

Classes Begin Each Day

WARRIOR NEWS

OCTOBER 2013 VOLUME 7, No. 2

FANNIE C. WILLIAMS CHARTER SCHOOL • 11755 DWYER ROAD
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70128

FCWCS—A Positive Place to Grow & Learn



Classes End Each Day

Saints/Gatorade Jr. Training Camp Visits



The New Orleans Saints, in conjunction with Gatorade, the sports drink, sponsored a junior training camp on campus, Friday, September 27th. Students in grades 3-8 participated. Thanks Mrs. LeBlanc for "setting the ball in motion."



Coming Soon!
Haunted House
Thurs., October 31st
(during Enrichment Classes)

Fall Festival
Friday, November 1st
for all students who follow
the 4Ps!
food, fun, games, rides, music, etc.



**Purchase Your School
ID with Lanyard
Today**
Perfect for field trips
\$5.00

*(cash or money orders only,
no checks please)*



**All Pre-K through 4th
grade goblins, ghosts, and
ghouls (aka students) ...
wear your Halloween
Costumes on Thursday,
October 31st.**



**FCWCS
2013-2014
Grading Quarters**

1st Quarter
August 5 - October 4
2nd Quarter
October 8 - December 20
3rd Quarter
December 23 - March 14
4th Quarter
March 17 - May 29

1st Semester No School Days for Students

- Friday, October 4 - Professional Development (PD)
- Monday, October 7 - Fall Break
- Friday, November 22 - PD/Data Day for Teachers
- Week of November 25-29 - Thanksgiving Break
- Week of December 23-31 - Winter Break
- January 1-3 - Winter Break

Inside the **WARRIOR NEWS**

1st Semester Calendar 2
Volunteers Needed 2
Box Tops 2
Parking On Campus 2
Principal's Message 2
Nurse Robichaux 2

Fall Book Fair Success 3
Book It/Pizza Hut 3
Warrior Library Lending Books . . . 3
Breast Cancer Walk 3
Photo Album 4, 5, 6 & 7
Sports Corner 5
Grandparents' Day Photos. 7

Message from our Principal/CEO

October 8, 2013



Dear Parents/Guardians,

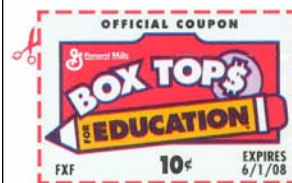
How quickly time goes by! Last year's October issue of the **WN** spoke of us being busy packing up the classrooms for the move to our new building.

We've been in our new "home" exactly one year. We have become accustomed to learning and working in a more traditional school setting. We anticipated about 550 students being enrolled here. We are now at about 575. Two years ago we spoke of "building a great school." These words were used as a catchphrase for what we were (are) working to achieve. "Building a great school" is still a work in progress.

We have also lately thought of our campus as being "a positive place to learn and grow." All adults on our campus are making serious efforts to develop the youngsters in our charge intellectually, mentally, physically, and emotionally. Our staff strives to make all students thinkers and people of character. That is the real reason for education, developing young people who have the ability to think critically—a person who can reason—and to also be a person of ethics.

Children have to acquire the knowledge of mankind and to understand how to use it wisely. That's where parents and educators come into play. It is our job to guide—not to watch passively from the sidelines—our young ones as they develop. We are encouraging all to help make FCWCS that positive place to learn and grow we speak so often about on these pages. ###

—Mrs. Kelly Batiste, Principal



We ♥ these

See any of the coupons shown above on products you purchase for your household? Send them to FCWCS. Our school collects 10 cents per coupon for our school's treasury! Thanks for your help.

1st Semester Upcoming Calendar Events

(please note, calendar is subject to change)

Tues. & Wed., October 1-2

1st Quarter Exams

Fri., October 4

1st Quarter Ends (43 days)

Fri., October 4

PD/Data Day, NO SCHOOL for Students

Mon., October 7

Fall Break, NO SCHOOL

Tues., October 8

2nd Quarter Begins

Students & Staff Return

Wed., October 16

1st Quarter Report Card Conferences &

P.T.A. Cookie Dough Pick-up

4-6 p.m.

Fri., October 25

Middle School Dance, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Fri., November 1

Fall Festival

Mon., November 11

2nd Quarter Progress Reports Issued

Tues. - Thurs., November 12-14

ANET Interim Assessment (A2)

Fri., November 22

PD/Data Day, NO SCHOOL for Students

Week of November 25-29

Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL

Mon., December 2

Students & Staff Return

Tues., & Wed., December 10-11

2nd Quarter Exams

Thurs., December 12

Santa Pictures

1st Semester Upcoming Calendar Events

(cont'd)

Fri., December 13

Holiday Program, Time: TBA

Fri., December 13

Middle School Dance, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Fri., December 20

2nd Quarter Ends (48 days)

Fri., December 20

Classroom Holiday Parties

Week of December 23-31

Winter Break, NO SCHOOL

Wed.,-Fri., January 1-3, 2014

Winter Break, NO SCHOOL

Mon., January 6

Staff & Students Return from Winter Break

Mon., January 6

3rd Quarter Begins

Wed., January 8

2nd Quarter Report Card Conferences

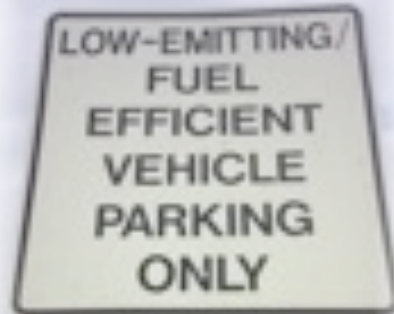
4-6 p.m.

Fri., January 10

1st Semester Awards Celebration

Time: TBA

Parents, when parking in the lot in front of the school, use the bays where these signs appear. Please do not leave your car unattended in the car pool lane. Thanks.



Volunteers!



Commander, Records & ID
Division: Lt. Bradley D.
Tollefson, NOPD

Volunteers Needed for Carnival Season, Field Trips, school festivals, etc.

All volunteers must undergo a background check before they can work with children on our campus (just as all staff do). It is a **Basic Name Check (Background Check)** that costs \$5.00.

Please report to the **Records & Identification Division** at **715 South Broad St., 1st Floor** (NOLA 70119)

Hours: **Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

Closed: Tuesday, Thursday, Weekends, and Holidays

Phone: 504.658.5455 Fax 504.658.7665

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." —Nelson Mandela



**From the Desk of
Nurse Cheryl Robichaux, R.N.,
B.S.N.**

Last month's column gave a little history of the school nurse program in the USA. Although school nurses seemingly concentrate on children only, supplying parents with information regarding their health is also one of our duties.

Your child's well-being physically, mentally, and emotionally is tied to you—their parent(s). If parents are ill, it will have a serious impact on their offspring. That's why I wish to speak to you about October's designation as

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The American Cancer Society is trying to rid the world of breast cancer. This month, on Saturday, October 19th, there will be a walk to bring attention to this disease. There are more than 900 participants who have signed up in New Orleans. Can you help (*see below right*)?

Awareness means knowledge. Do you know the risk factors for breast cancer? A few are listed below.

1. Being female. But men can get breast cancer also. 2. Getting older. The risk grows as you age. 3. A personal history of breast cancer. If

you've had it in one breast, you have an increased risk of developing it in the other. 4. Family History can be a factor. If your mother, sister, or daughter had it (especially at a young age), your risk increases. 5. Being overweight. 6. Beginning your period before the age of 12. 7. Having your first child after age 35. 8. Drinking alcohol also increases your risk of developing breast cancer.

Share these facts with a family member or friend. Mammograms and monthly self-checks can save lives. Being aware may save a life. (mayoclinic.com) ###

Fall Book Fair Huge Success!

Our semi-annual Scholastic Book Fair turned



into a huge success. We sold \$2000 worth of books in a week (earning the school \$500).

Kudos to Mrs. K. LeBlanc for turning our school's library into a feast for bibliophiles (a person who has a great love of books). The decorations were fantastic! Her hard work showed!

Our goal is to develop a school of readers. As we all know, reading is the key to learning. There is a

huge correlation between reading and academic success. Students who are good readers and who have been taught to appreciate the written word, are more likely to do well in school and pass exams that measure their knowledge.

Educational researchers have also discovered that readers will more than likely have a larger vocabulary—students who read know and use more words. The best way to develop a large vocabulary is to read!

Encourage your child to read. How about buying a book or two for Christmas? Take your child to a public library and get a NOPL Card. It's free. Ensure that they see you reading. It pays off. ###

Warrior Library, Lending Library

Our school's library will become a lending library—allowing students in grades 1-8 to borrow or check out one book at a time. Parents will have to give permission to allow their son/daughter to borrow books from the school's library. A written registration form will be sent home, requiring parent's and student's signature. Parents will accept responsibility for any lost or damaged books, promising to pay for any lost or damaged books. ###

FCWCS is taking part in . . .



Pizza Hut BOOK IT! Reading Program
Encourage Kids to "Read Your Heart Out"
Enrollment Open for 2013-14 BOOK IT!

See your teacher for additional details!
Program runs from October through March 2014.

Our After School Program is run by FCWCS this year.
Time: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.,
Mon.- Thurs. Snacks.

We're trying to get a team together and raise \$1000. Can you help?

We're looking for walkers to participate in **The American Cancer Society Walk Against Breast Cancer**

Saturday, October 19th @ 9:00 a.m., Lakeshore Dr. & Franklin Avenue. See Mrs. G. Johnson (our school's executive assistant at the front desk) to get additional information and to sign-up. Donations accepted in the ISC. Thanks. ###



YOUTH RUN NOLA



Empowering Underserved Youth Through Running



**YOUTH RUN NOLA
COME TRAIN WITH US!**

WE WANT YOU AND YOUR SCHOOL'S SUPPORT

COME LEARN TO RUN PROPERLY AND STAY HEALTHY FOR LIFE

TRAIN TO RUN IN LOCAL RACES AND EARN COOL GEAR

WE PRACTICE ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAY
FROM 3:30PM - 5:00PM AT FCW

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP.

CONTACT JAMES SINGLETON AT JSINGLETON@YRNOLA.ORG



Flag Football is back at FCWCS!

We're fielding our first team since the 2010 season. They are impressive. Mrs. Barnett and our cheerleaders are there to cheer them on to victory. Good job Warriors!



FCWCS—A Positive Place to Learn & Grow!



Saints/Gatorade Training Camp Workout (above), Sept. 27th.



Photo below by Ms. Cari White



Here's a few pics from our Fall Book Fair, September 16-20 and pictures from Ms. White's 1st Grade class studying the Food Pyramid (above and left).



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!

Cut this part of the page off, fill out the back side (pg. 6) and return it to school to enter the drawing. **SAVE** the rest of the **WN**.

Tamia Wright (1st Grade) won September's drawing because her father read the WARRIOR NEWS.

Keep the **WARRIOR NEWS** to stay abreast of FCW Charter's activities for October.



PBS Team Strives to Teach Responsibility

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) emphasizes the use of proactive, educative, and reinforcement-based strategies to achieve meaningful and positive behavior outcomes. This month the team



Sports Corner

Cross Country & Flag Football Part of Our Athletic Program

Coaches Herbert and Green have found our athletes on campus. Since the last issue of **WN**, they have started fielded two teams of athletes—cross country and flag football. Both teams are co-ed—boy and girls participating.



Running takes desire, dedication and discipline. The following students showed all that and some during a CC Meet held September 28th.

In a field of 5th-8th graders, **Taylor Bennett** (4th grade) placed **164th** out of **330** runners. Our only girl cross country runner this Saturday.

In the boys division, there were over 400 runners. Our Warriors were impressive: **Wade Atlow** came in at **100** in a field of 400 runners; **Joshua Brown, 152;** **Tahgene Bennett, 241.**

But our loudest applause goes to **Raymond Joseph, who clocked in at the 4th place spot in a field of 422 runners!**

All runners represented FCWCS extremely well. Way to go team!

-Coach D. Herbert



"Running Man" *Raymond Joseph.*
(Photo by Coach Green)



employed the Saints Jr. Training Camp and Fabulous Friday (On Monday, *above*) activities to promote the 4Ps. Parental involvement resulted in September 27th's Family Night at the Movies at FCWCS (*above*). Excellent ideas PBS!

Sports Corner

Flag Football Team Looking Good

After an absence of two years, Coach Green has once again re-established our flag football team. The team plays in the Metro Middle School League of New Orleans (est. 1991). Their competition includes



Hynes, Trinity, St. Mary's, St. George's Kehoe France and Audubon Charter. At press time, the team had a record of 3-1, losing only their first game to Hynes.

Members of the team are: Tyrec Robair, Dwayne Sentino, Ernest Jackson, Lawrence Keys, Emory Williams, Raymond Williams, Raymond Joseph, Joshua Brown, India Davis, Terrence Laster, Aniya Robertson, Wade Atlow, Roydell Baham, Tahgene Bennett, Terrell Fifie, and Montrell Banks. ###

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 October 2013 issue of **WARRIOR NEWS . . .**

PLEASE ENTER MY CHILD IN THE SECOND DRAWING FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR!

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

please write legibly

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____



HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Each fall we honor our grandparents with a special day on our campus. We invite them to school to showcase our talents—singing, dancing, poetry reading—all the things that bring an easy smile to their face. The Warrior gymnasium was filled to capacity with grandmothers, grandfathers, and even a few greatgrandparents on September 6th. It's always great to have these special people in our lives around! ###





Warriors always follow the 4Ps . . .
They are prompt, polite, prepared, and productive each day.



2nd Dance of the Year . . .
Middle School Dance,
October 25
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Warrior Gym
for all students in **grades 6-8**
who follow the 4Ps daily!

Pssst, Mom, Dad, Grandmom, Paw-Paw, Nanny, etc. Looking for a way to get involved at FCWCS?

Check out the list below for a few suggestions . . .

- Join the P.T.A.
- Attend the quarterly P.T.A. meetings
- Save Box Tops for Education coupons
- Attend Family Movie Night
- Buy a book or two during our Spring book fair
- Attend report card conferences
- Volunteer for the Fall Fest or Spring Bling*
- Attend Donuts for Dads or Muffins for Moms
- Volunteer to supervise a middle school dance*
- Volunteer to attend a field trip with your child's class*
- Help chaperone the Marching Warriors in a Mardi Gras Parade*
- Cheer the Marching Warriors on at a Mardi Gras Parade!

**Volunteers are required to submit to a background check according to the rules and regulations of RSD. See pg. 2.*



Parents of Physical Education Students in Grades 3-8

Is your child enrolled in Physical Education with Coach Herbert or Green? If they are, they are in need of a Physical Education uniform. The unisex uniform consists of a t-shirt and gym shorts. Students will be able to purchase the uniforms from school.

Youth Large - Adult XL (shirt & shorts)
\$20.00
Adult XXL (shirt & shorts)
\$24.00
Adult XXXL (shirt & shorts)
\$26.00
(cash or money orders only, sorry no checks)

Our bus service is provided by

Cage Transportation



Phone:

504.222.3614

with questions or concerns.

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.



WARRIOR NEWS

Fannie C. Williams Charter School
11755 Dwyer Road
New Orleans, LA 70128
504.373.6228
www.fcwcs.org

WARRIOR NEWS

is published monthly during the academic school year by the Faculty & Staff of the school, under the auspices of
Community Leaders Advocating Student Success - Debra Dean, President
Board Members - Al Edwards, Brenda Flint-Minor, Candice Forest, Donnyette Love, Emily Roubion, & Duane Stelly

Kelly S. Batiste, CEO/Principal
Tarynesa "Terri" Williams, CAO
Terry M. Smith, Photographer & Editor
FCWCS Faculty & Staff, Contributors

Join the P.T.A.

Your VOICE should be heard!

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."

-Jane D. Hull

"Of course, parents are the most important people in a child's life."

-Hillary Clinton



Girl Scouts.

See Mrs. D. Barnett or Mrs. C. Petit for additional info.

Girl Scouts are coming to our school! Are you ready?