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"Building A Great School"



Muffins for Mom



We're getting use to parents showing up in large numbers for our Annual Muffins for Moms Day and we love it! Just like March's Donuts with Dad, MFM was standing room only, with more than 125 mothers (grandmothers or aunts) in attendance.

This marked our 4th MFM Celebration and you can be assured that we will celebrate our Mothers and Fathers again next school year in March and May. Grandparents don't feel left out. Remember we always start the school year with your special day in September. See you in the Fall! ###

C.L.A.S.S. Board Member Al Edwards Sponsors

Flight for Excellence

Motivating students to do their best is always a challenge. But recently the administrative team and board members came up

with a unique way. Students in grades 5-7 were offered a tour of the city from the inside of a single-engine Piper plane. *(continued on pg. 3)*



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Message from Our Principal/CEO
May 7, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We're down to 12 school days remaining in this academic year.

This, our final newsletter of the year, has an extensive calendar that covers two pages (5 and 8) of the remaining activities for 2011-2012. You will also find the **TENTATIVE DATE** for the opening of school for the 2012-2013 academic year. We hope you will use the school's website at www.fanniecwilliams.org to keep you abreast of the many details that go into running a charter school in the 21st century. Families without computers and the 'Net would do well to utilize the N.O. East or Mayer (in Gentilly near Dillard University) Public Libraries to keep current. Please make sure that we have a current address and phone number(s) for your family so that correspondence we send out will find you.

Messages will be sent home regarding the final report card conferences to be held for

this year. Parents will pick up student cards. Students in need of remediation for LEAP deficiencies will need to enroll in summer school. The summer session will be held May 29-June 29 (Monday through Thursday), 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. LEAP re-testing will take place during the final week of the month-long session.

Parents who still have not reserved a seat for their child for next year should secure a One-App from one of the Parent Centers (Reed, Landry, Cohen, and Carver). Students not enrolled prior to the deadline of May 23 are not guaranteed a seat for next year. The enrollment process is being handled by the Recovery School District, not the administration or staff of FCWCS.

This year has been a productive and rewarding one. We hope to see all of our family back in August. Keep your young ones safe and prepared to return to us in 10 short weeks. Until August . . .

Kelly S. Batiste, Principal



DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) Testing Measures Reading Skills

Four times yearly lower elementary students reading skills are tested. The assessment looks at Phonemic Awareness, Alphabetic Principle, Accuracy & Fluency, and Vocabulary Comprehension. Pictured above is kindergartener Angela Williams and teacher Mrs. A. Williams. Reading to children at home helps to improve these scores and your child's ability to become proficient and avid readers.



Last Call for Lost Clothes!

We're making one final effort to return lost clothing, eyeglasses, etc. to their owners. See Dean Sisco for details. Clothing left at the end of the year will be given to the Goodwill.

Web Sites Worth A Look . . .

Good ways to keep your child (or yourself) occupied with positive activities on the web!

www.funschool.kaboose.com
www.whitehouse.gov
www.carnegiecyberacademy.com
www.adlit.org (adults & educators)
www.kidsbutterfly.org
www.yourdictionary.com
www.seattletimes.nwsource.com/special/mlk (MLK, Jr.)
www.gamequarium.com
www.pbskids.org
www.abcnews.go.com
www.congressforkids.net
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing



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

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.



Our campus is a "Bully Free Zone." We encourage all Warriors to be a "buddy and not a bully." Report all problems to a teacher, administrator, or staff member immediately!



-FINAL MEETING of 2011-12-
Fannie C. Williams Charter School
PTA General Meeting and
PTA Board Elections
Awards Presentations

Tuesday May 8, 2012

5:00 p.m. in the Media Center (Library)

Seeking nominations for next year's officers—President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary
Names should be forwarded to Ms. Preston,

by Monday, May 7th

Refreshment served!

Barbara Johnson, President

The Board of Directors
of

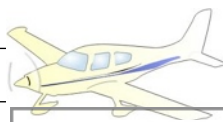
Fannie C. Williams Charter School
Community Leaders Advocating Student Success
(C.L.A.S.S.)

Debra Dean, President

will hold its next monthly meeting on

Tuesday, May 8th

at 6:00 p.m. Site: ISC Conf. Room



Flight for Excellence

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What would they have to achieve to take this unique ride? The 10 top scoring scholars on the Achievement Network Test (A-Net) in grades 5-7 would earn a seat on the plane that would allow them to see the city of New Orleans from a unique vantage point.

Board of Directors member Al Edwards of Ely Edwards Enterprises would be our pilot and host. Thirty students earned the honor, with 29 of them actually taking their seat on board.

What a fantastic way to see the Crescent City, while soaring high academically and literally above our great City during their Flight for Excellence. ###



Congratulations to Our Aviators! Keeping flying academically!

5th Graders

Mykal Gardner
Sanaa Morris
Geraldine Bados
Jasmine Pierre
Destiny Darby
Frank Lewis
Sheldon Scott
Mark Kendrick
Farrell Thompson

6th Graders

D'Nyra Jackson
Frannisha Lewis
Darial May
Theresa Scott
Mya Ruffin

Dantie Spells
Willie Francis
Myron Harris
Romallice Anderson

7th Graders

Mystic Robertson
Raven Bolden
Brittany White
Ashley Washington
Natali Botero
Cedriesha Harris
Alneka Allen
Jaquan Jackson
Alton Harris

*They're flying high on . . .
E D U C A T I O N !!!*



Pre-Flight Thoughts

"I think that the plane ride is going to be excellent!"

—Alton Harris

"I am so scared because I never been in a plane, but I know my friends will be there for me." —Mykal T. Gardner

"I am nervous to fly for the first time." —Tionna Washington

"... I'm excited. I'm very excited because even though I've seen the city, but not from the air. It's very cool us to be doing this field trip. I'm proud of myself because I worked hard on my test . . ."

—Natali Botero

"I am very excited to go up in a plane today." —Willie Francis

"... I am also scared and nervous because I've never been on a plane. I'm surprised that I made the Top 5." —Sanaa Morris

"I'm so excited on this trip because this is my first time going up in an airplane . . . I've never seen the city from up in the air. This day will be very fun! I am so lucky to be a student from Fannie C. Williams Charter School!!!" —Geraldine Bados

Patrick Theard Honored

8th Grader Inspirational Student Hero

Congratulations goes out to 8th Grader **Patrick Theard** who was honored on Wednesday, May 2nd by Cox Communications. Theard was honored during the annual Inspiration Heroes Breakfast for overcoming adversity in order to be a successful student at FCWCS.

For the past 19 years, K-12 schools in the metro area have selected one (1) student to be honored for meeting special challenges, overcoming adversity, helping others or being a hero in many other ways. **Patrick Theard** was our selection for the 2011-2012 school year for the 20th Annual Cox Inspirational Heroes Breakfast/Recognition at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner.



Mom and Patrick Theard

"Patrick is one of the most resilient and focused young men I've met."

—CAO "Terri" Williams

"Patrick is a very sensitive young man who genuinely cares about others." —Principal/CEO Kelly Batiste
photo above by T. Williams

More Pictures from . . .
Muffins for Mom



mother - n. a woman in relation to a child to whom she has given birth and/or nurtured. Also known as mom, mum, mama, ma, parent, mommy, or mummy.



Check our website for additional pictures from this and other events covered in this newsletter!
www.fanniecwilliams.org

VIET Promotes Literacy in East

VIET sponsored a "read-a-thon" by inviting individuals with ties to N.O. East to read to our Pre-K through 3rd graders. Pictured is Ms. Karen Dominic, an assistant with Congressman Cedric Richmond, reading to Mrs. D. Wiltz's class on May 3rd.



Nat'l Lemonade Day, Sat., May 5

Cheerleader Sparkle Richardson represented Warrior entrepreneurs during NLD. Fannie C. sold more than 350 cups of lemonade on Bullard at Lake Forest! Thanks to all who supported our stand.



Photo by T. Petit

Upcoming Campus Happenings

Week of May 7 - 11
Staff Appreciation Week

Monday, May 7
2nd Grade Field Trip to Skate Country

Monday, May 7
FCWCS Blood Drive for Parents & Staff
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8
Final PTA Meeting of the Year
Election of Officers for 2012-2013
Presentation of Awards
5:00 p.m. - Media Ctr. (Library)

C.L.A.S.S. (Board of Directors) Meeting
6:00 p.m. (ISC Conference Room)

Wednesday, May 9
Jacqueline Woodson,
Children's and Young Adult Author,
Ms. Tolliver's Pre-K Class
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 10
Marching Warriors Field Trip

Friday, May 11
PBS Spring Bling for students who follow
the 4Ps! Wristbands \$6.00

Monday, May 14 & Tuesday, May 15
Final Exams, Grades 1-8

Monday, May 14
Pre-K & K Field Trip

Wednesday, May 16
Pre-K Promotional Activity

Wednesday, May 16
Middle School Career Day

Wednesday, May 16
Kindergarten Field Trip

Thursday, May 17
Kindergarten Field Trip
2nd Grade Field Trip
8th Grade Field Trip

Friday, May 18
Kindergarten Promotional Activity

Friday, May 18
Last Dress Down Friday for '12 - \$1.00

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Warriors Take the STEM Challenge & Win!



VIET Supports Education through Academic Games

Our community partners, VIET, sponsored STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) games and challenges on Saturday, April 21st at the Village de l'Est Park.

Under the guidance of teacher Ms. J. Battiste, the Warrior Team was victorious in two challenges—science and technology. Our students won two large trophies, G-Shock watches, and bicycles! Our competition was Lake Forest Charter, Lake Castle Private School, and Einstein Charter School. Congratulations team on a job well done! ###



Chuck E. Cheese Fans (above) Mrs. D. Wiltz's 3rd Grade class and 7th Grade girls (right).



There's always something worthwhile happening at FCWCS! (Upper left): Grades 1-3 PBS Golden Easter Egg Winners display their findings. (Top right): 1st Graders from Ms. White's and A. Williams' classes show off their robot projects. (Lower) Chuck E. Cheese visits Bldg. 5 prior to the PTA's fundraiser April 20th.



The documentary, The Weight of the Nation, can be seen on HBO on May 14th and 15th at 8:00 p.m. See the website at www.theweightofthenation.hbo.com

Thomas & Kilbert of OPSB

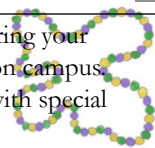
There's A New Library in Town . . .

After what seemed an eternity for book lovers, construction has ended and several new libraries are now open for patrons. The N.O. East Regional Opening Celebration took place on April 14th. ELA instructor, Mrs. N. Butler has already given her class

their first assignment to utilize the facility—get a NOPL Library Card and begin research on a future career. Way to go 7th graders! Pictured (l to r) with their new cards are: Natalie, Stephanie, Diamond, Tyjania, and Dontrell.



We're still collecting those Mardi Gras Beads! Bring your unwanted beads and trinkets to the Security Trailer on campus. Donations are given to the Strive Center for adults with special needs. Thanks.



Collect and save Box Tops all summer long for our **Box Tops for Education Campaign** for 2012-2013. Remember – 10% goes back to our school! Thanks for aiding our efforts for the Warriors



Can you use help putting a good meal on your table?
Visit Cummings-Wilson AME Church
11001 Chef Hwy.

Additional Info: John Patton @ 504.346.4759
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.)
Documents Needed:
Valid State ID or Driver's License; Voter's Registration Card; Proof of Income & Residency in Zip Codes 70127, 70128, or 70129



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.
Dantie Spells, Grade 6, won April's drawing because his parents read the WARRIOR NEWS!

Upcoming Campus Happenings
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Friday, May 18
8th Grade Picnic
LEAP results released

Saturday, May 19
8th Grade Culminating Activity Held

Monday, May 21
Awards Day, Grades 1-7

Wednesday, May 23
Last Report Conference and Parent Mtg.
Time: TBA

Tuesday, May 29 - Friday, June 29
Summer School
Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 29 - Friday, June 29
Band Camp (Small Fee Involved)
Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

TENTATIVE DATES

Thursday, August 9, 2012
1st Day of 2012-2013 School Year
Grades 1-8

-Visit www.fanniecwilliams.org-

Monday, August 13, 2012
1st Day of 2012-2013 School Year
Pre-K and Kindergarten Students

The East New Orleans Regional Library (5614 Read Blvd.)
has **O P E N E D !**
-30,000 square feet-
State-of-the-Art facility—designed as a
“Technology/Innovation” Branch
Same services as the Main Branch
Computers available for public use!



Be a part of the last
\$1.00 Dress Down Friday
May 18th

Remember—clothing must be appropriate for school (no flip-flops, sandals, halter tops, mini-skirts or skinny jeans, boys—no earrings).



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.



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Looking for things to do with your little ones? Visit the website



<http://neworleans.macaronikid.com/>

for excellent suggestions—many are free or nominal in cost!

—Ms. A. Preston, Kindergarten Teacher



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. Dantie Spells won the April 2012 drawing. Congratulations!

I've read the May 2012 issue of WARRIOR NEWS . . .

PLEASE ENTER MY CHILD IN THE FINAL DRAWING FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR!

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ Rm. No. _____

please write legibly

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____