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*Donuts for Dads on
pg. 4*

Principal's Honor Roll 4.0 GPA

3rd Quarter

Dale M. Baham (Grade 2)
Anthony K. Brock (3)
Damon V. Butler (1)
Iyana Corley (3)
Shannon Corley (3)
Quinn J. Emery (1)
Darvell Hall (3)
Amirius D. Lazard (1)
Jordan C. Livas (2)
Reagan D. McKinnis (1)
David R. Norwood (2)
Amare T. Turner (1)
Jaydon F. Ward (1)

"A" Honor Roll 3.5 - 3.9 GPA

Unique T. Anderson (1)
Donté C. Martin (1)
Breiana S. Matthews (1)
Treyvon I. Moliere (1)
Jada L. Morris (1)
Royelle Robins (1)
Janiya K. Sawyer (1)
Brandi L. Tardy (1)
Carissa M. Washington (1)
Angela J. Meredith (1)

Jerome A. Brown (2)
Knowledge K. Carr (2)
Mequan A. Christie (2)
Dominer R. Davis (2)
Aiyarin B. Frey (2)
Lawrence Goffner (2)
Devin M. Kelley (2)
Ernest J. LeCoq (2)
Gabriella M. McCloskey (2)
Chrisner S. Oliver (2)
Amaya A. Richard (2)
Brandon P. Tardy (2)
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PBS Rewards Young Warriors with Easter Egg Hunt

Students enjoy fun times at recess while preparing for high stakes testing April 8-11



Lucky winner of a special prize during the egg hunt.



They're off! (large pic) First graders run to gather plastic eggs on the front yard.

The Easter Bunny shakes hands with egg hunters as they wait to exchange their eggs for candy and prizes with Ms. Theard.

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Book Fair,
April 22-26,
2013! Books
available for
all age groups.



Message from Our Principal/C.E.O.

April 3, 2013

Dear Parents of FCWCS,

We are closing down on our second year as a charter school. It has been a very busy and productive year for all on campus.

The move to the new building has given us the kind of facility that all students and teachers can excel in. We are still working out a few "bugs," but overall it has been a great experience working here as opposed to the trailers.

In a few weeks our vocal music students will perform for the second straight year at the New Orleans Jazz Fest. If you can, check them out in the Kid's Tent at the Fairgrounds.

Our PTA is still seeking more parents to join and set the direction of our school in the years to come. They will meet on Wednesday, April 10th at 4:30 p.m.

Please join us, your voice is needed. Also, C.L.A.S.S., the Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16th in the Warrior Café. Parents are invited to attend.

On April 8-11, state-wide testing will take place on our campus. It is important that students are present and prompt (8:00 a.m. sharp). Make sure that your child gets adequate hours of sleep each night (8 to 9 hours) and eat a good breakfast to ensure that they are ready to give the test their best (breakfast at FCWCS begins at 7:30 a.m.) This is especially important for our 4th and 8th graders, whose advancement to the next grade depends on their mastery of the LEAP. Any student missing any part of the test given to grades 2-8 will have to make them up. No exceptions!

We have a long weekend scheduled for April 19-21. There will be no school on Friday, April 19th, so please plan accordingly. School will resume on Monday, April 22nd.

Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO

Upcoming Calendar Events

April 8-11

LEAP/iLEAP/ITBS/LAA2 Testing

April 10

PTA Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
Warrior Café

April 12

Chuck E. Cheese Night
More Info Forthcoming!

April 16

C.L.A.S.S. BOD Mtg.
6:00 p.m.

April 19

NO SCHOOL, Spring Break

April 22-26

Scholastic Book Fair

April 23

C.L.A.S.S. Mtg., 6 p.m.

April 24

4th Quarter Progress Reports Issued

April 24

Jacqueline T. Dennison Book Corner
Grand Opening, Warrior Media Ctr.

May 2

Promotion Pictures Taken

May 3

Voices of FCWCS (Choir) @
Jazz Fest

May 8-9

8th Grade Final Exams

May 10

Muffins for Mom

Time: TBA, Location: Warrior Café

May 13-17

8th Grade Spirit Week

May 13-14

4th Quarter Final Exams

May 14

Last Day for Enrichment Classes

May 16

Pre-K Closing Program, Time: TBA

Location: FCWCS

May 17

Kindergarten Closing Program,

Time: TBA

Location: FCWCS

May 18

8th Grade Closing Ceremony

Time & Place: TBA

May 20

Awards Program, Grades 1-7

May 21

C.L.A.S.S. Meeting, 6 p.m.

May 23

Last Day for Students
(4th Quarter Ends)

Don't forget to mark your calendars!



From the Desk of Nurse Robichaux

Each month I, Nurse Robichaux, try to bring medical/health concerns to our parent's attention. Some impact children's health directly, others are directed more to our parents. All will have some influence on our pupils—their parent's health affects their well being, doesn't it? This month is **Alcohol Awareness Month**.

Abuse of alcohol—drinking too much—causes many health-related problems like liver disease, violence, injuries, and some forms of cancer.

In a city like New Orleans, where most inhabitants seem to enjoy a good time, it is easy to lose oneself to the perils of alcohol. Let's not forget your child is watching you for guidance on how to handle things in life, like alcohol. Your over indulgence may be the start of a negative habit in your young one later. Share with children the risks taken when one drinks too much—violence, injuries, cancer, liver disease, etc.

Doctors and nurses are sources of information about how drinking in moderation is a much healthier lifestyle as oppose to excessive drinking. We should all set limits in what we do. Encourage friends and family to make changes in their lifestyles, if needed. It could result in a longer and healthier life. ###

Cornerstone United Methodist Church, Great Neighbor!

Cornerstone Methodist has proven to be a great neighbor. In December, the Men's Club came bearing uniforms as gifts. Fridays in February were spent reading to our younger students about Black History. Now students in Ms. Cobbin's 5th grade class are learning how to play chess, with guidance from Mr. Norris. Their collaboration enhances learning at our school. Thanks men of Cornerstone for your sincere interest in your young neighbors next door. ###



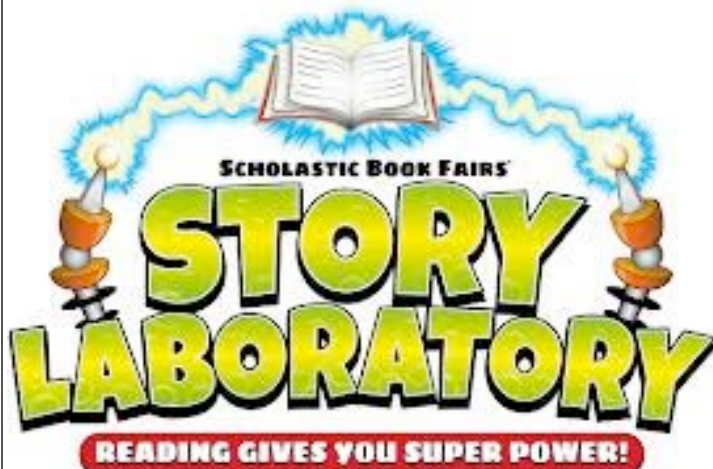
A game of strategy, chess is a game that allows children to learn how to deal with complexity. It develops mathematical and analytical thinking in young ones.

Mission Statement of Fannie C. Williams Charter School

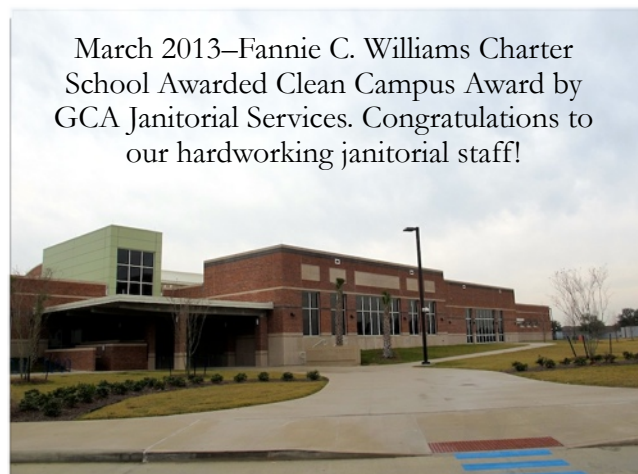
The mission of Fannie C. Williams School is to achieve the highest academic success through collaboration of staff, parents, and community.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller, American author, political activist, and lecturer. First blind/deaf person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree (b. 1880 - d.1968).



Spring 2013
Fannie C. Williams Charter School
Annual Spring Book Fair
Monday, April 22 – Friday, April 26
Warrior “Laboratory” (Media Center)
9:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Hundreds of books to choose from . . .
Flyers with selections coming soon!



March 2013–Fannie C. Williams Charter School Awarded Clean Campus Award by GCA Janitorial Services. Congratulations to our hardworking janitorial staff!

Box Tops Campaign Ends for 2012-2013

More than 6600 Box Tops

Donated to FCWCS

The Box Tops for Education Campaign has ended for the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. K. LeBlanc mailed 6638 coupons to the sponsors, valued at approximately 10 cents each. We are expecting a check for about \$664.00 for the efforts of the entire Fannie Family.



As usual, the class submitting the largest number of coupons will be treated to a pizza party. This year (as last), Ms. C. White's first grade class submitted the largest number of coupons from the student body (840), followed by Mrs. A. Williams's first graders (780). The largest number of coupons were brought in by the office staff (846).

Thanks to all who participated in this effort. Please continue to clip the coupons off products bearing them. Send them to school, we've already started collecting coupons for the 2013-2014 school year.

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Dean of Students for Middle School, Mr. O. Ross, informs parents in November about the 8th Grade budget and closing activities for May 2013.

8th Grade Budget Deadline Nears

Culminating activities for members of the 8th Grade Class are scheduled for the week of May 13-17. A closing ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 18th. A budget of \$100 was presented to parents November 8th, at the 8th Grade Parents Meeting. It includes a field trip to a park, class t-shirt, awards, souvenirs, and a closing ceremony and meal (for student and 5 guests). **The deadline is Friday, April 19th. Cash or Money Orders (made payable to the school) will be accepted by the school. Thanks.** ###

Great schools always have a great P.T.A.! **Join us April 10th at 4:30 p.m. in the Warrior Café to make FCWCS even greater!**



VIET Applies for 21st Century Grant

Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training, the organization that sponsors our after school program known as Expanded Learning Time (ELT), has applied for a new grant with the federal government to continue its collaboration with FCWCS next year. ###



Donuts for Dads, March 22

About 135 fathers sent their RSVPs that they would be attending our annual Donuts for Dads! Our gym and cafeteria were overflowing with fathers, uncles, older brothers, and granddads. The short program included teacher Stephen Goodly, Greg Rattler (of First Fathers), and Isiah Boyd (of NOLA Dads). The Warrior Brass Band played a selection or two. Principal Kelly Batiste gave the closing remarks. Donuts were then served in the Warrior Café, along with juice, milk, and coffee. A photographer was on hand to take pictures. It was a great morning for all involved. Our students enjoyed having their fathers on campus. ###



FCWCS Middle School News

Housed on the second floor of our building is our middle school, composed of grades 6-8. You know a middle school student immediately by the gold shirt. We do special things for our older students in an effort to prepare them for high school and later college or post-secondary learning. This month, our middle school students took part in the Lafayette Debate Tourney, were visited by Fisk University students, and were rewarded for 70% or better scoring on the ANet with a pizza party and an ice cream sundae social. ####



ANet Achievers in Math & ELA receive a pizza party and an ice cream sundae social for their efforts. Participants scored 70% or greater.



Scenes from the middle school classroom. Chief Academic Officer T. Williams (above) reviews data for ELA developed from the most recent ANet test with middle school male students.

Math teacher S. Goodly (left) reviews data from the ANet 4 test with female middle school students.



Our award winning Debate Team for 2012-2013.





“A” Honor Roll

(continued from pg. 1)

Jerome S. Tyler (2)
Janaya A. Walker (2)

Jayia Baham (3)
Tyrin Batiste (3)
Janaé J. Davenport (3)
Hayley Jones (3)
Malik M. Kendrick (3)
Gary Price (3)
Henry T. Rhodes (3)
Tessica M. Thomas (3)
Tracy P. Walls (3)
Keymidria M. Winn (3)

Byron Hal (4)
Kayla M. Manning (4)
Byroneka B. Strowder (4)

Robert Lewis (5)

Frank A. Lewis (6)
Sheldon C. Scott (6)

Alneka M. Allen (8)
Brittany White (8)

**“B” Honor Roll
3.0 - 3.4 GPA**

Jada T. Andrews (1)
Nya R. Batiste (1)
Antonio C. Brown (1)
Geneya S. Brown (1)
Jahda M. Brown (1)
Hermonnie L. Cornelius (1)
Makaiya K. Evans (1)
Daisy N. Gipson (1)
Aniya M. Jarreau (1)
Elijah J. Lecoq (1)
Elroy K. Richardson (1)
Bryant J. Sanchez (1)
Jayden H. Scott (1)
Jonell H. Scott (1)
K’Von R. Simpson (1)

“B” Honor Roll *(cont’d)*

Shelby S. Stigler (1)
Takhai J. Thomas (1)
Tajjah E. Thomas (1)
Kendall A. Washington (1)

Deshaun A. Batiste (2)
Ja’Myra C. Andrea (2)
Kerrielle A. Hubbard (2)
Darryl J. Jackson (2)
Taj A. Jones (2)
Marco A. Lazo (2)
Mighal M. Martinez (2)
Taylor M. Maye (2)
Ny’lah S. Mercadel (2)
Shayna R. Sykes (2)
Justin D. White (2)
Malia A. Williams (2)
Zahmad M. Wilson (2)

Kyla Alexander (3)
Taylor G. Bennett (3)
Kailah Brown (3)
Layona L. Cain (3)
Imani C. Davis (3)
Mia Evans (3)
Derrick L. Harvey (3)
Ziah M. Haynes (3)
Dallas L. Jacquet (3)
India M. Reddick (3)
Dwayne Walker (3)
Alexis Williams (3)
Earlvin L. Williams (3)
Lanis M. Williams (3)

Ija’na Davis (4)
Mya Evan (4)
Kaylia A. Hubbard (4)
Jakel D. Jones (4)
Janae M. Jones (4)
Reginaé L. Lockett (4)
Donte C. Sentino (4)
Amyria L. Tenner (4)
Ra’ven L. Washington (4)

“B” Honor Roll *(cont’d)*

Reginald Bolden (5)
Kodey Cooper (5)
India L. Davis (5)
Joshua Drakes (5)
Vincent E. Joseph (5)
Kapricheia M. Lewis (5)
Kevin R. Simpson (5)

Keith T. Blake (6)
Terrell Fefie (6)
Mykal T. Gardner (6)
Austin R. Jones (6)
Mark Kendrick (6)
Sanaa Morris (6)
Tyriek Morrison (6)
Brandon L. Pitts (6)
Irene L. Ramirez (6)
Farrell J. Thompson (6)

Arielle M. Jarreau (7)
Kia A. Reese (7)
Tyrec D. Robair (7)
Mya Ruffin (7)

Raven J. Bolden (8)
Natali A. Botero (8)
Damien Cratchan (8)
Brooklyn M. LeBeaud (8)
Dontrell Robertson (8)
Mystyc B. Robertson (8)
Glenda M. Williams (8)
Nakeitha A. Williams (8)

The Achievement Network (ANet)

Four times this academic year, students in grades 3-8 have taken part in testing known as ANet or The Achievement Network. Have you wondered exactly what it is?

The ANet organization is a non-profit that works to assist student achievement. The organization “works alongside school leadership teams to strengthen their school-wide practice and culture of using learning standards and achievement data to get breakthrough results for students . . .”

Founded in 2005 as Massachusetts Public School Performance, it was established to aid a small cluster of Boston charter schools. It provides schools with data-driven strategies to enhance student learning by identifying methods of teaching that work. It often entails teachers re-teaching the lesson until the vast majority of the class comprehends.

More than 100,000 students in 350 schools are being evaluated through ANet. The organization works through eight networks—Tennessee, New York, Washington, D.C., New Jersey, Illinois, Massachusettes (2 networks), and Louisiana. ANet has won an Investing in Innovation (i3) grant from the U.S. Department of Education for its unique way of gathering developing action plans to enhance student achievement.

FCWCS uses the results of the data gathered to determine what students understood and what should be retaught. Our results have been more than decent. We anticipate this enhancing our test scores this April.

see: www.achievementnetwork.org

###

Middle School, ANet

**(4) Math Scores,
70% or better**

7th Grade

Diamond Branch
Willie Francis
Krystoff Irving
Dnyra Jackson
Ernest Jackson
Arielle Jarreau
Frannishia Lewis
Garionna Price
Kristine Vo
Tionna Washington

8th Grade

Alneka Allen
Natali Botero
LilDavid Collins
Alton Harris
Cedriesha Harris
Jacquan Jackson
Joshua Pitts
Mystyc Robinson
Daja Shelton
Alexis Taylor
Brittany Ann White
Glenda Williams
Nakeitha Williams

**ANet (4) ELA Scores,
70% or better**

6th Grade

Myka Gardner
Trinity Rigaud
Sheldon Scott

7th Grade

Romalice Anderson
Diamond Branch
Devontre Cobbs
Jamia Hines
Ernest Jackson
Arielle Jarreau
Garionna Price

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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 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.

Keven Smith, Jr. won last month’s prize because his mother reads the Warrior News!



ANet (4) ELA Scores, 70% or better
7th Grade (*cont'd from pg. 5*)
 Kia Reese
 Tionna Washington
 Janay Wilson
8th Grade
 Alneka Allen
 Natali Botero
 Raven Bolden
 Jandtrell Drakes
 Brooklyn Labeaud
 Alton Harris
 Lazaria Marigny
 Mystyc Robertson
 Brittany White

Staff on carpool lane duty have these concerns. Please READ and follow these suggestions:



Parents, keep your family safe by . . .

- not allowing yourself to be distracted while driving
- **slowing down to 20 mph in the school zone**
- do not allow kids to unbuckle until the car comes to a complete stop!
- **do not let your child out the car on the driver's side while in the carpool lane.** Another vehicle may be coming up on your left! ###

We're in the last quarter of the 2012-2013 school year! Where did the year go?

Final Grading Quarter

4th Quarter

March 1 - May 23



C.L.A.S.S.
 is scheduled to hold its
Board of Directors Meetings
 on the following

Tuesdays
6:00 p.m.
April 16
May 21

Location on campus:
Warrior Café

Our students ride . . .
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Important Upcoming Academic Dates
April 24

4th Quarter Progress Reports Issued
May 8-9

8th Grade Final Exams
May 13-14

Final Exams, Grades (1-7)
May 23

4th Quarter Grades Issued
May 28

LEAP Remediation Begins
 (Summer School)



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Lost & Found Clothing Seeking Owners

The lost jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, etc. that are currently "living" in the school's Lost & Found are requesting that their owners retrieve them immediately. Parents, please check your child's clothing at home to see what is missing. It may be hanging on the rack at FCWCS. Remember, all clothing not retrieved will be given to Goodwill Industries at the close of the school year. ###



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 April 2013 issue of WARRIOR NEWS . . . please enter my child in this month's drawing!

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

please write legibly (print the name above)

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____