



# Warrior News

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"Building A Great School "

## Raffle for Saints Tickets Aid FCWCS Marching

## Marching Units Sponsor Fundraiser

The band and auxiliary units—dance troupe, cheerleaders, majorettes, flag twirlers—and leaders are busy earning money for uniforms, transportation costs and other needed items for this upcoming parade season.

Earlier this school year, the group held a successful car wash on campus on a cool Saturday October morning. Parents, Warriors and staff turned out in large numbers, washing cars, trucks, and SUVs in an attempt to keep costs down for participants.



Their most recent fundraiser was a raffle of two (2) tickets for the highly anticipated Saints vs. Falcons Monday Night Football game, the day after Christmas.

We are proud to announce the winner was Erin (no last name given on ticket)

**Suicide Prevention 1-800-273-**



Parent, Ms. Tomeka McKinnis, aids 4th graders India Davis (center) and Kaprechia Lewis pull the winning ticket for the pair of Saints vs. Falcons

## P. T. A. Officers Inducted

Fannie C. Williams Charter inducted its inaugural set of officers during its December meeting in the school's library. Pictured are Tremica LeCoq, Treasurer (left), Darvel Burgess, Vice-President (center), and



## MLK, Jr. Birthday School Holiday

Parents are reminded that **there will be no school on Monday, January 16**, in observance of civil rights



Warrior Scholar Mya Evans, 3rd grade student of Mrs. Porter, Room

## Mya Evans Makes "A" Honor Roll

Third grader **Mya Evans, of Mrs. Porter's class**, made the "A" Honor Roll with a 3.66 GPA during the 1st quarter marking period. However, we left her name off the list that was published in December's issue of Warrior News.

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**Message from Our Principal**

January 8, 2012

Dear Parents of FCW Charter



If you've been on campus recently, I'm sure you've notice how the new building is progressing.

It's moving—it is about 1/3 complete at this point. Each day a little more is finished on our new building. We are making inroads in the classroom in the same manner as the construction crew outside our windows. Each day our students are a little more ahead than they were the day before.

However, occasionally we hit a snag, just as it happens in construction. Lessons have to be re-taught, students are absent, inclement weather disrupts our plans—the unexpected. It happens in the construction industry, at school, and I'm sure, at your home.

But we are a resilient group—you have to be if you teach or are a parent. You bounce back. Those

lessons that need re-teaching, the staff handles. But sometimes students need a little extra TLC (tender loving care) and that's where our Saturday Warrior Academy comes into play!

This is our 5th year of providing small group sessions for our students needing that extra academic push. For nine (9) weeks this winter, FCWCS staff will tutor students, in grades 3 through 8, who need intervention to see them become successful for the upcoming spring testing known as LEAP and iLEAP. Letters have gone home inviting students to attend these sessions. It is important you return them indicating your willingness for your child to spend two hours Saturday mornings with us from January 21–March 31 (with two weeks off for Mardi Gras).

Saturday mornings, from 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m., students and teachers will work diligently to take our Warriors over the top to **SUCCESS. Parental involvement is needed in providing**

**Mission Statement of Fannie C. Williams Charter School**

The mission of Fannie C. Williams School is to achieve the highest academic success through collaboration

**Academic Quarters • Grading Periods**

1st Quarter

2nd Quarter

August 11 – October 20

October 21 – January 12  
3rd Quarter

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 **Monday, February 13, 2012?** (we're meeting on Monday, the 13th due to

**PTA Off to A Great Start! Are You In?**

Newly elected officers of FCWCS's Parent-Teacher Association were inducted during the December meeting in the school's library. The Ceremony was presided over by Michelle Roy, Vice-President of the St. Tammany District PTA. By-laws have been established for our association. They were read and approved by those in attendance.

The officers are as follows: Barbara Johnson, President; Darvel Burgess, Vice-President; Tremica LeCoq, Treasurer. Their term of office concludes with the end of this school session. **A special election was conducted at the January 10th meeting to fill the Secretary's office. Ireane Hall was elected to fill the office** after the initial winner was unable to fulfill her commitment at this time.

The PTA is open to all parents and friends of Fannie C. Williams Charter. The purpose of the national organization is to provide "parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child and the best tools to help their children be safe, healthy and successful—in school and in life." It is the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation. It serves as a constant reminder of our obligations to children.

Surveying those schools that are experiencing success almost always include a Parent-Teacher Association on campus. Many members of

*"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."* –Frederick Douglass, Civil Rights Activist

(1818?–1895)

**The Board of Directors**

of

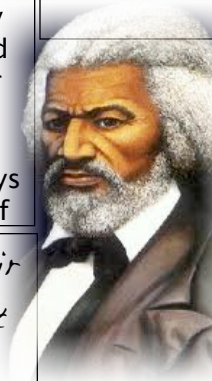
Fannie C. Williams Charter School  
Community Leaders Advocating Student  
Success  
(C.L.A.S.S.)

Debra Dean, President

**will hold its monthly  
meeting on**

**Did you know? . . .**

- Frederick Douglass was born a slave who later escaped from bondage.
- He became a leader in the abolitionist movement, becoming famous for his oratory delivery and anti-slavery writings.
- He stood as a counter-example to slave owners claims that blacks had no



## Important Info- READ Me!

Important Dates concerning FCWCS enrollment for 2012-13

☐ Intent to Return Forms due back 01/20/12

☐ New Application Released by RSD 2/6/12

☐ Applications due

Did you know . . .  
5th Grader **Mykal Gardner** won 2nd Place in Friends of Joe Brown Memorial Park & Louisiana Nature Center Nike Art Contest?

Mykal had to design a custom Nike shoe. She was announced 2nd place winner at the Holiday Celebration in Joe Brown Park on Saturday, December 10th.



The Warrior Store sells school paper, pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, notebooks, pencil sharpeners, etc. All the school supplies you need to be a productive Warrior. Stop by today!

Are you as smart as these kindergarten students? You are if you shop at the Warrior Store. Open 7:30-8:00 a.m. daily near the main office.

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

## Decision Time Coming Soon Regarding 2012-2013 School

### One Application. Many Choices.

A new enrollment process is coming this spring that will be easier for families to manage and match more students to one of their top choice schools

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

#### One Application

- 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

#### One Way to Rank Schools

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

#### One Set of Priorities

- 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

#### One Timeline

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

#### One Offer

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

### Key Dates for Families to Remember:



**Week of Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**  
New Application Released



**March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Applications Due



**Week of May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Notification Letters Mailed

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## Saturday Warrior Academy

Sessions serve as tutorials in extra small group sessions

On January 21, our yearly Saturday Warrior Academy will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this nine-week series of tutorials is to provide LEAP intervention sessions to students who are near earning a "Basic" rating on the state mandated assessment.

These sessions will be in small groups, taught by the staff of FCWCS. Special inventions will be sent home to parents who teachers feel will benefit from this type of intervention. The letter and a permission slip will go home the week of January 9 and parents are asked to send it back to school by Friday, January 13.

Parents will be responsible for bringing and picking up their child from school. Bus transportation is not available. Parents must pick their child up promptly at 11:00 a.m.



The sessions will be held the following Saturdays: January 21 & 28, February 4 &





Warrior Christmas Program Album  
December 21, 2011



Our 5th Annual Christmas Program was a feast for the eyes and ears. Decorations and music brought the spirit of the season to our campus. We've become a school filled with musicians, vocalists, thespians, and dancers. What a great way to express the season of giving through our talents.



# Middle School Student-Athletes



## Fannie C. Williams Charter Boys' 2011 Basketball Schedule

Nov. 12 @ Behrman, 10:20 a.m.

Behrman vs. Fannie C. Williams Charter

Nov. 19 @ Walker, 9:40 a.m.

Harte vs. Fannie C. Williams Charter

Dec. 3 @ Behrman, 9:40 a.m.

Fannie C. Williams Charter vs. McD #32

Dec. 10 @ Walker, 11:00 a.m.

Fannie C. Williams vs. Fischer

Dec. 17 @ Walker, 9:00 a.m.

**2011-2012 Squad** ● #3 Corey Williams, 7th Grader (G); #4 Christian Williams, 7th (G); #10 Ramone Scott, 8th (F); #11 Patrick Theard, 8th (F); #12 Colby Williams, 6th (G); #13 Kevin West, 8th (F); #23 Kevin Sandifer, 8th (G); #24 Willie Ambeau, 8th (F); #25 Donovan Holden, 8th (F); #33 Purnell Jefferson, 8th (C); #50 Ernest Jackson, 7th (C).

This years' Warrior Basketball Team got a big lift from 8th grade court-master **Willie Ambeau** and newcomer **Purnell Jefferson**, after losing many of our players to high school. Returning Warriors were **Kevin Sandifer** and **Kevin West**. Kudos to **Willie** and **Purnell** who both lead in scoring, steals, and out and out hustle. Most Improved is definitely power forward **Kevin West**. **West**



Warrior Basketball Album

FCW vs. Fischer

12/10/11



## Warriors are always . . . Prompt, Polite, Productive, and Prepared



## Warriors Learn Compassion During Visit to Homeless Shelter

At Fannie C. Williams Charter School, we believe each member of our school community is responsible for maintaining an environment that promotes quality teaching and learning for all.

Based on this belief, we have attempted to clearly define acceptable versus unacceptable student conduct, identify possible interventions to address unacceptable conduct and ensure that all interventions are applied fairly, promptly and appropriately. Our expectations are simple—all Warriors are expected to be . . .

### PROMPT, POLITE, PRODUCTIVE & PREPARED!

We refer to these expectations as the **4Ps** and we spend the first few weeks of school teaching this concept to all students. As the new calendar for 2012 appears, we again reinforce this concept. We refer to it as learning "the culture of Fannie C. Williams Charter School."

Visit a classroom at FCWCS and you will find the **4Ps** displayed on the classroom's wall. They are the basis of our school-wide discipline plan in our school community. All students should exhibit the **4Ps** of Warrior Behavior, whether at school or at school functions, such as field trips or athletic events.

The school and the home are a team. In order for students to grow academically, socially and emotionally, it is important that the the school and parents work as a team. Parents should

Christmas is the season of giving, but many are never taught that aspect of late December.

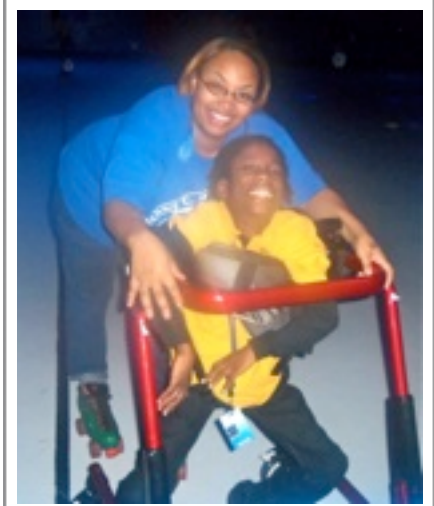
Many individuals— young and old, wait with keen anticipation to open brightly wrapped gifts on Christmas morning. It is easy to forget the "reason for the season." Our Christmas Program and subsequent words by administration stressed the importance of giving instead of receiving. Before the start of the two week holiday, several Warriors were given the opportunity to see this in action. Staff members of the VIET's Afterschool Academy took several students on a field trip to a homeless shelter to deliver gently worn clothes and toiletries to residents. Fourth grader **Makayla Lezoo** recounts her visit to the Warrior News below

*My friend and I are riding to MS. later we made it to the homeless shelter. They had 96 beds in the homeless shelter. They eat three times a day. They were nice enough to give us snacks because we were kind. That is my story about my field trip to the homeless shelter."*

Trips like these expose students to the

### PBS Photo Album

*Following the 4Ps had scores of Grades 3-8 students earning a trip to Skate Country December 15. Pre-K through 2 grade saw "Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked." Thanks to Ms. Theard for the use of her photos.*







### Box Tops Are Still On Our Wish List

These coupons are always welcomed at FCW Charter School. Why? Because they are worth 10 cents each for our school treasury.

Please clip them off each household product that you see them and send

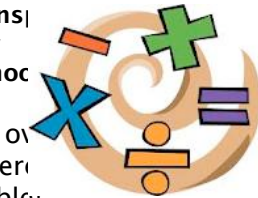
### There's room for a few more . . .

Space still available in Afterschool Academy 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 Transl yellow schoc free by

Come on up, there's available: sign s



### Warrior Cub Scout Troop Seeks Den Mother-Can You Help?



The Cub Scouts is for boys in the 1st through the 5th grades, or 7–10 years old. Our Warrior Troop was off to a good start this year until our Den Mother had a change in her work schedule and can no longer make the after school meetings.

The Cub Scouts are entering the 82nd

*"When a boy finds someone who takes an interest in him, he responds and follows." –Baden-Powell, British founder of Scouting*



### 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.



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.



### School Pride Dress Down

#### Date School/Activity

Dress Down Day Fund Raiser \$1.00	
January 27	Green School
February 17	Enrichment
March 30	Band
April 20	8th Grade
May 18	Awards Day



The **PTA** of  
Fannie C. Williams Charter  
School

### is conducting a Membership Drive

January 6 – March 31, 2012  
membership is \$5.00  
per family

The homeroom with the  
largest  
percentage of families  
belonging  
will be treated to a



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 Ja'nae Jones won the December 2011 drawing. Congratulations Ja'nae!

**I've read the January 2012 issue of Warrior News . . .**

please enter my child in this month's drawing.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Rm. No. \_\_\_\_\_

### Upcoming Campus Happenings

Monday, Tuesday  
January 9, 10  
Semester Exams

Tuesday, January 10  
P.T.A. Meeting @ 5:00 p.m., Library

Monday, January 16  
Warrior Marching Band & Auxiliary Units  
New Orleans' MLK, Jr. Parade

Monday, January 16  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
No School, classes resume on Tues.,  
January 17

Wednesday, January 18  
Report Card Conferences  
Time: 4:30–6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 20  
2nd Quarter Awards Celebration

January 21–March 31, 2012  
Saturday Academy for LEAP remediation  
begins  
8:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



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

### Cummings–Wilson AME Church

1001 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

### Parking Changes on Campus

Due to construction, parents of car riders will no longer be able to park in the parking lot fronting the module buildings at FCWCS. Parents will have to park on Bullard Avenue and walk their child to the campus.

**Please do not use Dwyer Road for parking**, it has been designated for school buses ONLY! Questions? Please feel free to contact the school at



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