



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

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"Building A Great School"



CNN Journalist Soledad O'Brien Visits FCW Charter



Anchor and special correspondent for CNN/US Soledad O'Brien receives a gift bag from Student Council Members Pernell Jefferson and Milisha Williams during her visit on Monday, September 26th. O'Brien serves as chairperson of the Board of Directors of The After-School Corporation (NYC). The After-School Corporation is a non-profit organization working to change public policy and expand public funding so that children from all walks of life can have quality experiences beyond the traditional school day. It is desirous that these experiences support their intellect, creativity, and physical development (see www.tascorp.org, additional pictures for information on page 3 of this issue).

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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.

PARENTS & GUARDIANS...
Save the date!



1st Quarter Report Card Conferences
will be held on
Tuesday, October 25th
at
Fannie C. Williams Charter School
Time: 4 p.m. 'til 6 p.m.



Academic Quarters

Grading Periods
2011-2012

1st Quarter
August 11 - October 20

2nd Quarter
October 21 - January 12

3rd Quarter
January 13 - March 15

4th Quarter
March 16 - May 23
(School Ends 5/23/2012)

Classes Begin at 8:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday . . .

Dismissal is at 3:15 p.m.
Monday - Friday!

Parents of car riders are asked to
be here 10 minutes before dismissal.



WE'RE BUILDING A GREAT SCHOOL . . . BE A PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION TEAM . . . JOIN THE PTA!

**Message from Our Chief Executive Officer/Principal**

October 5, 2011

Dear Parents of FCW Charter,

Please take the time to read this month's issue of **WARRIOR NEWS**. So much happens here in the course of a month, we use this bulletin as a means of keeping our parents informed.

On yesterday, October 4, we had our first meeting of FCW Charter School Parent-Teacher Association. It was very informative and productive. We're off to a good start! We're scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, November 8th. Please consider joining this important organization. Good schools always have strong parental support. Our PTA will not be complete unless you're a part of it!

First quarter exams are coming soon—October 17-18. Make sure you encourage your child to do his/her best in this effort. The first quarter is drawing rapidly to a close. Remember, we believe that "failure is not an option at FCW Charter."

Our after school program—Expanded Learning Time—is off to a great start. More than 185 students are enrolled in the 3:30-5:30 program, giving students an opportunity to do project-based activities, art enrichment, Karate classes, dance classes, and of course homework assistance. It is definitely time well-spent for our Warriors.

It was great to see many of you at Open House and Grandparents' Day. Your visits brighten our campus. We hope to be able to count on you for upcoming activities such as the Fall Festival. Thanks for entrusting your son/daughter with us.

*Kelly S. Batiste, CEO/Principal***Parents . . . We need your help!
Please help us keep dismissal running smoothly!**

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

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 afterschool routine (except for emergencies, of course).

It confuses the kids and makes getting them home very difficult for staff. Thanks!

**Send your Warrior to school in full uniform everyday!
Uniforms Are Worn Daily at FCW Charter**

- A royal blue golf or polo-styled short sleeve shirt with school logo for grades Pre-K through 5;
- A gold golf or polo-styled short sleeve shirt with school logo for grades 6-8;
- Khaki pants with belt loops or khaki-colored jumpers or skirts for girls;
- White or black socks (or stockings for girls) are required; black rubber-soled shoes;
- Belts (brown or black), **without** large buckles
- No headwear in the buildings;
- No earrings for male students, female earrings should be no larger than a nickel in size.

School Pride Dress Down Days

Once a month, students are allowed to wear the school's t-shirt and blue jeans as a fundraiser. Warriors will be allowed to pay \$1.00 to appear out of uniform. Each month each building will be able to use the proceeds from Dress Down Day to purchase instructional supplies and equipment.

School Pride Dress Down Day will always be preceded with a note from Administration or Deans of Students. Students should always attend school in full uniform, unless special permission (e.g., School Pride Dress Down Days) has been granted.

Students not participating are to appear in full uniform.

The Scholastic Book Fair

was a great success. Thanks to all Warriors, parents, grandparents, and faculty who helped to make our semi-annual Book Fair a great success. See you in the Spring!

-Mrs. LeBlanc, Librarian**Did you know . . .**

- Children who read to at home have a higher rate of success in the classroom.
- Having kids read a lot is one of the crucial components of becoming a good reader.



Do you have questions or concerns regarding bus transportation?

Call

Berry Transportation**504.365.8327****School Pride Dress Down Calendar**

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



Children who read
S U C C E E D !



Journalist Soledad O'Brien Visits Warrior Land

CNN journalist Soledad O'Brien made a special trip to FCW Charter to visit our afterschool program on September 26th.

O'Brien has a special interest in the program, conducted under the auspices of local groups VIET and Partnership for Youth Development (PYD). She is chair of the Board of Directors of the national organization out of NYC known as TASC, The After-School Corporation. TASC pays for our afterschool program with grant funds.

The non-profit organization works diligently to ensure that all school age children have meaningful activities to engage them in the hours after school. Mrs. O'Brien spoke to a large group of New Orleans East entrepreneurs, educators, media, and other individuals desirous of engaging children with worthwhile activities after the close of the school day. She spoke passionately on why this initiative—Expanded Learning Time—is important to our children.

This year PYD is working with three local public schools, of which FCW Charter is one. Only three cities received this effort. We are the model for what can be for kids. The goal is to implement Expanded Learning Time everywhere—kids involved in significant hands-on activities, arts enrichment, and project-based learning. ###



(Top left): CEO Kelly Batiste (left) discusses the merits of the V.I.E.T.'s after-school program with journalist Soledad O'Brien and members of the local Partnership of Youth Development. (Top right): Jashonae Gould leads the Dancing Warriors in a lively routine. (Middle left): Dean of Students Bernie Sisco (left) talks to David Baker of the Louisiana Weekly and Askala Harris of Partnership for Youth Development. (Middle right): Members of the Karate class pose with their black-belt instructors. (Bottom left): Warrior Cheerleaders give a spirited yell to our visitors on September 26th. More than 25 guests were invited to visit our campus and see all the great activities that occur after the 3:15 bell.



Upcoming Campus Happenings

Tuesday, October 4

Organizational Meeting of FCW's
Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)
Time: 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 6

Fall Picture Day in School Uniform

Friday, October 7

Final Day PTA will accept nominations for
the positions of President, Vice-President,
Secretary, & Treasurer

Week of October 10-14

Bully Prevention Week

Thursday, October 13

Dentist on Campus

**Monday & Tuesday
October 17-18**

1st Quarter Exams

Thursday, October 20

1st Quarter Ends (47.5 days)

Thursday, October 20

C.L.A.S.S. Board Meeting

Friday, October 21

Fannie C. Goes Pink (Pink Dress Down Day
for Breast Cancer Awareness)

Week of October 24-28

Red Ribbon Week

Tuesday, October 25

Report Card Conferences
Time: 4-6 p.m.

Friday, October 28

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

1st Quarter Awards Program
Time: TBA

Halloween Costume Dance (Middle School)
5:30-8:30 p.m.

Monday, October 31

PBS Fall Festival for Warriors who follow
the 4Ps daily
Parental Volunteers Needed!
Time: 11-2

Monday, October 31

1st Q Honor Roll Celebration - 9:30 a.m.

Did you know . . .

That John McDonogh (1779-1850) was born
in Baltimore, but moved to New Orleans as a
young man. Upon his death, he left money
to the cities of Baltimore and New Orleans
for the education of children.

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

Tuesday, November 8
PTA Meeting in the Library
Election of Officers
Time: 4:30 p.m.

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

Week of November 21 -25
Thanksgiving Break - No School

Friday, December 21
School Pride Dress Down Day
\$1.00 - Wear your school t-shirt & jeans!

**Thursday, December 22 - Tuesday,
January 3**
Winter Break - No School



Hey Mom & Dad!
**Don't throw those empty
toilet tissue and paper towel
rolls away . . .**

Middle School Instructor Ms.
Battiste's Science Class needs all
you have for a science project.
Please send them to school, the
Yellow School
would love to put them to new
use.
Thanks!

V I E T ' s After-School Program

We've still has a few spots left . . .

Are you a working parent and the new dismissal time doesn't work for you
or you would like your child to receive Expanded Learning Time, Monday through Thursday,
3:30 - 5:30 p.m. . . . we've got the program for you!

Our Expanded Learning Time Program is available to all FCW Charter students, Monday
through Thursday, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Karate, Art, Band, Cheerleading, Dance Classes, etc. are
held. All students receive help with homework. Special emphasis is placed on 2nd and 3rd
grade students for assistance in reading literacy, writing, math, and science.

Transportation home is provided for all students enrolled. Cost: **F R E E**
Request an application today in the office. Space is limited!

**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. Applications for
free or reduced lunch are past due!
Please turn them in to your child's
homeroom teacher.

Did you know . . . Studies confirm that kids who
eat breakfast do better in school; Breakfast can
make a difference in how much your child learns,
how well your child plays, and how good your
child feels; kids who eat breakfast are less likely to
be overweight. More info:

<http://www.caucloirewi.gov/>



**Help Wanted for PBS'
Fall Festival**

Can you give us at least 1 hour?

Parent Volunteers are needed

for our
Annual PBS Fall Festival
to be held
Monday, October 31st
Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Interested parents should contact:
Ms. Theard or send a note to school
advising us of your interest in helping.



Grandparents' Day @ FCW Charter

Friday, September 9, 2011

Every year in September we invite our Warrior Grandparents to campus for tea, cookies, cake, and finger sandwiches. How we enjoy having them around! They have an opportunity to visit our classrooms, talk to our teachers, roam our campus, and enjoy our entertaining them with song and laughter. How blessed we are to have them in our lives . . .



Hype Academy

Tutoring & Educational Resource Center

Monday through Friday

4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

5951 Bullard Avenue, Suite 3

504.240.HYPE (4973) • www.hypeacademy.com



Warrior Parents . . .

The **5th Annual PBS Fall Festival** is coming soon to Warrior Land!

We are in need of **2-liter soft drinks** of all flavors for the Ring-Toss Game & **cakes** for the Cake Walk.

Can you help? Drinks can be sent to school now. Cakes should be sent Friday, October 28th.

The Festival is Monday, October 31st
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Don't forget to volunteer for the fun!



Did you read this issue of **WARRIOR NEWS**? It was prepared especially for you !
Let us know you've read these pages by signing the backside of this coupon on page 6. Your child's teacher will provide an incentive to students who return this slip the next school day.

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

Materials Fees are needed . . .

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: \$5.00.

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.



Send Us Your Box Tops

Last school year more than \$250.00 was earned through the Box Tops for Education campaign, spearheaded by Mrs. K. LeBlanc, our school's librarian.

Each coupon is worth 10¢ to the school treasury. With these proceeds, we are able to buy those extras that are needed—pencils, paper, toner, pencil sharpeners, laminating paper, etc., enhancements for the Warriors of FCW Charter.



Children can achieve academically when they are in good health!

Give your child health coverage at **low cost or no cost to you!**

Kids with health insurance live healthier lives. Health care plans for uninsured kids available for kids up to age 19. Eligibility is based on family size and income. **If you did not qualify in the past, you may qualify now because of the increased income amounts. A family of four can earn as much as \$55,000 and still qualify.**

LaCHIP covers medical service kids need such as: well child visits, prescriptions, shots, hospital visits, doctor visits, and dental care.

Apply today: www.lachip.org

1-877-2-LA-CHIP (1.877.252.2447)

*We're
Building A
Great
School
With
Community
Leaders
Advocating for
Student
Success*



*Fannie C. Williams
(1882-1980)*

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2077 Caton St. (10-7 M-Th, 10-5 Sa)

Lakeview Branch

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(10-7 M-Th, 10-5 Sa)

Mid-City Branch

3700 Orleans Ave. (American Can Co.)

(10-7 M-Th, 10-5 Sa)

Get a library card, it's free!



Cut me out and send me back to school. Save this issue to keep abreast of all the good things happening at FCW Charter!

I've read the October '11 issue of WARRIOR NEWS . . .

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

please write legibly

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____