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Superintendent Patrick Dobard, Robert Lewis, Sam Joel, Mrs. Louella Givens and Principal Kelly S. Batiste

We're Home!

November 15, 2012

Finally, we're home! Our new facility is everything we thought it would be—all the bells and whistles of a 21st century school.

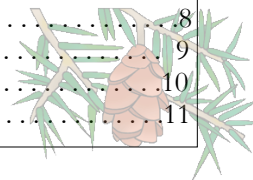
It's been more than a month since we made the trek across the parking lot. But, on Thursday, November 15th, we had our formal ribbon cutting ceremony, allowing the community and the press the opportunity to peek inside our new building.

We had a full house—Rev. Fred Luter Jr. (Franklin Ave. BC), Superintendent Patrick Dobard (RSD), Ira Thomas (OPSB), Terrence Lockett (representing Senator Mary Landriu), Sam Joel (representing City Hall), State Representative Austin Badon Jr., former BESE board member Louella Givens, officials from FEMA and Lake Bullard Homeowner's Association were on hand. Our own Robert Lewis (5th grader), served as Master of Ceremony.

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Warrior Photo Album

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - November 15, 2012



Scenes from our building's dedication on November 15, 2012. Warrior Marching Units greeted honored guests. Inside the Warrior Café, middle school students told of their experiences at FCWCS through song and spoken word. Sam Joel (FCW Middle School Alumn), City Hall, spoke. A pensive and emotional Dean of Students, B. Sisco (left) surveys the scene.



Message from Our Principal/C.E.O.

December 2012

Dear Parents

It's been two months since we've communicated with you through our newsletter. Much has happened.

This month's Warrior News is 12 pages because it is a double-issue, filled with all the things that have happened on campus since October.

Our front page says it all. We've finally moved and formally dedicated our new building. October and November kept us busy, while still doing the most important thing—educating our young people.

There are so many people that I could thank individually for their hard work and efforts to make this school a reality. As I mentioned on November 15th, I would like to thank the staff for giving 110% everyday to ensure that the students entrusted to our care continue to learn and grow. We firmly believe that the Road to College and a productive future begins at 11755 Dwyer Road. Now our students have a building to make that path a lot easier to travel! They deserve it!

Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO



P.T.A. is asking for those bottle caps of Coca-Cola Products!



Please send them to school. Homeroom teachers will collect them. Thanks.

We Love These Coupons . . .

Send us all you got! You can find these coupons on products you buy. We collect them and redeem them for .10 each. They help us to purchase all those little "extras" for our classrooms. Thanks for remembering us.

**Students of the Month
September**

Pre-K: Enajah Toler

Kindergarten: Genayia Leslie

1st Grade: Reagan McKinnis

2nd Grade: Jerome Brown

3rd Grade: Alexis Williams

4th Grade: Byron Hall

5th Grade: Octavia Jackson

6th Grade: Chrishine Matthews

7th Grade: Arielle Jarreau

8th Grade: Nakeitha Williams

October

Pre-K: Marinda Brant

Kindergarten: Javian Neco

1st Grade: Malekia Newman

2nd Grade: Marco Ramirez

3rd Grade: Alvin Amacker

4th Grade: Jakel Jones

5th Grade: Octavia Jackson

6th Grade: Destiny Darby

7th Grade: Destiny Albert

8th Grade: Joshua Pitts

All visitors to our campus must check in the Main Office before going anywhere on campus. You will be asked to sign in the guest book. This is our way of protecting your child! We appreciate your cooperation.

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Grading Quarters

1st Quarter

August 9 - October 4

2nd Quarter

October 5 - December 13

3rd Quarter

Dec. 14- February 28

4th Quarter

March 1 - May 23

**Grading Scale
2012-2013**

Letter Grade Numerical Grade

A	93-100
B	85-92
C	75-84
D	70-74
F	60-69

The new Board of Directors (C.L.A.S.S.)

is as follows: Debra Dean (President), Eddie Davis, Al Edwards, Brenda Flint-Minor, Candice Forest, Donnyette Love, Emily Roubion, and Duane Stelly.

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.



FCWCS Debuts Debate Team

Team part of FCWCS's ExpandedED Learning Program

In September, someone had the great idea to organize a Debate Team at our school as part of the afterschool program.

Mses. Smith, Adams, and Tran, employees of the ExpandedED Learning Program, were chosen as advisors. They would use skills they had acquired in their private and work lives to develop similar talents in their students. Fifteen students were part of the inaugural group.

We are now in December and the team has been very successful in two tourneys—Dibert's and Tulane

University's—where they have competed. They are most successful dealing with topics that involve students—cell phones, uniforms, and future college tuition costs. Winning more than nine events, the group has attracted the most competitive and vocal among our middle school student body. Malayshia Earls finds the group fun and a good learning experience. She likes to research information that becomes part of the debate. She hopes to “take what she's learned and use it in good causes in the future.” Earls would like to be a lawyer. She's in the right place.

WN: “Mea, why did you join the Debate Team?”

A: “I like to argue back and forth.”

—Mea Hamilton
future FBI agent

FCWCS Debate Team, 2012-2013

(left to right): C. Smith (advisor), T. Laster, M. Earls, A. Bullock, B. Boddie, L. Tran (advisor), N. Botero, M. Hamilton, G. Williams, and K. Adams (advisor).

“Voices of FCWCS” atop the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel, Canal Street, November 20th

Voices of FCWCS & Recorder Ensemble Spreading Holiday Cheer

The “Voices of FCWCS” Choir and Recorder Ensemble are spreading holiday cheer through music around our city. On Tuesday, November 20th, they graced the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel's balcony as honored guest performers of the Annual Canal Street Christmas Lighting Ceremony, 2012. Following this performance, they and family members enjoyed a reception with edible delights prepared and served by the hotel's incredible staff.



Performing a repertoire of traditional and contemporary genres of seasonal music in English, French, and German, the talented musicians will be featured at City Park's annual “Celebration In The Oaks,” Sunday, December 9th, from 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Anyone interested in this performance must purchase tickets for \$7.00 per person. For additional information visit the website www.celebrationintheoaks.com.

And as a holiday community service, “The Voices of FCWCS” will perform at The Bayside Health Center senior citizen facility in Gretna, Louisiana on Friday, December 14th at 10:30 a.m.

Mrs. K. T. Wright, Vocal Music Teacher at FCWCS serves as the group's directress.
—ktw



Hear the “Voices of FCWCS” perform . . .

Celebration In The Oaks	December 9th
The Bayside Health Ctr.	December 14th
FCWCS Christmas Program	December 14th
FCWCS Black History Program	February TBA
New Orleans Jazz Fest	Spring 2013

Student Council Holds Election

Warriors in grades 3-8 choose leaders for 2012-2013

The results of the Student Council election are in! The following students are our officers for the 2012-2013 school session.

President - Alton Harris
Vice-President - Jaymerson George
Corresponding Secretary - Rondell Wilson
Financial Secretary - Trinity Burgess
Sgt.-At-Arms - Mya Evans

Each class in grades 3-8 elects two Student Council representatives. Students are made aware of the duty of the Student Council at the very first meeting. Students who wish to run for office are required to give campaign speeches and are asked to campaign for the office.

Two representatives from the Secretary of State's office come to our school with portable voting machines. Students in grades 3-8 are allowed to vote. Results are electronically tabulated, and the results are announced, via the PA system, to the student body.

Congratulations to all of the candidates for very well run campaigns. The Student Council is set to tackle any problems brought to their attention by the students. We are looking forward to a very productive year. Thank you.

Mrs. L. McCray

Learning the basics of democracy. Eight grader Alton Harris (right) delivers his campaign speech to the student body.



Election Day 2012. Students exercise their rights as "Warriors" to choose their student body leaders.



Britt's Art Program Receives \$1500 Grant

Money solicited for art supplies for students

Money is a resource that we all seem never to have enough of to cover all we need to do in the classroom. Nowhere is this more evident than in the visual arts classroom.

Like most classroom teachers, Mr. Britt often finances class projects from his own pocket. Recently he found a way to pay for those "big ticket" items like clay, canvas board, paint, and paper. Donorschoose.org is a website that allows teachers to ask for donations for classroom needs—Teachers ask. You choose—is their motto. Three donors came to Mr. Britt's rescue, giving more than \$1500 for the art supplies he needed. He sent his request out as "Paint The School Red! Art For A New School." Three donations came in from Chevron, Kansas, and Louisiana and fully financed Mr. Britt's request.

The art class has already received their supplies. On behalf of our budding artists and their teacher, thank you to those donors. And thanks to Mr. Britt for the extra effort on behalf of his students.



Nothin' Like A Little Jazz to Make A Day Real Mellow . . .

Our youngest Warriors had the distinction of attending the first assembly in the new gym on October 22nd. They listened to their favorite songs played with a jazz beat! The musicians were from the Agnes Varis/Jazz Foundation. We had some of the city's finest—Ernest Elly Sr. (drums), Mark Brooks (bass), Carl LeBlanc (guitar), Mari Watanabe (keyboard), and Jamil Sharif (trumpet). Thanks to our Pre-K teacher, Mrs. Shawn Tolliver, booking agent.

Coaches Select B-Ball Players

Coaches Herbert and Green spent the month of November looking for the best basketball players on campus. The results are in and the following middle school students have made the team . . .

2012-2013

Lady Warrior Basketball Team

Aniya Robertson	Akia Briggs
Brooklynn LaBeaud	Dalijah James
Diamond Branch	Glenda Williams
Jamira Kelley	Janay Wilson
Jantrell Drakes	Jasmine Pierre
Malaysia Earls	Mea Hamilton
Ta'Quane Stigler	

Lady Warrior Coaches: D. Herbert, C. Petit, and S. Shane

2012-2013 Warrior Basketball Team

Karion Jones	Romalice Anderson
Mark Kendrick	Tahj Lawson
Joshua Brown	Ernest Jackson
Mark Varnado	Lynwood Rousell
Irvin Holden Jr.	Ronald Morris
Tyrec Robair	Jerald Bordere
Dwayne Sentino	Kendrick Robertson
Raheem Charles	Raymond Williams
Aaron Gains	

Warrior Coach: T. Green

Message from Coach Green: A big thanks to everyone who tried out!



Physical Education Uniforms To Be Worn By Middle School Students

Middle school students enrolled in Physical Education the second semester will be asked to purchase Physical Education uniforms next semester. The unisex uniform consists of a t-shirt (pictured on left) and gym shorts. Students will be able to purchase the uniforms from the school.

Prices for Physical Education Uniform

Small- XL (shirt & shorts)
\$20.00

XXL & up (shirt & shorts)
\$25.00



What A Nice Gesture . . .

Former New Orleans Public Schools assistant librarian, Ms. **Janet Bemiss** (Lusher), lends a hand to our own Mrs. Karen LeBlanc in setting up our new library. More than 7000 books had to be unpacked and placed in order on shelves. Ms. Bemiss (left), aunt of Coach Herbert, assisted for about a week putting things back in order. Ms. Bemiss usually spends her days volunteering at J.S. Clark High School (she's an alumn). We appreciate her stopping by to get the new Warrior library up and running. Thanks for your kindness.

Computing and Texting 101 for Parents

Thinking of buying a computer or cell phone for your child during this holiday season? Be aware that they are wonderful tools of our modern world, but they can be huge distractions and problems for school age kids (and adults too, for that matter).



Computers are best housed in a family room, not in a child's bedroom. It is important that you monitor how your child uses the family computer and their cell phone. The Internet is a wonderful invention. But, venturing onto wrong websites and activities can be dangerous, especially for the young. Predators can be on the otherside of a website, waiting for a victim.

Texting, sending electronic messages via cell phone or computer, can also be wrought with problems. The most important thing you can do as a parent is to stay vigilant and knowledgeable about what is being said. Texting has its own shorthand—two, three, or four letters that mean more than what they appear to imply. Sometimes punctuation marks are employed to convey messages. Parents who stay abreast of what is current or “happenin’ ” with young people can halt problems before they occur or become too serious.

Take a look at the list of texting shortcuts below. How many do you know? You'll need to seek out the more risqué ones your self (more likely to be used by pre-teens and teens). This is a family paper (lol), so we can't print them.

Texting 101 for Adults

1432 I love you too	20 location	2nte tonight
A3 anytime, anywhere, anyplace	AAP always a pleasure	
AOM age of majority	AYV are you vertical?	BF boyfriend
CT can't talk	F female	FB Facebook
H8 hate	Wut what	KK okay
IDC I don't care	JJ Just joking	GJ good job

From the Desk of Nurse Robichaux

Hand washing is easy to do and it's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of many types of infection and illness in all settings—from your home and workplace to child care facilities and hospitals. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout an entire community.

When should you wash your hands?

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After touching garbage

**For more information please call Cheryl Robichaux@373-6228*

School Supplies Available

School supplies are sold daily, 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. in the Warrior Gym. Pencils, lead pencils, paper, spiral notebooks, erasers, etc. Stop by for supplies!



Just in time for cool weather . . . Fannie C. Williams Charter School Sweatshirts!

Gildan 50/50 crewneck, sweatshirts of poly/cotton blend in royal blue with school logo on front. Pre-shrunk. This is the perfect outer wear for school.

Cost: **\$15.00 for youth sizes** (small - large); **\$20.00 for adult sizes** (small - 3 X). Cash or money orders (payable to C.L.A.S.S.) only, no checks.

Please note: only official (royal blue) FCWCS sweaters, jackets, or sweatshirts may be worn inside of the school building.

Flu Season Is Here!

The Center for Disease Control states that **all school-aged children should be vaccinated against the flu**. Keep us all healthy on campus. Encourage hand washing at home and have your child vaccinated today.

Healthy children learn better!

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Grandparent's Day, November 21, 2012

Grandparent's Day 2012 was September 9th, but we were busy getting back into our books after Hurricane Ike and packing up to move to our new school. So it was decided that it would be held in November. Grandparents showed up in large numbers. How glad we are that they did!



Grandparents are special people with wisdom and pride . . . They give their love, devotion and so much more, that's easy to see . . . Grandparents: what perfect examples of the kind of person that we should be.

—Stacy Smith



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PBS Fall Festival, November 17, 2012



Warriors, get ready
for more good times
at the
Spring Festival . . .
Remember to follow
the 4Ps daily.

—PBS Team



5th Graders Visit JA Biz Town

After learning about the world of work and entrepreneurship, Ms. Taylor and Cobbins' classes were treated to a trip to Junior Achievements' Biz Town.

Geared to elementary school students, the curriculum has 5th graders combine their in-class learning with a day-long visit to an interactive simulated town facility. The program helps students understand the co-relation between what they learn in school and the real world.

At Biz Town, they had the opportunity to manage a restaurant, write checks, vote for mayor, and operate a bank. What an experience!



Halloween 2012

Goblins, ghosts, ghouls, cowboys, cowgirls, knights, vampires, an UPS delivery man, Darth Vader, Dorothy (from the Wizard of Oz), Nicki Minaj, and even President Obama showed up for our PBS costume contest! Students in grades kindergarten through 4 were allowed to participate (if they followed the 4Ps) in the Halloween Costume Contest. Judges gave points for costumes that were creative, eye-catching, and in good taste.



2nd Annual HS Fair

Now in its second year, the High School Fair Night provides students and their parents an opportunity to talk to reps from local schools—public and private—regarding our 8th graders next year, who are entering high school. Students and parents had an opportunity to ask questions and secure applications for 2013-2014 academic session.



From the Desk of Nurse Robichaux

November is National Diabetes Month!

Did you know?

- ❖ Nearly 26 million adults and children have diabetes in America.
- ❖ Another 79 million Americans have pre-diabetes and are at risk for developing Type 2 diabetes.
- ❖ The American Diabetes Association estimates that the national cost of diagnosed diabetes in the United States is 174 billion.

Diabetes can be prevented by doing the following:

- Maintain healthy weight
- Diet & Nutrition
- Increase physical activity

*Remember to keep regular doctor's appointments!

**For more information please call Cheryl Robichaux@373-6228*

New Laws Enacted Regarding Louisiana Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse

The Louisiana Legislature has enacted new laws regarding the reporting of child abuse. These new laws were enacted on May 25th of this year. **All staff have a moral and legal duty to report any sexual or severe physical abuse suspected involving students enrolled at FCWCS. Failure to report will result in staff being charged with a felony.**

All employees of Fannie C. Williams Charter School are bound by law to report sexual or severe physical child abuse. We are considered mandatory reporters. See page 1 of the current handbook for additional information.

Upcoming Calendar Events

Thursday, December 6
Expanded Learning Time Gala, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9
"Voices of FCWCS"
Celebration In The Oaks, 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12
P.T.A. General Meeting
4:00 p.m.—Warrior Café
Refreshments served, childcare provided

Thursday, December 13
2nd Quarter Ends

Santa Pictures

Friday, December 14
FCWCS Holiday Program
1:00 p.m.—Parents invited!

Third Quarter Begins

Monday & Tuesday
December 17, 18
Second Quarter Exams

Wednesday, December 19
Classroom Holiday Parties
P.T.A. Cookie Dough Distribution

December 20-January 1
Holiday Break, NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, January 2, 2013
Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 9
1st Semester Report Card Conferences
4-6 p.m.



Did you read this issue of **WARRIOR NEWS**? It was prepared especially for parents and friends of FCWCS! 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 this newsletter for important information about our great school! Let us know you've read these pages by signing the backside of this coupon on page 12.

Save this issue of the **WARRIOR NEWS** to keep abreast of FCW Charter's activities as we close out 2012.



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Book It!

Pizza-Hut is sponsoring a reading incentive program for grades K-6. The purpose of Book It! is to motivate children to read by rewarding their achievements with praise, recognition, and pizza. In it's 27th year, Book It! can be found in 38,000 elementary schools yearly.

The program runs from October through March. Pizza coupons can be redeemed at Pizza-Huts in Chalmette and Metairie.

Materials Fees are past due . . . Parents are asked to submit their child's materials fee. **The fee is \$20.00 for students in Pre-K through 2 and \$25.00 for students in grades through 3-8.**

The fee pays for the following items:

- 1-FCWCS T-shirt (new design)
- 1-School ID w/picture & lanyard
- 1-FCWCS Student Planner (3-8)
- 1-FCWCS Family Handbook (1 per family)

Sorry, no personal checks accepted; cash or money orders (made out to Community Leaders Advocating Student Success) accepted.

Thank you!



Great schools always have a great P.T.A.!

Your voice is needed!

Join the P.T.A. today.

Only \$5.00 per family . . .

Wed., Dec. 12, 2012

4:00 p.m., Warrior Library
Refreshments served!

Cell Phones (and other electronic devices) are not allowed in the classroom during the instructional day.

Students needing cell phones for after school contact with parents should check them in with security in the morning. They are returned at the end of the school day by the security staff.



C.L.A.S.S.

(FCWCS's Board of Directors)

meets on the
3rd Tuesday of the month. Call the office for more information!



Use of drugs, tobacco, or alcohol on school grounds is prohibited and will result in suspension or possible expulsion of any student caught breaking this rule!

Did you know Fannie C. Williams Charter School's students are transported daily to and from our campus via Berry Transportation, a local company? Do you have questions or concerns regarding bus transportation?

Berry Transportation

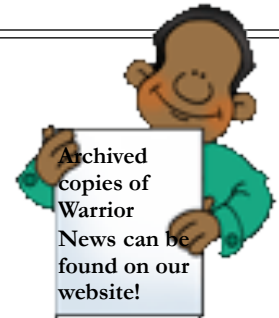
www.berrytransportation.com
504.365.8327



**BULLY
FREE
ZONE**

Can't find your copy of the school's handbook for 2012-2013?

The "soft" copy version of the
Family Handbook
for
Fannie C. Williams Charter School
is available online at
www.fcwcs.org



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The instructional day begins promptly at 8:00 a.m., Monday - Friday . . .



Dismissal is at 3:15 p.m.,

Monday - Friday! (Parents of car riders are asked to arrive for pick-up 10 minutes before dismissal).

Thank you parents!



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.

**I've read the November/December 2012 issue of WARRIOR NEWS . . .
PLEASE ENTER MY CHILD IN THE NEXT DRAWING FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR!**

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

please write legibly

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____