2018 (6th Grade)

A poem from the heart

STRUGGLE

Our people have been through the storm and back,
We have survived the war and torture we were once put through,
we struggle.

People judge the way we dress,
The way we talk the way we are racially profiled,
The way we have to work for every thing we want in life,
we struggle.

The way our people are dying,
The way we can't stick together,
The way we are always talked about,
we struggle.

Oooh God, Let Me Be Free

I look in the sky
wondering what
God would say.

I stand tall speaking,
screaming let me be free,
just let me free.

I see the stars in the sky
wondering how long it will take
to set me from enslavement in my mind,
oooh let me be free.

And I say to each twinkling star
that represents the struggles of my people
ohhh Lord, just let me be free.

3rd Place Winner - Dante Spells
Class of 2018 (6th)

My Black Nation

My Black Nation
My Black Nation
It's an all call for my Black Nation

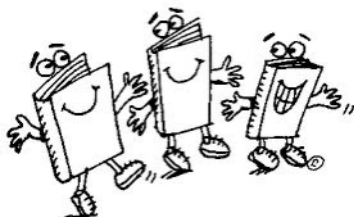
My Black Nation it got stronger
My Black Nation is great for who
we are

We are free because my Black
Nation is what is supposed to be

My Black Nation
My Black Nation

Stand up
Stay strong
My Black Nation
rise up and be who you were called
to be.

*Did you know . . . That the
FCW Charter School's
Library has over 7500
books and more are on the
way? We've won funding
from the Laura Bush
Foundation.*



RSD will be
handling registration
for the 2012-2013
school year. The
document on right
explains the
procedure.

We're hoping to
have all our Pre-K
through 7th
graders back next
year (8th graders
will be off to high
school, of course)!

We will be happy to
help you with this
procedure if you
have any questions.

**Remember to
check the box
for your child
to stay at
Fannie C.
Williams
Charter.**

We appreciate your
trust and would love
to have your
child(ren) return
next year!

Choose to remain in your school, or apply to new ones:

Simply check a box for your child to stay
in your current school. Or, to apply to
new schools, parents will submit one form
per child, not one to each school

Parents who are applying to different
schools will be able to list up to 8 schools
in rank order

Siblings, students in closing schools, and
students in the catchment area (K-8 only)
will have a better chance of getting their
top choice school

Not first-come first-served. All applications
will be considered at the same time

Students who are changing schools will
receive one match, to their highest choice
school that has available seats

Week of Feb. 6th New Application
Released

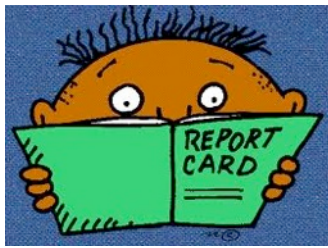
March 31st Applications
Due

Week of May 1st Notification
Letters Mailed

Key Dates for Families to Remember:

Week of Feb. 6th New Application
Released

Excellence Equity Community
Recovery School District



**3rd Quarter
Report Card Conferences**
will be held on
Tues., March 27th
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Grades Pre-K - 8
All parents are needed!

Looking for things to do with
your little ones? Visit the website



<http://neworleans.macaronikid.com/>

for excellent suggestions—many are
free or nominal in cost!

—Ms. A. Preston, Kindergarten Teacher



*Children who read succeed!
Encourage reading in your
home
by visiting NOPL with your
child. The NOPL is free!!!*

**New Orleans Public Library Branches are
open . . .**

10 a.m. - 7 p.m., M-Th

10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat.

Closed on Fridays

Branches near you . . .

East New Orleans Branch

5641 Read Blvd. 70127

Gentilly Branch

2077 Caton St. 70122

Lakeview Branch

6317 Argonne Ave. (@ Harrison Ave.)
70124

Mid-City Branch

3700 Orleans Ave. (American Can Bldg.) 70119



**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.

Marching Warriors Inaugural Season – OUTSTANDING SHOW

If you had the opportunity to see the Marching
Warriors (band, majorettes, cheerleaders, dance
team, and flag twirlers) this Carnival Season you
witnessed a very poised and polished group.

It appeared that our marching units had been
performing for years, but this was their first year
performing! The staff and volunteers have done
a wonderful job of getting more
than 100 of our students ready
to perform in the streets of New
Orleans and Metairie and at
several district-sponsored events.



Our student performers have exceeded all
expectations this season. We expect them to only
improve as our band director, T. Petit and his
volunteers (Misters Webster and Vaughn)
take them to the next level. Kudos also to the
members of the FCWC School staff and parents
who marched the many miles in parades and gave
up their Saturdays to chaperone the groups for
performances.

To all of you, your hard work was apparent to
anyone who saw you perform. We are looking
forward to seeing you next season. Good job,
good job! ###

**Warrior Marching Units
Sponsors**



Band Director
T. Petit

Volunteer Band Assistants
T. Vaughn & J. Webster

Group Sponsors
Cheerleaders

D. Barnett & D. I. Eugene
Majorettes

K. Carter & J. Battiste

Dancing Warriors

S. Theard & S. Taylor

Flag Twirlers

D. Andrews, A. Varnado, &
K. Cobbins



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.

Aleaxis Meare, Grade 4, won February's drawing because her parents read the WARRIOR NEWS!

Have you secured your child's seat for next year by re-enrolling him with the One-App? Deadline-March 31.



Parents—mark your calendars
NO SCHOOL for students
on the following days:

Thursday, April 5th
Professional Development for
Teachers (Workshop Day)

Friday, April 6th
Good Friday
Classes resume: Monday, April 9th
8:00 a.m.

Week of April 23rd-27th
Spring Break—No School for students
and staff
Classes resume: Monday, April 30th
8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 23rd
Last Day of School for Students
Summer Break Begins!



School Pride Dress Down Calendar
Dress Down Day Fund Raiser—\$1.00

Date	Benefits
March 30	Band
April 20	8th Grade
May 18	Awards Day

Upcoming Campus Happenings

Tuesday, March 6
Junior Achievement Day with Entergy
Grades K-8

Thursday, March 8
Immunization Team on Campus

Friday, March 9
Donuts for Dads - Time: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Friday, March 9
Student Government Day

Saturdays: March 10, 17, 24, 31
Saturday Warrior Academy - 8:45 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday, March 12-13
3rd Quarter Exams

Tuesday, March 13
PTA Meeting @ 5 p.m. (Media Center)

Week of March 12-14
Howard University Students
Visit & Assist @ FCWC

Monday, March 19-Thursday, March 22
Audition Practices for Majorettes, Cheerleaders,
Flag Team, and Dancing Warriors

Monday, March 26-Thursday, March 29
Auditions for Auxiliary Marching Units

Tuesday & Wednesday, March 20-21
LEAP Phase 1 Testing • Grades 4 & 8

Tuesday - Thursday, March 27-29
Interim Assessment 4

Tuesday, March 27
Report Card Conferences - 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27
PTA Cookie Dough Fund Raiser Distributed

Tuesday - Friday, March 27-30
Scholastic Book Fair-Media Center

Friday, March 30
Easter Bunny on Campus for Pictures

Friday, March 30
Dress Down Day (Band) - \$1.00

Friday, March 30
3rd Quarter Awards Celebration (Time: TBA)



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WARRIOR
NEWS always
contains
information
you can use!
Check out the
important
dates on this
page and mark
your calendars!



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. Aleaxis Meare won the February 2012 drawing. Congratulations Aleaxis!

I've read the March 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 _____