

Parent-Teacher Association will meet on Tues., November 8th @ 4:30 p.m.



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"Building A Great School"



Anti-Bullying, Red Ribbon Anti-Drug Campaigns Top School Counselor's Agenda in October

(Right):
Student Poet
Patrick
Theard
reads his
No
Thanks, I'll
Pass. (Left):
The band
has become
an intricate
part of all
assemblies
thus far.
Good job!



October is a busy month for our school counselor, Mrs. J. Edmond. She is the driving force behind the month's activities regarding bullying and anti-drug campaigns on campus.

Bullying has become a nation wide problem in schools—Pre-K through post-secondary. October 10-14 was proclaimed as Bully Prevention Week at FCW Charter. An assembly was held on October 10th for all Warriors stressing the importance of being a "buddy not a bully." Students found it very informative.

October 24-28 marked our week of activities regarding Red Ribbon Month. We've taken part in this national campaign for four of the five years of FCW's existence. Its purpose is to encourage Warriors to be free of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs.
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No Thanks, I'll Pass

by Patrick Theard
Class of 2016

Hey dog, wanna have some fun?
Wanna feel real good?
Want everybody to know that you're real cool? Well come and try some of these drugs . . . No thanks, I'll pass.

Drugs are very dangerous. They can destroy your body in many ways. Drugs can cause death, brain damage or overdose, which can lead to death.

All I'm saying, it's smart to be drug free. If someone ask you to try or even take a smoke or a hit, just say No thanks, I'll pass!

No one controls your actions but you. Choose wisely, that's why it's important to say . . . No thanks, I'll pass.

Take a stand and be a leader. Here are some ways to show how to pass on drugs: 1. Just say NO; 2. I don't need drugs to be cool; 3. Drugs kill; 4. I don't need to get sick; 5. I don't want to die; 6. I'm too busy to do drugs; 7. No thanks; 8. No jail for me; 9. In the end just say
No thanks, I'll pass!



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FANNIE C. WILLIAMS CHARTER SCHOOL IS AN ANTI-BULLY ZONE! "BE A BUDDY, NOT A BULLY."

Message from Our Principal

November 1, 2011

Dear Parents of FCW Charter,



We've begun our 2nd Quarter of the academic year. How's your Warrior doing in the classroom?

Report Card Conferences were held on October 25. Did you receive your child's card? If not, stop by the office for a copy.

Days are always eventful, busy, and productive here on campus. That's why attendance and punctuality are so important. Students who miss school will find it difficult to keep up, let alone achieve. Send them daily to school and make sure they are on time. Too many of our car riders are arriving after the 8:00 a.m. morning bell. Their tardiness disrupts the morning activities and causes them to miss valuable classroom time. Instructional time is priceless—it can never be restored once lost.

Students should appear in uniform daily, unless it's one of our special "Dress Down Days." These will always be preceded with a note from administration at least two days before they occur. Please refer to the FCW Charter Family Handbook (pgs. 28-29) for the correct version of our school uniform. All students—Pre-K through 8th grade—are expected to adhere to the uniform regulations.

Please take the time to read our newsletter thoroughly. We've got a big issue this month. It's filled with all the great things that happen monthly at 11755 Dwyer Road. We also try to include community news that may be of value to your family. Send the coupon (on page 8) back within two school days that indicates you have read the **WN**. Students returning them are entered into a monthly drawing.

And thanks again for entrusting your child's education to the faculty and staff of Fannie C. Williams Charter School.

Kelly S. Batiste, CEO/Principal

Kindergarten Teachers Developing FCW Charter Foundation

Everyone knows you build a house starting from the foundation—the bottom up! That's exactly the method being employed by FCW Charter's three kindergarten teachers—Ms. Preston, Ms. Henry and Ms. Wyman.



We are helping to "build a great school" by laying a solid foundation for some of our youngest learners. We are continuously monitoring our students to ensure that all students in our charge reach their educational goals for this year—academic readiness for 1st grade. Students are constantly encouraged and expected to perform their best!

Look out first grade, the Class of 2024 is on the way.

—Kindergarten Teachers

Parents . . . We need your help and understanding!

Please help us keep dismissal running smoothly!

Getting 500 kids back home each day is a tremendous job . . .

Each day, beginning at 1:00 p.m., the office telephone begins to ring excessively. Why?

Parents are calling with requests regarding after school arrangements for their son/daughter. It is very taxing for school personnel to try to adhere to your request while keeping the office and classrooms running as they should. We realize that emergencies do occur, we understand that. But we consistently field requests from the same families, as often as two or three times a week. Teachers use the last 1/2 hour or so of class for review, giving out of homework assignments and notices from the office that need to go home that day, having students gather up their personal belongings, and listening to the afternoon announcements, etc. It is a very busy time indeed.

We are requesting that you **do not attempt to pick your child up early after**

2:45 p.m., nor call the office with requests involving changing your child's after school routine (except for emergencies, of course). It confuses the kids and makes getting them home very difficult for staff. Have you ever wondered why the bus is late? It was probably because someone's mother called at the last minute with a request and the child had to be pulled off the bus! All busses roll off campus together as a unit.

Thanks for your understanding and help!

**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	3rd Quarter
August 11 - October 20	January 13 - March 15

2nd Quarter	4th Quarter
October 21 - January 12	March 16 - May 23

Lost clothes looking to be reunited with their owners . . .

We had a cool breeze blow through a few weeks ago and jackets and sweaters came to school—and stayed. Reunite your son or daughter with their clothing. See Dean of Student Sisco for additional information!

FCW Charter Student Council News

The FCW Charter School Student Council is on the move this year!



Each class in grades 3-8 has identified two representatives to serve as Student Council members. Each member was recommended by their class and their teacher to serve as the representative. These representatives are considered role models in our school.

The Student Council has several activities planned for each month. Starting in October, we began to sell school supplies each morning from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. The prices range from \$.50 - \$2.00. Mid-October began our campaign for elected officers. Candidates will place their campaign posters and fliers in the halls of their homeroom buildings and in the cafeteria in hopes of persuading voters in our upcoming election.

On November 8th we will hold a campaign rally, where members will present campaign speeches. On November 10th the students will have an opportunity to vote using "real" voting machines. Later this month, each class will collect canned goods to be placed in food baskets for needy families in the community.

Mrs. L. McCray, Speech Pathologist at FCW, serves as Student Council Sponsor.





Warriors' Lens-Campus Happenings

Musicians pictured (l to r): Derricka McDonald, Rondell Wilson Jr., Herchele Allen, Quincy Harris; (back row) Jared Adams, Ivan Holden, Rabeem Graham Jr., Chasiti Williams, Zhakiyah Gioustoria. Not pictured: Joshua Drakes.

Ronald McDonald greets our younger learners in an assembly geared to illustrate the negative effects of bullying on our classmates. The afternoon assembly was held October 11th.

McGruff, the Crime Dog and Officer Friendly visits the Warrior Family for a few tips on being "street smart" on October 10th.

(Below right): P. Jefferson, A. Knox, R. Lewis and T. Stevenson speak to the negative aspects of bullying to their schoolmates on October 10th.

Principal Batiste "mics" reluctant artist Noble as he explains his poster regarding "Be a buddy, not a bully." Noble prepared his poster in Mr. Britt's Enrichment Art Class.



Budding Musicians Mastering the Recorder FCW 4th Grade Recorder Ensemble in Concert with Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra

On Wednesday, November 9, 2011, 10 FCWC students will play pieces on recorder in concert with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra. As participants in the "Carnegie Hall Link Up Program," elementary grade students are given music materials to **learn a recorder for a year**, and are granted the option to play in the "LPO Young People's Concert" of their choice. This year's committed pilot group is Mrs. Daigle's fourth grade homeroom class (Mrs. Wright's 1st period Gen. Music Class). This is one of the most dedicated performance groups, who boast of daily practice regimes that continue at home.

These students, along with **all of Mr. Petit's and Mrs. Wright's** Upper Elementary and Middle School Music Classes, **are required to attend this concert** as a **Music Project**. The cost is \$5.00 per student. Please see Mr. Petit, Instrumental Music Educator/Band Director, or Mrs. Wright, Vocal Music Educator, **by November 4, 2011** for more details. Students, your Music class grade is depending on this concert!!!



—Mrs. K. Wright



We've discovered a talented cache of students this year. Mrs. K. Wright, Enrichment Vocal Music Teacher, leads a group of talented 1st graders from Ms. A. Williams class in song and dance. School assemblies have taken on a new look with the advent of the marching band, choir, and female marching units. Hats off to all the teachers and sponsors who go the "extra mile" to bring the arts to the Warriors of Fannie C. Williams Charter School. Good job, good job!



Warriors' Lens-Campus Happenings



(Left) We've definitely got something to cheer about and the voices to do it! Check out our cheerleading squad, under the direction of Mrs. D. Barnett (left) and Mrs. D.I. Eugene. The squad is composed of students in grades 4-6.

It's Tuesday, so it must be "Hats Off to Being Drug Free Day! CAO Williams share the Warrior Lens with the ladies of the middle school.



(Left): We've got writing talent at FCW Charter. Class of 2016 members Arian Williams (left) and Regianna Anilus share first place honors with their essays "What does it mean to be drug free?" Principal Batiste and school counselor Edmond bestow the honors. (Right): FCW Goes Pink, Friday, October 21st. Second grade students-I'Shylene, Dallas, Janae, Keymidria, Imani, and Alexis—wear their pink attire to benefit the Edna B and Joyce Faye Washing Breast Cancer Foundation. About \$300.00 was collected from students and staff.



(Above): Fourth graders Joinika (left) and Aniya pose for the Warrior Lens on the ever popular KaBoom! Playground.

(Left): Art teacher Mr. P. Britt has a group of talented students who are assisting with the art work needed for the 5th Annual Fall Festival. The group displays balloon pinatas for one of the many games students were engaged in on Monday, October 31st. Students following the 4Ps were invited to the festival.



Parents, were those report card grades what you envisioned?
Would your child benefit from a great after school program?
We've got the program for you . . .

FCW Charter and VIET (Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training) have partnered to provide academic growth. Our Extended Learning Time (ELT) has been funded by The After-School Corporation (TASC) of NYC. FCW Charter students are invited to take part in this golden opportunity. **Cost: F R E E Time: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday Transportation: Provided free by yellow school bus.** Come over after school to sign up, there's still a few spots available!



Material Fees are past due . . .

Have you paid your child's materials fee for this school year? **Students in PK-3 fees are \$20.00 and students in 4th-8th fees are \$25.00.** Please send cash or money order (no personal checks accepted).

Warriors receive:

- 1-FCW Charter t-shirt
- 1-School ID w/picture and lariat
- 1-FCW Charter School folder
- 1-FCW Family Handbook (1 per family)
- 1-FCW Student Agenda/Planner (Grades 4-8)

Note: Students may purchase items individually. IDs: \$5.00, Agenda/Planner: \$5.00, T-Shirt: \$10.00.



Building a great school is hard work . . . That's why the need for great parents like you is soooooo necessary!

Join the PTA (Parent-Teacher Association).

We're electing officers on **Tuesday, November 8 @ 4:30 p.m. in the school's library.** See you there!

Upcoming Campus Happenings
Tuesday, November 1
SUNO Basketball Team reads to Kindergarten Classes

Friday, November 4
Professional Day (Teachers' Workshop) - No School

Tuesday, November 8
Student Council Campaign Rally & Speeches
Grades 3-8

Author & Illustrator Visits Mrs. Tolliver's Class

PTA Meeting in the Library
Election of Officers
Time: 4:30 p.m.

High School Fair for Middle Schoolers
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 10
Student Council Elections

C.L.A.S.S. Board of Directors Mtg.

Friday, November 18
School Pride Dress Down Day
\$1.00 - Wear your school t-shirt & jeans!

Ochsner Blood Drive at FCWCS
7:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Week of November 21 -25
Thanksgiving Break - No School



Did you know we have a Cub Scout Troop at FCW Charter?

The Cub Scouts is for boys in the 1st through the 5th grades, or 7-10 years old. Our Warrior Troop meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Warrior Café.

Inquire about the Cub Scouts for your son at FCW Charter. More information can be found in the school's main office. It may be just what your son needs!



School Pride Dress Down Calendar

Date	School/Activity
September 23	Yellow School
October 28	F R E E
November 18	Blue School
December 21	Red School
January 27	Green School
February 17	Enrichment
March 30	Band
April 20	8th Grade
May 18	Awards Day



FCW Charter School Student Council

is collecting
non-perishable food or canned goods to build 2 Thanksgiving Baskets for needy families in our community.

Students should bring their donations to their homeroom classes. Class with the largest amount of non-perishable goods wins a pizza party!



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

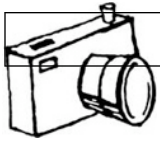
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Food Distribution for Senior Citizens and Needy Families

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**



Warriors' Lens-Campus Happenings

Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants Visits FCW Charter

In honor of LCPA's 100th year, the organization has partnered with Scholastic Books to promote children's literacy in Louisiana. The group decided to place financial literacy-themed books directly into the hands of students in Louisiana. FCW Charter was one of the recipients of their generosity. We had six CPA's visit our three second grade classrooms on October 24th, to read and discuss the book *Alexander Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday*. Each student was given a copy of the book for their at-home libraries. It is hoped that establishing good financial habits early will grow with the children into adulthood. \$\$\$



There's always something going on at FCW Charter! (Below right) Dean of Students, Mr. Ross, displays his crazy socks on Sock It to Drugs! Day.

It's Friday and Ms. Preston's kindergarten class are ready to Team Up Against Drugs with their Saints shirts.

Upper elementary students are Hats Off to Being Drug Free!

It's Saturday morning and the marching units are washing cars for uniforms.

We've got groups with talent galore . . . members of the dance team and flag team display their talents during the Red Ribbon Week Assembly.



The Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants came with their financial insights to motivate our second graders to become financially savvy about their nickels and dimes (or dollars)! Everyone went home with new knowledge about saving money and a book to add to their home libraries. Wow! great way to spend an afternoon.





Warriors' Lens-Fall Festival 2011

Our 5th Annual Fall Festival was a blast! Games, food, two space walks, a haunted house, a ghost train, and a DJ kept us busy for three hours. We can't wait to do it all over again in the spring . . . see you then.



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.
Farrell Thompson, Grade 5, won October's drawing because his parents read the **WARRIOR NEWS**!

Uniforms Are Worn Daily* at FCW Charter School. Make sure your Warrior is appropriately attired when they leave home.



* Special Dress Down Days are always preceded with a note home from the Principal's Office!

Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. for Warriors in grades 4-8. Car riders must be on time to partake in the breakfast program.

Grades Pre-K through 3 are taken to the cafeteria by their classroom teacher. Make sure they are on time!



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We Love Box Tops!

Each one of these coupons is worth 10 cents to our school treasury. With these funds we can buy pens, paper, toner, pencil sharpeners, laminating paper, sanitizer, etc., all those little extra things needed to keep our Warriors classroom supplies.

Send them to the office and our school librarian, Mrs. LeBlanc, will do the rest! Thanks for your help.



FCW Charter is a **NO CELL PHONE** or any other electronic devices on campus school. Students are asked to leave cell phones, i-Pods, i-Pads, PSPs, etc., at home.

Students who need cell phones to contact parents after school should turn them in to security at the start of the school day. They are returned at the end of the school day.



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! Farrell Thompson, Grade 5, won October's drawing. Congratulations Farrell!

I've read the November '11 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 _____