

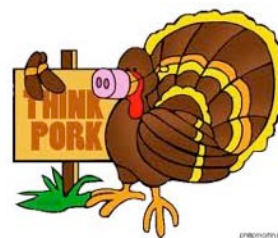


WARRIOR NEWS

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FCWCS—A Positive Place to Grow & Learn



State Superintendent of Education John White Visits

Superintendent holds Q & A Session with public and private early childhood providers in region



State Superintendent John White (center) poses for the Warrior News during his recent visit to our campus. Pictured with White are administrators T. Williams (left, center) and K. Batiste (right, center). Members of our student body ambassador team are on both sides.



School's SPS Rises

Louisiana's public schools performance scores (known as SPS) improved during the last academic year, 2012-2013. Included in this rise was FCWCS. **We rose 10.5 points!**



Girl Scouts

Thanksgiving Baskets
Food Drive
Nov. 7-15



Can you help? Send donations to FCWCS!



Purchase Your **School ID** with Lanyard Today . . .
Perfect for field trips

\$5.00

(cash or money orders only, no checks)



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

State Superintendent John White visited FCWCS on Tuesday, October 22nd.

He observed the Pre-K classrooms of teachers Tali Gudry and Shawn Tolliver. Superintendent White then held a Q & A session with early childhood providers from Orleans and Jefferson parishes. The discussion lasted about an hour. He was in town to discuss initiatives in the early childhood pilot program and the plans to improve the state's high school career diploma. ###

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Are you ready for some basketball?



Faculty vs. Students Basketball Game
Fri., November 15th
Warrior Gym

1st Semester No School Days for Students

- 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

School is closed the entire week of Thanksgiving—November 25-29. Classes resume on Monday, December 2nd.



WARRIOR NEWS NOVEMBER 2013

Message from our Principal/CEO

November 7, 2013

Dear Parents & Guardians

I'm sure you saw on page 1 of this issue, the small notice regarding our School Performance Score (SPS). The Department of Education informed us that our SPS improved by 10.5 points. We are definitely headed in the right direction!

I have congratulated staff and students for a job well done. But I would be remiss if I did not include giving accolades to the scores of parents who

are diligent about getting their children to school on time, ensuring that they have all the necessary supplies they need, and providing the support and encouragement at home with homework. We are all a part of the team that works to ensure that all our students receive the best possible education they can have here at FCWCS. All members of the team must be on the same page and plan for the success such as the 10.5 increase to happen. We are striving to exceed that number this year. We can do it if we all work together.

Speaking of teams, have you heard about our Warrior Flag Football Team, under the guidance of Coach Terry

Green? Yesterday they defeated Belle Chasse Academy of St. Bernard in the Championship Game. Our team plays in the Metro Middle School League of New Orleans. The team lost only one game, this season, out of eight!

We try to involve our students in the arts, music (instrumental and vocal), athletics, and of course our main purpose, academics. We look to develop well-rounded students, who can be outstanding on the athletic field, in the music hall, in the art studio and in the classroom. Our strides will continue to increase as long as we all work as a team, working hard to exceed the Warrior Way.

—Mrs. Kelly Batiste, Principal

1st Semester Upcoming Calendar Events

(please note, calendar is subject to change)

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

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



FCWCS 2013-2014 Grading Quarters

1st Quarter

August 5 - October 4

2nd Quarter

October 8 - December 20

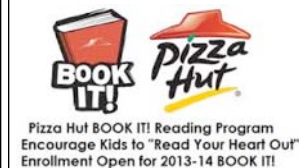
3rd Quarter

December 23 - March 14

4th Quarter

March 17 - May 29

FCWCS is taking part
in . . .



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

Grading Scale 2013-2014

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Quality Points
A	93-100	4.0
B	85-92	3.0
C	75-84	2.5 - 3.4
D	70-74	1.0 - 1.4
F	60-69	Below 1.0

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.





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

FCWCS is sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on **Monday, November 11th, 2 p.m.-7p.m.**

Parents are their child's first teacher and children learn by example. This is an example of a perfect way to show your son/daughter how "we are all our brother's keeper."

Blood can not be made in a factory, so it is our duty to make sure it is available when there is a need. Each donation can save the lives of up to

three patients. So in conjunction with the Blood Center, we sent home flyers are asking our parents and guardians to give the gift of life—donate blood. Each student who recruited at least one adult donor will receive a child-sized t-shirt!

Flyers were sent home with hopes that they were returned by November 4th. Did you return yours? Save a life, 1 pint of blood can save the lives of 3 individuals. Less than 5% of the population donates blood, causing severe shortages, especially during times of disasters and holidays. Every 2 seconds someone needs blood. Accident victims, burn victims, heart

transplant patients, sickle cell anemia patients, and bone marrow transplant patients are all examples of individuals who need the your assistance. Blood provided by generous people like you, can be seperated into three main components: red blood cells, platelets and plasma. Donated red blood cells must be used within 42 days of collection; platelets must be used within 5 days of collection; and plasma can be frozen and must be used within one year.

If you were unable to give this time we hope you will consider it in the future. Donations save lives. ###

More info: www.thebloodcenter.org

Bad weather hampers

**Fannie Family Warriors
Walking for a Cure**

Saturday, October 19th's walk for breast cancer ran into bad weather, causing several members of the team being unable to participate. However, FCWCS was still represented in this important endeavor.



The American Cancer Society has been saving lives for 100 years. Today, they save more than 400 lives a day that would otherwise be lost to cancer. The yearly "Walk for A Cure" happens to generate the funds needed for research for breast cancer.

Team Leaders Gretchen Batiste-Johnson and Cheryl Robichaux would like to thank everyone who registered to walk and especially those who were able to take part, regardless of the weather. Our walkers were: Danielle Andrew, Louis Edmond III, Stephanie Carter, Ameldia Lion, and Kasey Schexnayder. Supporters were: Kelly Batiste, Loretta Brown, Altis Brown, Deidre I. Williams, Lynda McCray, Gretchen Batiste-Johnson, Terry Smith, Janice Watts, La'Neisha Kelly, Maryellen Kelly, Shontra Varnado, Karen LeBlanc, Valerie Wimberly, Jewel Dauphin, Makayla LeCoq, Elijah McCoy, Ernest LeCoq III, Ernest LeCoq IV, Tremica Dauphin, Queen Muhammed (in

honor of Cassandra Muhammed), Everidge Alexander Green, Pearl White (Andrea Williams), Beverly Castille, Bernetta Sisco, LaCapitol Federal Credit Union, Stephen M. Goodly (in memory of Corinne Bordel), Wayne Jackson, Sonya Jones, D'Lon Herbert, Jacqueline Edmond, Tarynesa Williams, Vickie Coleman, Terri Daigle, Angela C. Goodly (in memory of Edna M. Holman), Carla Lewis, Brenda Watson, Lynette Henry, Michelle Barbre, Allison French, Erica Lehr, Marshall Jackson, Nakisha Nelson, Denise Reed, Women of New Orleans (Jada Lundy), Linda Ducros, Angelle Cagle, and the following 3rd Graders of FCWCS: Jordan Livas, Erica Smith, Gabriella McCloskey, Nadjah Jefferson, Jessica Morris, Zion McNabb, Ta'Vae Brumfield, Janaya Walker, Brandon Tardy, Antoine Banks, Dominer Davis, Nyla Mercadel, domonick Sentino, and Kevin Edwards.

**Warrior
Strong . . . We
raised
\$500.00!**

*Information borrowed from
brochure prepared by
Gretchen Batiste-Johnson.*

KEEP
CALM
AND
MAKE
STRIDES

Did you know . . .

- The first "modern" transfusion was performed by English obstetrician James Blundell in 1818.
- The first person who pioneered methods of storing blood plasma for transfusions and organized the first blood bank was African American Dr. Charles Drew, a surgeon.
- Human blood can be divided into eight types—O-, O+, B-, B+, A-, A+, AB-, and AB+. Do you know your blood type?



*We'll gladly take all of these
you've got . . .*



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.



Thursday, November 7th
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Warrior Café

3rd Annual High School Fair

The Annual High School Fair Night provides students and their parents an opportunity to talk to recruiters from local schools—public and private—regarding our 8th graders who will be attending high school during the 2014-2015 academic year. Students and parents have an opportunity to ask questions and secure applications for next year.

Parents will also be informed of the upcoming 8th Grade Culminating Activities and the cost associated with them. This allows parents ample time to budge for these events.

Copies of the Urban League's of Greater New Orleans book *New Orleans Guide to HIGH School . . . and Beyond* will also be available. This 111-page book offers excellent advice on how to choose a high school.

Early Childhood Programs tidbits . . .

- All publicly funded programs must start testing by 2015;
- All 64 parishes are under the same rulings;
- Teachers will test 3 & 4 year olds through observations;
- FCWCS is part of the pilot program.



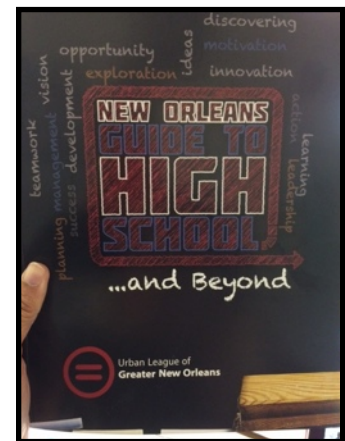
“Upstairs Scholars” Rewarded for Good ANet Scores

Lunch is a special treat for students in grades 5-8

A Net Assessment allows teachers a window into what students have learned and what they don't quite understand. Our first assessment went well for many students in grades 5-8. Those achieving 70% or better were rewarded with a student favorite—pizza for lunch!



There's a runoff election on **Saturday, November 16, 2013.** Don't forget to vote! In Orleans Parish we have to finish the job of choosing a new judge for Traffic Court, Division D and electing the next magistrate for the Criminal District Court. Your vote counts. Cast it!



“One of the first major choices for middle schoolers is where to obtain their secondary education. It is a decision that will affect the next several years of their lives and, possibly, college years. Many students taken into consideration parental desires, schools where their friend will attend, band, or athletics, but there are also other equally important factors that should not be overlooked in the decision-making process.”

—excerpt from the *New Orleans Guide to High School . . . and Beyond*
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Red Ribbon Week, October 24th - October 30th

Students make yearly pledge to be free of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs



Red Ribbon Week Celebration

Thursday - Celebrate Red Ribbon Week. Wear Your Red Drug Free Ribbon.

Friday - Team Up Against Drugs! Wear your favorite team shirt or jersey.

Monday - I'm Too Bright for Drugs! Wear your sunglasses.

Tuesday - Sock It To Drugs! Wear your crazy socks.

Wednesday - Hats Off To Being Drug Free! Wear a hat or cap.



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 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.

2013 Halloween Costume Winners & Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Pre-K

- 1st - Joshua Gaines
- 2nd - Daniel Fleming
- 3rd - La'Ria Haynes
- Honorable Mention - Aneciah & Aniyah Smith

Kindergarten

- 1st - Dylan Davis
- 2nd - Andrew Stoval
- 3rd - Jessie Snowden

1st Grade

On a field trip to Pumpkin Patch!

2nd Grade

- 1st - Carissa Washington
- 2nd - Reagan McKinnis
- 3rd - Dynasty Simon

3rd Grade

- 1st - Darryl Jackson

- 2nd - Carlos Morales
- 3rd - Malia Williams

4th Grade

- 1st - Tyrin Batiste
- 2nd - Janae' Davenport
- 3rd - Troyneka Murray

5th Grade

- 1st - Kalia Matthews
- 2nd - Byron Hall
- 3rd - Joshunique Marsh

Pumpkin Decorating

- 1st Place** - Bride Pumpkin (Lundy, 7th)
- 2nd Place** - Monster, Inc. (White, 1st G)
- 3rd Place** - Candy Apple (A. Williams, 1st Grade)

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**.

Dakarai Norwood (1st Grade) won October's drawing because her mother read the WARRIOR NEWS.

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





New Orleans Saints Honor Warriors With Motivational Visit

DE Akiem Hicks (No. 76) Speaks to Student Body



What a special treat to have DE Akiem Hicks visit our campus on October 29th. Our Marching Warriors and cheerleaders met Mr. Hicks at the door. He spoke

to students in grades 1-8 regarding the merits of attending FCWCS and taking part in extracurricular activities. Thanks Mr. Hicks and the NO Saints!



Resurrected Flag Football Team Makes Playoffs

First season in Metro Middle School League Earns Team Playoff Berth

Warriors win Metro Middle School League Championship Game on 11/6. Team defeats Belle Chasse Academy. Congratulations !!!



2013 Flag Football Season		
9/11	Hynes	Lost
9/12	Trinity	Win
9/19	St. Mary's	Win
9/24	St. George's	Win
10/2	Kehoe France	Win (f)
10/9	Audubon Charter	Win
	Playoffs	
10/29	Trinity	Win
11/4	Hynes Charter	Win

2013 Boys Basketball Team

Romalice Anderson
Joshua Brown
Raheem Charles
Ivan Holden
Irvin Holden
Ernest Jackson
Lawrence Keys
Terrance Laster
Jacob Livas
Ronald Morris
Tyrec Robair
Donnell Robertson
Kendrick Robertson
Dwayne Sentino
Raymond Williams
Coach: T. Green

Congratulations Warriors



2013 Girls Basketball Team

Destiny Albert
Taylor Bennett
Diamond Branch
Imani Davis
India Davis
Malaysia Earls
Mia Evans
Mya Evans
Carliss Foster
Rayvin Harris
Dnyra Jackson
D'Shante James
I'real Jarreau
Janae Jones
Diamond Smith
Coach: D. Herbert

Congratulations Lady Warriors

2013-2014 FCWCS Boys & Girls Basketball Schedule

2013			
11/13	Wed.	FCW vs. Andrew Jackson	Away
11/14	Thurs.	FCW vs. Trist (girls only)*	Away
11/21	Thurs.	FCW vs. St. Bernard	Home
12/3	Tues.	FCW vs. Hynes	Away
12/4	Wed.	FCW vs. Andrew Jackson	Home
12/5	Thurs.	FCW vs. Belle Chasse	Away
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 (boys only)*	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.

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 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 _____



FCWCS Photo Album

Girls Cross Country team at the end of the race. Photo by Coach Green.



CAO Williams exiting Scare House



Saints DE Akiem Hicks (No. 76)



Saints Player Akiem Hicks Visits



Wearing pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Day

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Fourth grade costume winners for 2013



Our great cafeteria staff dons their pink attire

Championship Flag Football Team, 2013



Student athletes coached by Coach Herbert



Students vs. Faculty Flag Football—Students Won!



Warrior Bandsmen





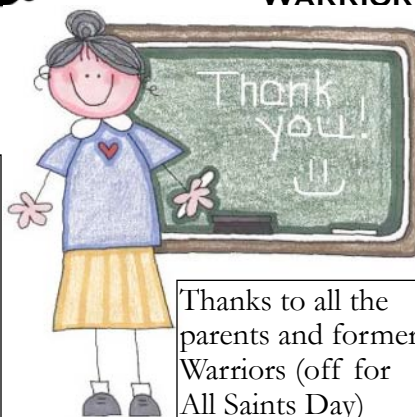
Volunteers Needed for Carnival Season, field trips, school festivals, etc.

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



gracias
merci
asante
grazie

Thanks to all the parents and former Warriors (off for All Saints Day) who volunteered during our Fall Festival on November 1st. We appreciate your help!

The Staff of FCWCS

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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.

Youth Run NOLA

Empowering underserved youth through running
We Want You!



Join us to learn how to run properly and stay healthy for life . . .

Train to run in local races and earn cool gear

We practice every Wednesday & Thursday
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Warrior Gym
for more information and to sign up contact
Coach James Singleton at jsingleton@yrnola.org



We promote being a buddy, not a bully at FCWCS. Do you?

Warriors always follow the 4Ps . . .

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



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