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"Building A Great School"

Message from Our Chief Executive Officer/Principal

September 1, 2011

Dear Parents of FCW,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year!

We've been busy preparing for this school year, our inaugural year as a charter school. We are creating a setting that will allow every one of our students to grow culturally, emotionally, and most of all, academically.

We are striving to develop the whole child at FCW Charter School. Our new music program—a marching band (and eventually a concert one, too) and a choir—athletics, physical education, art, and computer classes, along with the core curriculum, are part of the day for our students.

As always, your input will be needed to enhance what we do here. We are "building a new school"—physically, culturally, and academically. Parental involvement will be required and expected. All schools with stellar reputations have strong parental support. Can we count on you?

Our first meeting with parents took place on Thursday, August 4th at our Parent Orientation. We hope you were there. The turnout was impressive, but still not at 100%. Your next opportunity to visit is Thursday, September 15th, Open House at FCW Charter. The campus will be open and we hope you will be here to visit,



4:30- 6:30 p.m. See how your child spends his/her days with us.

Our school has new hours this year. The instructional day starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. Parents of car-riders are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before dismissal. There is an Extended Learning Time Program (after school program) for students who are registered. We are especially asking the parents of 2nd and 3rd graders to enroll them, but all students are welcomed. The program will take place from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Have you registered your child(ren)? Transportation home is provided (see pages 2-3 for additional info).

All parents are asked to pay a materials fee for each student enrolled. The fee for Pre-K through 3rd grades is \$20.00 and \$25.00 for students in 4th through 8th grades. The fee includes a student planner (4-8), a school t-shirt (to be worn on Dress Down Fridays), a school folder, a family handbook, and a picture student ID. Parents are asked to send cash or money orders (payable to Fannie C. Williams Charter School). If you've paid the materials fee, thank you. All families are expected to purchase these items. Your cooperation is appreciated.

We will be developing a Band Booster Club and a Parent-Teacher Organization. Make sure you join the BBC if your child is in the Marching Band. All parents will be asked to join the PTO. Great PTOs are always part of great schools. Your child deserves to be a part of the "great school we are building." Don't you agree?

Kelly S. Batiste, CEO/Principal

Tarynesa "Terri" Williams to Serve As Chief Academic Officer (CAO)

Ms. Tarynesa "Terri" Williams is starting her third year at FCW Charter School on a high note. Her duties this year will concentrate on the academic life of all students on campus.

One of Williams' first pleasant responsibilities this year was to announce to the faculty LEAP Scores for 2010-11. Our 4th and 8th graders did a fantastic job.

GOOD JOB SCHOLARS

FCW School 4th & 8th Grade LEAP Scores

2009-2010
4th Grade English Lang. Arts
40% of students at basic or above

2010-2011
4th Grade ELA
62% of students at basic or above
Growth: +22%

2009-2010
4th Grade Mathematics
40% of students at basic or above

2010-2011
4th Grade Mathematics
49% of students at basic or above
Growth: +9%

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The Instructional School Day begins each morning at
8:00 a.m.



Dismissal is at
3:15 p.m. each afternoon . . .
Plan for your children accordingly!

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.

School Holidays (No School or 1/2 day)

Parents, please mark the following dates on your calendars and plan ahead . . .

- Monday, September 5 - Labor Day, NO SCHOOL;
- Friday, September 23 - 1/2 day (12 Noon Dismissal) Teacher Workshop





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)

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.



Children can achieve academically when they are in good health!

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

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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

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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 |

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.

What's the Yellow School, Blue School, etc. ???

Our school of learners are divided into two main groups elementary, grades Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade, and middle schoolers, grades sixth through eighth. Each building of learners (buildings 2, 5, 6, and 7) are known by the colors Yellow, Blue, Red, and Green. The list is shown below:

Green School = Pre-K, K, and 1st

Red School = 2nd & 3rd

Blue School = 4th & 5th

Yellow School = 6th, 7th, & 8th



FCW Charter & VIET Partners to Bring Expanded Learning Time (ELT) Program to Warriors

Emphasis placed on 2nd and 3rd Graders

Fannie C. Williams Charter School and VIET (Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training) are excited to engage students and to help improve academic scores this new school year.

Through VIET'S strong partnership with the Partnership of Youth Development (PYD), the Expanded Learning Time Program (ELT) will support the academic growth for FCW Charter during this upcoming school year. ELT has been developed by The After-School Corporation (TASC).

TASC, out of New York City, is a non-profit organization that works diligently to change public policy and expand public funding so all kids from all backgrounds can have high quality experiences beyond the regular school day that will support them intellectually,

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creatively, and physically. The organization develops and models for after-school and summer programs that will clearly improve students' school engagement, motivation, and achievement at a cost public funding can maintain and keep kids safe as their parents complete their work days.

The Expanded Learning Time Program will target our 2nd and 3rd grade students this year. VIET is striving to improve literacy, reading, writing, math, and science among our elementary students. Under this strategy, a full-time coordinator will be employed with 2nd and 3rd grade teachers to help improve the academic skills of students. Special effort will be made to accommodate the diverse learning styles of our 7-9 year olds. **We are hoping to have 100% student participation from grades 2 and 3.** Parental commitment to this program will further enhance your child's productivity and success rate. Registration began August 15. In order to have a successful program, 100% participation is needed for students in grades 2 and 3.

FCW Charter students in grades Pre-K, K, 1st, 4th, 5th, and middle school (6-8), are also invited to take part in our after school program. Space is limited for students other than the 2nd and 3rd grade classes. However, there is no cost associated with enrolling your son or daughter in the after school program. **Transportation will be provided for all students who are part of this program.**

The Expanded Learning Time and Afterschool Academy will begin on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Operating hours will be from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. There will be occasional field trips on Saturdays to be announced during the year.



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2009-2010

8th Grade English Lang. Arts

39% of students scoring at basic or above

2010-2011

8th Grade ELA

67% of students scoring at basic or above

Growth: +28%

2009-2010

8th Grade Mathematics

48% of students scoring at basic or above

2010-2011

8th Grade Mathematics

63% of students scoring at basic or above

Growth: +15

Special congratulations to Mrs. Angela Goodly and her 4th graders for 2010-11 and their outstanding achievement on LEAP 2011—99% passing rate! What a fantastic effort, we are working diligently to surpass these scores for 2012.

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Additional information can be had by contacting Jennifer Hebert. She can be reached at 504.255.0400 or by email at

jhebert@tulane.edu

Remember, space is limited! Give your child this opportunity to excel!

“Your commitment to this program will further enhance your children's productivity and success rate. We are asking for 100% involvement from parents to enroll their children in this awesome program!”

— Borrowed from VIET Organization Brochure, 2011

VIET (Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training)
13435 Granville St., New Orleans, LA 70129
www.vietno.org

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Teacher-of-the-Year, 2010-11

Kudos go out to Teacher-of-the-Year for 2011—Mrs. Angela Goodly. Positive, compassionate, patient, understanding, passionate, and dedicated are all adjectives that describe our 4th grade instructor Mrs. Goodly. She joins the list of exceptional educators with Ms. Sisco, Mr. Saulsbury, and Mrs. Wiltz. Congratulations!



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.

CEO Kelly Batiste would like to see us double this amount in 2011-12. We are asking parents to clip the coupons on products that are purchased for their families and send them to school. Students are to turn them in to their homeroom teachers.

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.

A Short List of Box Tops Products

- 1 Avery® Sticky Notes
- 2 Boise® X-9® Hi-Brite Multipurpose Paper
- 3 Boise® FIREWORX®* Colored Paper
- 4 Boise® HD P™ Premier Print Ink Jet/Laser Printer Paper
- 5 Boise® HD:P™ All-In-One Multipurpose Paper
- 6 Boise® X-9®* Multipurpose Paper
- 7 Brita® Bottle
- 8 Fruity Cheerios®
- 9 Golden Grahams®
- 10 Honey Nut Cheerios®
- 11 Honey Nut Chex®
- 12 Honey Nut Clusters®
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- 15 Fruit Roll-Ups® Fruit Stickerz™
- 16 Fruit Roll-Ups® Mini Rolls
- 17 Hefty® Cinch Sak® Waste Bags
- 18 Hefty® EasyFlaps® Waste Bags
- 19 Hefty® Ultra Flex™ Waste Bags
- 20 Betty Crocker® Specialty Potatoes
- 21 Green Giant® Create a Meal
- 22 Hamburger Helper®

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!

Sisco and Ross Begin Tenure as Dean of Students

New position corresponds with greater expectations for good behavior on campus

Veteran Physical Education Teacher coach and Teacher-of-the-Year (2008), Bernetta Sisco has transitioned to a new position on campus. She is one of two new Dean of Students at FCW Charter. Sisco's co-worker is Ozzie Ross, formerly of St. Augustine High School. Ms. Sisco works primarily with Pre-K through 5th graders, Mr. Ross will supervise our middle schoolers in grades 6-8.

Our new Dean of Students (DOS) primary responsibility will be to address discipline concerns, student safety issues, provide positive behavior support, and make FCW Charter a "no bully zone." FCW Charter encourages each student to develop the independence and responsibility, which is indicative of a mature person. We are always striving to create an environment that is conducive to learning. Having a disciplined student body is essential to developing this goal. The office of DOS was developed with this in mind. Sisco and Ross will employ a character building curriculum model to obtain the desired results.

Guidelines for student behavior are simple: we expect all Warriors to be **prompt, polite, prepared, and productive** at all times. We refer to these qualities as the **4Ps** of student behavior. They form the foundation of our student behavior program and the culture that we stress all year long. Parents are encouraged to reinforce them at home. Sisco and Ross will use them as guidelines for the appropriateness of student behavior on campus, during field trips, and on the school bus.

Uniform violations are also corrected by the DOS office. Students who fail

to follow these guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action. That action can result in the loss of special privileges, in school suspension, lunch detention, parental conferences, Saturday detention, out of school suspension, change of school, and/or expulsion. These rules and expectations were developed in compliance with the State of Louisiana's Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Make sure you review the school's discipline's expectations with your son(s) or daughter(s). Additional information regarding this important topic can be found in the 4th Edition of the FCW Charter School Family Handbook. Every family should now have a copy. Contact the school's office if you don't have one. Our DOS want to be proactive, rather than reactive to behavioral problems. Students who are disciplined have a greater chance of being successful in the classroom and later in the world of work.

“
Children are not casual guests in our home. They are loaned to us temporarily for the purpose of loving them and instilling a foundation of values on which their future lives will be built.”

—James Dobson
Psychologist

Upcoming Campus Happenings

Thursday, September 1

Band Booster Mtg. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 2

F R E E Dress Down Day for students who have paid their **Materials Fee** (school t-shirt & jeans)

Monday, September 5

Labor Day Holiday - No School

Friday, September 9

Grandparent's Day
Time: 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 15

Open House
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Week of September 12 - 16

Scholastic Book Fair

Friday, September 23

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

Friday, September 23

1/2 day of school for students
(12:00 Noon Dismissal)
Teachers' Workshop

September 30

PBS Back-to-School Dances

Thursday, October 6

Fall Picture Day in School Uniform

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!

Friday, October 28

PBS Fall Festival

Monday, October 31

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

Friday, November 4

Professional Day (Teachers' Workshop) -
No School

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



Thaddeus Petit, New Band Director

Director veteran of Bell Jr. High, St. Aug High, SUNO, and US Army Bands

Thaddeus Petit has been chosen as FCW Charter School band director for the 2011-12 school year. His previous experience as a band director involved a stint at neighboring Miller-McCoy Academy.

It has always been on the FCW "wish list" to resurrect the school band after the departure of former band leader Joseph Saulsbury. When it became common knowledge that Petit was available, the school's administration jumped on the opportunity to reinstate music into the Warrior curriculum.

Studies show that students who are trained in music benefit immensely in the classroom, society, and life. Music is very much a part of the culture of the

world and especially of life in New Orleans. "Being a part of my elementary, high school, and college bands are some of my fondest memories of school," states Computer Literacy Teacher Terry Smith. She played in the bands of St. Philip the Apostle School, McDonogh No. 35, and Southern University at New Orleans. Dean of Students Bernetta Sisco also played music as a younger person. Sisco was the bass player in an all-girls R&B band known as "Better Days," from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area.

Mr. Petit encourages all parents of band members to become members of the group's Band Boosters organization. Band Boosters will meet every second Thursday of the month. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the band room (room 709). ###

Kitty Wright, New Vocal Music Educator

Dillard University music grad has more than 25 years teaching in New Orleans

In addition to our resurrected band program, FCW Charter has started its first vocal music classes and choir.

Under the direction of Mrs. K. Wright, middle school students had the option of choosing vocal music or instrumental music if they so desired. From this group of about 20 students, the first Fannie C. Williams Charter School Choir will form. Students are being taught music theory, history, appreciation, the different genres of music and vocal performance. Mrs. Wright also provides instruction to 4th, Pre-K, and 1st graders this semester.

Our future vocalists are in good hands! ###



A Look Back at May 14, 2011 Celebrating The Achievements of the Class of 2015

Warriors certainly know how to throw a celebration. Saturday, May 14th, our second 8th Grade Class had their Culminating Ceremony at the Crystal Chandelier Reception Hall. The Class of 2015 showed up in full force, ready to enjoy the afternoon! Class of 2016, this is what you're working toward. It's hard work, but the "tassel" is worth the hassle."

Scenes from 8th Grade Culminating Activity, 2011

(Upper left): Ms. Williams and male members of the Class of '15.

(Right): Talented Praise Dance Troupe. (Middle left): Class of '15 Superlative Winners. (Right): Honored Guests and Speakers.

(Bottom left): Classmates autograph each others autograph hounds. (Right): FCW's Modern Dancers perform.



Warrior Parents . . .

Have you paid your child's materials fee for this school year? Please send cash or money order (payable to FCW Charter School). **FREE** Dress Down Day Friday, September 2nd for all students who have the Warrior t-shirt! Sorry, no personal checks are accepted.

Materials Fees are:
\$20.00 (Grades Pre-K thru 3)
&
\$25.00 (Grades 4-8)

Your child receives:
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 Planner (Grades 4-8)
Thank you!



Do you have questions or concerns regarding bus transportation?

Call
Berry Transportation

504.365.8327



Lunch Applications are past due!

All lunch/breakfast applications should be completed and returned to the homeroom teacher immediately!

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.

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Building A
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With
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Advocating for
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*Fannie C. Williams
(1882-1980)*

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3700 Orleans Ave. (American Can Co.)
(10-7 M-Th, 10-5 Sa)

Get a library card, it's free!

The Hornets' Bookmobile was back on campus, Thursday, August 25th. Students in grades Pre-K through 4th grades were given a free Scholastic book to enhance their personal libraries at home. Ms. Wyman and her students display their new books on right. The books were well-received by all Warriors. Thank you to the Hornets Basketball Team for such a generous gesture and Warrior faculty member Ms. Whittington for organizing the event.

