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"Building A Great School"



Donuts with Dad



What a pleasant surprise we had on Friday, March 9th, when the Warrior Café filled to capacity with students and their fathers, grandfathers, or the significant adult male figures in their lives.

We had dads of all shapes, sizes, and ages on hand to have a donut (or two), orange juice, or milk with our students—their kids. It was a delight to see daddies interacting with their young ones for the morning's festivities.

Motivational speaker Stanley Schofield put his extra special spin

on the jobs of fathers as protectors and providers as only he could.

There was a photographer present, who took pictures of dads and their kids to commemorate the morning. Photojournalist Peter Nakhid photographed for Warriors and their fathers for his exhibit.

Thanks to the teachers of the Green School for putting on this annual event.

We hope to see even more dad's next year in our new facility!

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Additional pictures from Donuts with Dad can be found on our new website at www.fanniecwilliams.org



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Warriors should be prompt everyday to school-especially for testing!

3rd Quarter Principal's Honor Roll 4.0 GPA

Name	Grade
Dale M. Baham	1
Jerome A. Brown	1
Nadja Jefferson	1
Jordan C. Livas	1
Mya S. Norman	1
Hayley Jones	2
Keymidria M. Winn	2
Robert Lewis	4

"A" Honor Roll 3.9-3.5 GPA

Isaiah E. Bynum	1
Dominer R. Davis	1
Devin M. Kelley	1
Marco A. Lazo	1
Akilah J. Senior	1
Janaya A. Walker	1
Jayia Baham	2
Tyrin Batiste	2
Iyana Corley	2
Shannon Corley	2
Herbert Foster	2
Darvel Hall	2
Dallas L. Jacquet	2
Elijah Sigure	2
Alexis Williams	2
Byron Hall	3
Kodey Cooper	4
Kapricheia M. Lewis	4
Kiara A. Pendleton	4
Shaun L. Holden	5
Arian M. Williams	8

"B" Honor Roll 3.4-3.0 GPA

Antoine E. Banks	1
Knowledge K. Carr	1
Terrell R. Carter	1
Ja'myra C. George	1
Darryl J. Jackson	1
Ernest J. LeCoq	1
Mighal M. Martinez	1
Zion McNabb	1
Tyrone A. Morgan	1
William H. Parker	1
Edward N. Spencer	1
Antione N. Williams	1
Elvis A. Zulli	1
Kailah Brown	2
Janaé J. Davenport	2
Imani C. Davis	2
Marcus Hence	2
Malik M. Kendrick	2

Henry T. Rhodes	2
Monica Richardson	2
Dwayne Walker	2
Shawnneil Youngblood	2
Kyren T. Bowman	3
Aaliyah L. Isom	3
D'Shante A. James	3
Jakel D. Jones	3
Jacob Livas	3
Kalia A. Matthews	3
Jacorey Warner	3
Ny'Asiahia A. White	3
Jaleel Bowman	4
Joshua Drakes	4
D'Wayne Jackson	4
Ja'Nya A. Sims	4
Chrisshine I. Matthews	5
Dy'Nyra N. Jackson	6
Darial M. Maye	6
Kristine T. Vo	6
Tionna T. Washington	6
Mystyc B. Robertson	7
Ashante Knox	8
Patrick Theard	8
Milisha M. Williams	8

Color Him Father
 There's a man at my house
 he's so big and strong
 He goes to work each day,
 stays all day long
 He comes home each night
 look tired and beat
 He sits down at the dinner
 table and has a bite to eat
 Never a frown always a smile
 When he says to me how's my
 child
 I've been studying hard all day
 in school
 Tryin' to understand the golden
 rule
 Think I'll color this man
 father
 I think I'll color him love
 Said I'm gonna color him
 father
 I think I'll color him love, yes
 I will
 He says education is the thing
 if you wanna compete
 Because without it son, life
 ain't very sweet . . .

More Donuts with Dad Pictures



Color Him Father (as sung by The Winstons), 1969. Lyrics by Richard Lewis Spencer. It won a Grammy for the Best R&B Song in 1970. This

very sentimental song has also been recorded by Country & Western singer Linda Martell and Blues singer Keb'Mo'.



You're invited to
**VIET Supports Education
 through
 STEM Games & Challenges 2012**
presented by
 BP

**Saturday, April 21st
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Village de l'Est NORD Park**

Bring your portable chair and blanket and be ready to cheer for your favorite school (Fannie C. Williams Charter, of course)

Concession Stand will be open to purchase food and drinks



Rainy Day Schedule - Saturday, April 28th

Summertime Means Kids & Water

Now is the time to inquire about swimming lessons for your child.

Many area pools offer lessons to children (and adults) free. Call to inquire about lessons. Those in **bold** are in the East.

- **Joe Brown Pool** (5601 Read Blvd.) - 504.606.9393
- **UNO Lakefront Arena** (6801 Franklin Ave.) - 504.620.3135
- Tulane University Reily Rec Ctr. (McAlister Dr.) 504.836.2238

registration opens May 1, 2012, ages 5-Adult; limited enrollment



Fannie's Got Brass with Class

New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation Promotes Brass Bands in Local Schools

About 45 years ago, New Orleans was in danger of losing its tradition of Brass Bands.



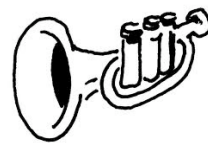
These ensembles composed of trumpets, trombones, clarinets, saxophones, a tuba, a bass drum and snare drum, had been an important part of the city's musical heritage. They date back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The early bands played a fusion of European military-styled music and African folk music. Benevolent society organizations—that later would become social & pleasure clubs—would hire these musicians to play for funerals. The band would be the first line and the spectators (dancers) became known as the second line. Early brass bands included Eureka Brass Band, Onward Brass Band, Tuxedo Brass Band, Olympia Brass Band, and Excelsior Brass Band. A young Louis Armstrong was known to have developed his "chops" playing in brass bands through the streets of the city.

In the '70s and '80s, this type of music enjoyed a renaissance due to the intercession of native Danny Barker. Barker developed the Fairview Baptist Church Brass Band, that developed the talents of clarinetist Dr. Michael White, tuba players Anthony "Tuba Fats", Kirk Joseph, and percussionist Herlin Riley, to name a few. Barker taught the nuisances of musicianship to very young people, thus guaranteeing a new generation of musicians in this genre. This group has now reached middle age and its time for a new group of musicians to evolve. With this in mind, the N.O. Jazz & Heritage Festival Foundation decided to develop a competition among area middle and high schools. The winners would win money to buy instruments. The contest was held on Sunday, March 26th on Rampart Street.



Fifteen bands competed, including the newly developed Young Warrior Brass Band. Among the youngest musicians in the contest, our boys gave a heroic effort. They were rewarded with \$750.00 for the fine effort they put forth. Congratulations to the Young Warrior Brass Band and Mistrs Petit, Vaughn, and Webster. Visit www.fanniecwilliams.org for additional pictures. ###



Message from Our Principal/CEO



April 5, 2012

Dear Parents of FCW Charter,

We're closing in on the last weeks of the current school year. It has been a year of many firsts for us.

We became a charter school—with all the rewards and hard work that encompasses. We've seen a surge in the number of student organizations on campus. There is no escaping the "sound of music" on our campus these days. We've made a conscientious effort to instill, at a greater level, the ABCs in our curriculum—**Art, Band, and Choir**. The results have been rewarding. It has provided our students with an opportunity at a well-rounded education, that allows their "creative juices the opportunity to flow."

Our artists-in-residence have provided us with visual delights such as posters, paper maché figures for our Fall Festival, and paintings depicting the 4Ps. As they've gained confidence in their talents, they've entered contests and have placed in these competitions.

Our vocal music students have performed at Celebration in the Oaks during the Christmas holidays. The recorder class of fourth graders had the opportunity to perform with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra during the fall's Young People's Concert. We've also seen them perform at school assemblies. The Choir is scheduled to perform at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival in early May.

The Warrior Band and Auxiliary Units participated in several Mardi Gras parades this past Carnival Season. The Marching Warriors also performed at several RSD-sponsored events and were well received. A few Saturdays ago, the drumline participated in a drum clinic and competition at Sophie Wright School.

This year has also seen the development of the brass band tradition on our campus. Mr. Petit and his assistants—Misters Webster and Vaughn—put together a New Orleans-styled brass band, now known as the Young Warrior Brass Band. They competed on Sunday, March 25th in the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival Foundations competition on Rampart Street against 14 other local area schools. Their effort was fantastic!

We've also had the opportunity to place some of our students in the district's gifted and talented programs in art, theatre, and music.

These opportunities have allowed our students the chance to "shine." Writer Maya Angelou states she "believes every person is born with a talent." We believe that Ms. Angelou is correct; we've seen so many blossom this year in the arts. Diving so deeply into the arts has provided many of our students with a sense of discipline and accomplishment. Studies have shown that learners attain a higher level of academic achievement when they have exposure daily to the arts. No one can question the correlation between math and music. The arts can provide "a level playing field for our students" when they are exposed to it.

Dedicated teachers instructing students at the highest level will provide students with a chance at learning experiences that will make them fully engaged—using their hearts, bodies, and minds.

We want to keep you abreast of the many happenings at FCWCS. **Our new website (www.fanniecwilliams.org) will help to illustrate and inform parents all the positive things that occur on our campus each day.** It will also provide parents, looking for a great school for their son or daughter, the information they need to make an informed choice. Please visit this site often to keep abreast of what's going on at 11755 Dwyer Road at Bullard.

Until next month . . .

Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO

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.**

April 10, 2012

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

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

Lost & Found Growing



It's getting warm—but we've still got sweaters, jackets, hats, etc. that have not made it back home. The pile is getting quite large and these items are "begging to come home." Drop by and ask to check the **Lost & Found** for clothing, eyeglasses, etc.

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

Don't lose it—label it!

Student items such as book bags, jackets, sweaters, eyeglasses, hats, books, etc. should be labeled with the child's first and last name and classroom number. If found on campus, they are returned!

Suicide Prevention 1-800-273-TALK



The Box Top Campaign for 2011-2012 was a great success! Keep clipping and send them to school for next year's campaign. **10% goes back to Fannie C. Williams Charter School when you clip!** We'll save them to redeem for 2012-2013. Thanks for aiding our effort!

Web Sites Worth A Look . . .

www.loc.gov (Library of Congress)
www.nutria.org (N.O. Public Library)
www.abcfastphonics.com
www.bls.gov/k12/ (What Do You Like?)

www.factmonster.com (Reference)
www.achievement.org/galleryachieve
www.nationalgeographic.com
www.animalfactguide.com
www.coolmath4kids.com



Did you **secure a seat for your child** for the 2012-2013 school year?

{one App}

One application. Many choices.
The new Public School Enrollment Process

You did if you re-enrolled your child by using RSD's one App process by the March 31st deadline. See the RSD's website for details or call our main office (504.373.6228) if you have questions or still need to enroll.

www.rsdl.net

Be there for the
Opening of the
East New Orleans
Regional Library
5614 Read Boulevard

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Thursday, April 12, 2012
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Grand Opening Celebration
Saturday, April 14, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
(take the family to this one!)

Come see your New Neighborhood Library!



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 10th
at 6:00 p.m. in the ISC Conference Rm.

Find fantastic things to do with
your little ones by visiting . . .



<http://neworleans.marcronikid.com>

—Ms. A. Preston, FCWCS Kindergarten Teacher

Pennies for Patients
ISC (main office) brought in
the most pennies - \$61.69!
Thanks for the effort on
behalf of leukemia patients
and the search for a cure.



Only two left! Show your Fannie pride!
School Pride Dress Down Days
\$1.00

Date	Benefits
Friday, April 20	8th Grade Class
Friday, May 18	Awards Day Program

We're still looking . . .

Want Ad



We are still in need of a **Den Mother** to revitalize our Cub Scout troop for the 2012-13 school year. Any moms who are desirous of working with boys in grades 1-5, please consider leading our troop. Any takers out there?

Contact CEO/Principal Kelly Batiste
(504.373.6228) if you can help!

School Takes Precautions Against Buck Moth Caterpillars

New Orleans is a city filled with ancient Live Oak Trees. The largest group of these beautiful plants are found in City Park, with more than 240 of them in residence. The Live Oak Tree is known for its strength, stability, and steadfastness. It also known as the breeding ground for the Buck Moth Caterpillar.



This common insect loves the Live Oak, Willow, and other deciduous plants common in our city. The larvae emerge in the spring, covered with hollow spines. These spines are attached to a poison sac, which can be harmful to humans. Our KaBoom! Playground area was recently off-limits to our student body due to an infestation of these insects. Many of our neighbors have trees that are popular breeding spots for the Buck Moth Caterpillar. Pest control contractors have eliminated the insects from our campus.

What happens if you touch a caterpillar? It will hurt, the degree of discomfort depends on the individual. The poison can cause symptoms that can range from itching, burning of the skin, to nausea. Some individuals have visibly infected sites up to 10 days after the sting. Some individuals develop a rash. Reactions can range from a slight discomfort to severe reactions requiring a trip to the doctor. The immune system of the person determines the degree of discomfort.

Watch for these insects near your home and warn your children not to touch.

Visit www.poisontentertampa.org for more info. ###



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 6.

Save this issue of the **WARRIOR NEWS** to keep abreast of FCW Charter's activities.
Amirius Lazard, Grade K, won March's drawing because her parents read the WARRIOR NEWS!

Upcoming Campus Happenings**Tuesday, April 3rd**LEAP Night for 4th & 8th Grade Parents
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Media Center (Library)**Thurs., April 5th & Fri., April 6th**

Professional Development for Teachers & Good Fri.

NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS**Tuesday, April 10th**PTA Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
Media Center (School Library)
Board of Directors Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
ISC Conference Rm.**Thursday, Friday, April 12-13th****Monday, Tuesday, April 16-17th****Mandatory, state-wide
ITBS/iLEAP/LEAP Testing
Grades 2-8****Friday, April 20th**

4th Quarter Progress Reports issued to students

Week of April 23-27th**Spring Break - NO SCHOOL**

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

May Activities (Times & Places TBA)**Tuesday, May 1st**

Picture Day for Pre-K, K, & 8th Grades

Friday, May 4th

Muffins for Mom

Friday, May 11st

Spring Bling Festival

Monday & Tuesday, May 14-15th

Final Exams (all classes)

Wednesday, May 16th

8th Grade Career Day

Thursday, May 17th8th Grade Field Trip
Pre-K End of Year Ceremony**We're on the web . . .**Visit us at our **new website** for additional
information at**fanniecwilliams.org****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.



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

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Upcoming Campus Happenings
(continued from col. 1)**Friday, May 18th**

8th Grade Picnic

Friday, May 18th

Kindergarten End-of-Year Ceremony

Saturday, May 19th

8th Grade Ceremony

Wednesday, May 23rdEnd-of-the-Year Awards Program
Last Day of School for Students**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**New Orleans City Council Election**Don't forget to **VOTE**It's important-**Sat., April 21st**

PTA® *Be a part of
our
growth-join
the PTA!*
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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. Also visit us on the web at fanniecwilliams.org.

I've read the April 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 _____