

Joharie Walker (grade 5) won last month's drawing because her mother took the time to read all this great news about FCWCS! Did you?



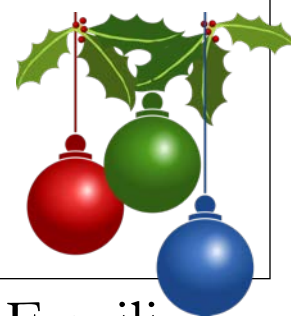
Happy
Holidays!

WARRIOR NEWS

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FCWCS—A Positive Place to Grow & Learn



High School Fair Proves Popular Again with Families



For the third year, CAO T. Williams and Counselor J. Edmond have spearheaded the endeavor to get city high schools on campus for our school's **High School Fair Night**. The Warrior Café was filled with 8th graders and their parents, anxious to talk to recruiters from schools that will be part of their lives next year and beyond. Choosing a high school is not to be taken lightly. By the number of Warriors on campus the night of November 7th, that is well understood! (see page 8 for more important 8th grade information) ###



Lucas Construction Corporation, a licensed commercial, electrical, mechanical, HVAC, and residential contractor (est. 1998), donated turkeys to the staff of FCWCS for Thanksgiving.

A member of the New Orleans East community, CEO Lawrence Lucas established the Lucas Construction Incentive Award in 2003. This year the corporation has graciously included FCWCS in the selection process. Their first generous gift was the more than 35 turkeys for the staff. During this Season of Giving, we have been told to expect more generous gifts from our neighbors, Lucas Construction. Thanks to the Lucas Family for their kindness. ###

Lucas Construction Corp. Gives Turkeys to Staff



1st Semester No School Days for Students

- Week of November 25-29 - Thanksgiving Break
- Week of December 23-31 - Winter Break
- January 1-3 - Winter Break—
school resumes on Jan. 6



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LOOK! Important info, mark your calendar!!!



WARRIOR NEWS DECEMBER 2013

Message from our Principal/CEO

December 5, 2013

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We've been in school four months already—yes our first day was August 5th!

As noted in last month's **WN**, word recently came down from Baton Rouge about our 10.5 point increase in testing, thus increasing our school's performance score. We have been designated as **A 2013 Top Gains School**. We are still working diligently to increase student achievement. Students we find to be academically deficient are being referred to intervention—special assistance to

attempt to get them on grade level. Any parent who is informed that their child needs this special help is requested to assist us to do all that we can for their son or daughter academically.

We need to reinforce the idea that children can only learn when they are here at school. We encourage you to send your child to school everyday and on time. Yes, we know there has been transportation issues and we hope you understand we are doing all that we can to rectify any problems that may occur on our end. One way you can assist us is to ensure that you always update your contact information—home address, phone numbers (cell and landlines), and

secondary contacts in the event you can't be reached. Remember, bus pick up and drop offs are based upon the address we have on file. Please keep all information current in our office. Any changes must be noted immediately.

Assignments were sent home during the Thanksgiving holiday. Did you see to it that your scholar completed theirs? Christmas will bring another long break and more assignments. Please make sure your son or daughter enjoys their vacation, but not lose ground academically!

Have a blessed and happy holiday season.

—Mrs. Kelly S. Batiste, Principal

1st Semester & 2nd Semester Upcoming Calendar Events

(please note, calendar is subject to change)

Fri., December 6

Students vs. Faculty Basketball Game
Tues., & Wed., December 10-11
2nd Quarter Exams

Thurs., December 12

Santa Pictures

Fri., December 13

Lucas Incentive Award Program, Time: 1:30 p.m.

Fri., December 13

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

Thurs., December 19

Holiday Program, Time: 9 a.m.

Fri., December 20

2nd Quarter Ends (48 days)

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

Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.

3rd Quarter Begins

Wed., January 8

2nd Quarter Report Card Conferences

4-6 p.m.

Fri., January 10

1st Semester Awards Celebration

Time: TBA

Mon., January 20

MLK, Jr. Day, NO SCHOOL

Mon., January 27

3rd Quarter Progress Reports Issued

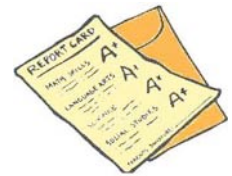
Week of March 3-7

Mardi Gras Break, NO SCHOOL

Progress Reports, Report Cards, ANET Dates

Progress Reports	Report Cards	ANET Assessment
9/16/13	10/16/13	9/24-26/13
11/11/13	1/08/14	11/12-14/13
1/27/14	3/26/14	1/14-16/14
4/16/13	5/29/14	2/25-27/14

Grading Weights (all subjects): **40%** Tests/Performance Tasks/Final Exam;
25% for Quizzes, Special Projects;
25% Classwork;
and **10%** for Homework.



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



These are worth 10 cents each to our school's treasury. Can you check your pantry for Box Tops on items you purchase?



See any of the coupons shown above on products you purchase for your household? Send them to FCWCS. We appreciate your help.

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.*

Purchase Your School ID
with Lanyard

Today . . .
Needed for field trips

\$5.00

(cash or money orders only, no checks)



Joe W. Brown Park
Holiday Celebration in the Park
5601 Read Blvd.
Saturday, December 7th
Noon - 4 p.m.



Debate Team Continues Winning Ways

Picking up where they left off last year, the Warrior Middle School Debate Team took home another trophy on Saturday, November 23rd at Tulane University. The team landed the Aristotle Award at Saturday's event. TU Debate Society was founded in 2009 to build on the work in TU's Professor McBride's classical rhetoric course, "Aristotle in New Orleans." Our orators are part of a group of about 14 middle schools with debate teams that compete. Members of the team are: **Malaysia Earls, Sanaa Morris, Mea Hamilton, Jada Robinson, and Myla Thomas.** Good job Warriors! ###

Coats and Jackets Need Names Too

Parents are reminded that students should have their names placed on the label and/or inside of their jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, etc.



We are able to match students with their clothing when names appear in these items.

Don't let them take up residency in the school's lost and found! ###

Voices of FCWCS Lending Their Talents to Great Causes

Our school's choir, under the direction of Kitty Wright, will be performing at the Bayside Health Senior Citizens Facility in Gretna on Fri., December 6th at 11:00 a.m. The **Marriot Hotel on Canal Street** has also invited "our voices" to appear at their site to entertain guests. That performance will take place **Fri., December 13th at 10 a.m.** Good job vocalists! ###



Warrior Library Now Lending

Students in grades 1-4 visit the school's library once a week. With this visit is the expectation that each student will check out one book to take home.

Parents have to sign permission slips to allow their child to borrow books. The registration form was sent home. It required the parent's and child's signatures declaring their responsibility for any lost or damaged books. ###



Girl Scout Troop 41296 Now Calls FCWCS Home

FCWCS is now the home base for one of the area's newest Girl Scout Troops. Our troop is off to an impressive start with 20 girls, in grades 1-4. The organization was organized to develop girls of courage, confidence, and character. Members of the troop are: **Jada Andrew, Malayah Benjamin, Taylor Bennett, Mysha Dainkeh, Asia Davis, Jazzlyn Dickens, Aniya Jarreau, Laila Madison, Regan McKinnis, Nylah Mercadel, Royelle Robins, Janiyah Sawyer, Essence Sterling, Brandi Tardy, Amarie Theodore, Kayla Williams, Malia Williams, Tamia Wright, Mia Evans, Mykyle Evans. Troop Leaders are: Deidra Barnett, Shoran Warren, Crystal Petit, and Linda Ducros, all members of the staff at FCWCS.**

Girl Scouts was founded by Juliette Gordon Low, March 12, 1912, in Savannah Georgia. They were chartered by the U. S. Congress on March 16, 1950. More than 3.2 million girls and volunteer leaders belong to this fantastic organization in 2013. ###

Carpool Procedures borrowed from www.americanacademyk8.org. Thanks!



Carpool Procedures Should Be Followed

Parents of car riders are asked to review the following items regarding the use of the carpool lane on campus. Remember safety first!

- Parents need to pull to the front of the carpool lanes as directed by staff.
- Do not exceed 10 mph on school property.
- Do not block the crosswalk.
- Parents are expected to release their child(ren) where the car stops in the lane.
- Prepare your child for drop-off before you arrive at the carpool lane.

- Respect the staff on duty and follow their directions at all times.
- Do not allow your child(ren) to enter or exit your car on the left side (driver's side) at any time.
- **Do not let your child(ren) off on Bullard Ave. Please enter the school grounds to drop our scholars off. We can not ensure the safety of kids walking on Bullard Ave.**
- Use the second entrance on Bullard with the overhang during rainy weather to drop off students and pick them up in the afternoon. Teachers on duty will provide direction. Watch for them. ###

From the Desk of

Nurse Cheryl Robichaux, R.N., B.S.N.

Well, we survived hurricane season. It officially ended on November 30th. Now it's cold and flu season again.

What is the flu? Three virus families—Influenzavirus A, B, and C—are the main causes of **influenza**. You can catch the flu anytime through the year, but during cold weather it multiplies 10 times, increasing your probability to develop it.

Scientists don't know the exact reason for this, but have many theories. They include the idea that people are indoors more in the cooler weather, thus in closer contact with each other; cold temperatures lead to drier air which causes drier mucus membranes, making the body unable to defend itself adequately from respiratory infection; viruses last longer on desks, chairs, doorknobs, etc. in colder weather; and Vitamin D production, made with the help of the sun, changes with the

seasons of the year. It is also prominent in helping the immune system fight illness.

In the United States, the flu season is from October through May, with its peak period in February. If you haven't already done so, now is the time to get your flu shot. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), all residents, six months and older, are encouraged to get the flu shot—the sooner the better. ###



Rotary Club of New Orleans (Rotary District 6840) Issues Dictionaries & Atlases

Warrior 4th Graders were the recipients of reference books from the local Rotary Club of New Orleans. This marks the third year that the organization has been so generous to our scholars.

Each student in the 4th grade was given an atlas and a

dictionary for their personal use. Students have received instruction in the use of dictionaries and atlases in class. An atlas, as you may know, is a book of maps. Before GPS (global positioning systems) in cars, individuals taking a road used a car atlas to locate roads and highways. A good world atlas will provide you with a map and information about the 196 countries of the world. What a great gift for a scholar! ###



New Transportation Service @ FCWCS



The administration has hired a new bus company to transport students to and from school within the boundaries of Orleans Parish. Our new vendor is **Wells Transportation** (504.469.1277).

Parental cooperation is needed to help students understand the rules and regulations regarding the bus service. Parents are expected to assist their children in the understanding of the consequences of misbehavior on the school bus—it is a privilege to ride the school bus, not a right! Warrior Way Bus Contracts were sent home December 4th with all bus riders. Please sign and return them immediately to school. ###



Fourth graders (above) are excited about their new dictionaries and atlases. Members of the Rotary Club of New Orleans (top) made the presentation. (Lower left) Second graders enjoying their Computer Literacy Enrichment Class. Today's students love computers.

Buying A Computer? Read This First!

Last year's Nov./Dec. issue of the WN (Vol. 6, No. 3) spoke of the pros and cons of buying a computer for children. May we offer a few suggestions again:

- * place the computer in the family room instead of the child's bedroom;
- * limit the time they are allowed to just "surf the net";
- * make sure you block out inappropriate websites;
- * teach children never to give out personal info on the 'Net.



Pictures with Santa Thursday, December 12th

Parents, students will be taking pictures with Santa on Thursday, December 12th. A package envelope has been sent home for your picture selection. **If you have more than one child and would like them to be photographed as a group, please add \$5.00 to the cost of the package you choose.**

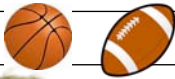
NO CHECKS, PLEASE!

(Cash and money orders only—made payable to
Fannie C. Williams Charter School)

**All money for pictures due on Wed., December 11, 2013.
No money will be accepted on picture day.**

Only students taking pictures with Santa will be allowed to appear on campus out of uniform (clothing must be appropriate for school, no shorts, flip flops, halters, skinny jeans or mini-skirts).
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We Are Champions!



2013 Flag Football Season

9/11	Hynes	L
9/12	Trinity	W
9/19	St. Mary's	W
9/24	St. George's	W
10/2	Kehoe France	W (f)
10/9	Audubon Charter	W
Playoffs		
10/29	Trinity	W
11/4	Hynes Charter	W
11/6	Belle Chasse Academy	W
Record: 8-1: Warriors Won Metro Middle School League Championship		



2013-2014
Metro Middle School
Champions

ren. 11/15/13

2013-2014 FCWCS Boys & Girls Basketball Schedule

2013				B	G
11/13	Wed.	FCW vs. Andrew Jackson	Away	L	L
11/20	Wed.	FCW vs. St. Bernard	Home	W	L
12/3	Tues.	FCW vs. Hynes	Away	W	L
12/4	Wed.	FCW vs. Andrew Jackson	Home	L	L
12/5	Thurs.	FCW vs. Belle Chasse	Away	L	L
12/11	Wed.	FCW vs. St. Bernard	Away		
12/12	Thurs.	FCW vs. Trist	Home		
12/17	Tues.	FCW vs. Hynes	Home		
12/19	Thurs.	FCW vs. Belle Chasse	Away		
2014					
1/8	Wed.	FCW vs. Belle Chasse	Home		
1/9	Thurs.	FCW vs. Belle Chasse Academy	Home		
1/13	Wed.	FCW vs. Trist	Away		



*All girl games begin at 4:00 p.m., followed by the boys at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. **All playoff games or tournaments TBA.

Faculty vs. Students BB Game Postponed to Dec. 6



Plan on catching the much anticipated Faculty vs. Students basketball game. Then we'll see you in the Warrior Gym on Friday, December 6th about 1:00 p.m.

This "thriller on Bullard" is anticipated as being as hotly contested as last year's battle of the roundballers. Who will reign victorious—faculty or students? Admission is only \$1.00. Concessions will be sold. See you there! ###

FCWCS
Wade Atlow
Roydell Baham
Montrell Banks
Joshua Brown
India Davis
Ernest Jackson
Terrence Laster
Lawrence Keys
Tyriek McKinney
Cornelius Meare
Ronald Morris
Tyrec Robair
Dwayne Sentino
Emory Williams
Raymond Williams

Coach:
Terry Green

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 December 2013 issue of **WARRIOR NEWS** . . .

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

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

please print legibly

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____



Our Girl Scout Troop (right) completed their first community service project with the help of the Fannie Family for Thanksgiving. The Troop was able to present three baskets filled to capacity with all the items needed for a hardy Thanksgiving Dinner to needy families in our school community. Way to go Girl Scouts!



Three generations of the Lucas Family (above) were on hand to deliver turkeys to the faculty and staff of FCWCS before the Thanksgiving Holiday. The family has promised a big Christmas surprise!

Mrs. Kelly's Class (below) were treated to an exceptional Thanksgiving meal prepared by their teacher and served by the principal. Wow!



It takes a village of educators to run a school. Among our talented staff are Instructional Coaches Terri Daigle (left) and Janice Watts (right). These ladies are responsible for preparing our teaching staff for the rigors of the classroom.

High School Night (right) is one stop shopping for 8th graders and their parents. Preparing for their next academic home is always an important responsibility for our oldest scholars on campus.



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**.

Fifth Grader Joharie Walker won November's drawing because her mother read the WARRIOR NEWS.

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



FCWCS Photo Album



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The Warrior Library (above and far right) now lends books to students weekly. Students are brought into the library with their class and are assisted by their teacher in choosing an appropriate book to take home. Parents should be returned the following week.



Anybody recognize this "feline" (right) from the 2013 Fall Festival? Face Painting went over real big with our elementary students. Is that the same 3rd grader in both pictures above?



Basketball Season is underway at FCWCS. We now have both male and female teams on campus. Pictured above and on right are the teams in action in the Warrior Gym against the squads from St. Bernard Middle School on November 20th. This was the first home game of the 2013-2014 season. Home games are \$1.00 for students and \$2.00 for adults.



JA Biz Town is always a great field trip for 5th graders. Students spend several weeks studying various career choices and then take a trip off campus where they get to explore the world of work and entrepreneurship. Thanks to Ms. Cobbins for the great pictures above and on left.

Great schools always have
parental input.
Join the P.T.A.



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

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



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neighborhood . . .
East New Orleans
5641 Read Blvd.
504.596.0200

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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.

Attention 8th Grade Parents!

At our annual High School Fair Night, information regarding 8th Grade Culminating Activities was issued. Students who did not attend were given letters to bring home. Did you receive one? The following information was presented . . .

The following is the list of 8th Grade Activities that will take place during the month of May (2014).

Spring Bling-school wide fundraising event. PBS sponsors two such activities per year (dress down activity for 8th graders).

Career Day-guests from various professions will come and talk to students about career paths (dress up event, no tennis shoes or jeans allowed).

8th Grade Field Trip-local venue, with students voting on where they would like to go (students will wear 8th grade class shirts and blue jeans).

8th Grade Picnic-food will include boiled seafood, soft drinks, and all the trimmings (students will be able to "dress down" for the picnic).

8th Grade Culminating Ceremony-(dressy attire event).

The budget for these activities is \$120.00.

The budget may be paid in one full payment or in installments. The payment schedule is as follows: Nov. 21, 2013 \$25.00; Jan. 31, 2014 \$25.00; Feb. 28, 2014 \$25.00; Mar. 31, 2014 \$25.00; Apr. 30, 2014 \$20.00. —Ozzie Ross, Jr.,
Middle School Dean of Students ###

Warriors always follow the 4Ps . . .

They are prompt,
polite, prepared,
and productive
each day.



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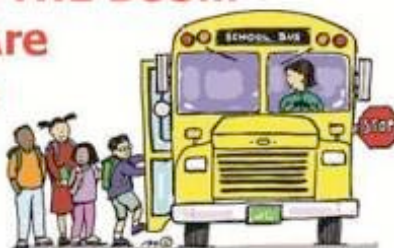
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