

WARRIOR NEWS

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FCWCS-A Positive Place to Grow & Learn

Lucas Corporation Foundation Sponsors Bike Giveaway

Local construction company gives 47 bicycles to students with the greatest academic gains the first semester of 2013-2014!





The Lucas Corporation Foundation once again showered FCWCS with their big hearts. In the spirit of the season, Leonard Lucas and his family gave away more than 45

bicycles to students on the Warrior campus. Students were nominated by their teachers for making great efforts to reach their academic goals during the first months of school. **Thanks Lucas Foundation for your generosity.** ###

(Left) Fourth grader Donté and mom on hand to receive his brand new bicycle!

Cox Communications City Council Grant

FCWCS received \$5000 on November 11, 2013 to support our After School Program.

The faculty of Fannie C. Williams coordinates and staffs the program. The cost of enrollment is \$10.00 per child for the entire school year. Transportation is provided and open to all students. **The After School Program runs Monday through Thursday,** 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. ###

Warriors Participating in Mardi Gras Parades

The **WN** has been informed that the Warriors of FCWCS will participate in the following Mardi Gras Parades:

Sat., Feb. 22nd Knights of Adonis
Sun., Feb. 23rd Krewe of Carrollton
Fri., Feb. 28th Krewe of Hermes
Sat., Mar. 1st Krewe of Iris
Sun., Mar. 2nd Krewe of Thoth
Be sure to cheer them on as they march
by! ###

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. Phone: 504.658.5455 ####



Marching Warriors take to the streets in the city's 28th Annual MLK, Ir. Parade on Monday, January 20, 2014. This occasion marked the first time the band wore their new uniforms. Photo courtesy of band director Thaddeus Petit.



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Message from the Editor of the WN January 30, 2014

Dear Parents & Guardians,

A team often mirrors its leader(s) in its attitude and actions. With that in mind, the WN would like to share a letter sent to staff at the beginning of the New Year from CEO/Principal Kelly Batiste . . .

Dear Fannie Family,

At the end of a year people often make resoultions for the upcoming year! For different reasons it often becomes difficult to maintain those resolutions! If we are to continue to be

successful at what we do, we must all resolve to commit to the following:

Working collaboratively to ensure our students are receiving the best education possible!

Remaining positive in all of our interactions with each other, with students, and with parents!

Supporting each other in the work that we do!

Celebrating successes along the way, big or small!

I thank God daily for blessing me with such a great team! Together, we will continue to make FCWCS a positive place to learn and grow!

... I certainly appreciate each and everyone of you! I'm looking forward to a fantastic 2014 with the Fannie Family!

–Mrs. Kelly Batiste, Principal

Just as teachers emulate their school's administrators, students their teachers, and children their parents, we are all our "brother's keeper." We are hoping that you find inspiration in Mrs. Batiste's letter to staff. You remain positive in your interactions with your children and staff, you support your child and their teachers in their academic endeavors, and you celebrate your child's achievements, big or small. With that, we're off to a great 2014 at FCWCS!

-tms, Editor WN

2nd Semester **Upcoming Calendar Events**

(please note, calendar is subject to change)

Mon., January 20 MLK, Jr. Day, NO SCHOOL Thurs., January 30

3rd Quarter Progress Reports Issued February 25-27

ANET Interim Assessment 4 February 28

Black History Program, Time: TBA

Week of March 3-7 Mardi Gras Break, NO SCHOOL Mon., March 10

Professional Development/Data Day for Teachers NO SCHOOL

March 12-13

Third Quarder Exams

March 14

Third Quarter Ends

March 17

Fourth Quarter Begins

March 18

LEAP Testing, Phase 1 (4th & 8th Grades) March 21

Founder's Day Celebration

March 26

3rd Quarter Report Card Conf., 4-6 p.m.

March 27

Pictures with the Bunny

March 28

Donuts for Dads, Time: TBA

April 4

LEAP Pep Rally

April 7-11

LEAP/iLEAP/ITBS Testing

April 17-22

"He who opens a school, closes a prison." - Victor Hugo Spring Break, NO SCHOOL April 23 Students and Staff Return April 28 DIBELS Testing Begins

May 1 Promotion Pictures (Grades 8, K, Pre-K)

May 2

Muffins for Mom, Time: TBA

May 5-9

Staff Appreciation Week

May 13-14

8th Grade Exams

May 16

PBS Spring Bling (Spring Festival)

May 19-23

8th Grade Spirit Week

May 20-21

4th Quarter Final Exams (Pre-K - 7th Grades) May 22

Pre-K Closing Program, Time: TBA May 23

Kindergarten Closing Program, Time: TBA

May 24

8th Grade Ceremony, Time: TBA May 29

Report Card Pick-Up/Parent Meeting, Time: TBA

2nd Installment of 8th Grade \$120 Budget Due

The second installment of the 8th Grade Class budget is expected on January 31st. The amount due is \$25.00.

Last December, parents of our 8th graders were presented with a budget to cover the cost of class for activities scheduled for May. Our 8th grade scholars will be participating in Career Day, an 8th Grade Field Trip, Picnic, and Awards Luncheon Ceremony. The cost is \$120.00.

Payments were scheduled for November 25th, January 31st, February 28th, March 31st at \$25.00 each. The final payment is set for April 30th at \$20.00.

Cash or money orders only will be accepted. If paying by MO, please make it payable to Fannie C. Williams Charter School.

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Did you receive uour child's first semester card?

Progress Reports, Report Cards, ANET Dates

Progress Report Cards **ANET** Reports Assessment 4-26/13 9/16/13 10/16/13 1/08/14 11/12-14/13 11/11/13 1/30/14 3/26/14 1/14-16/14 4/16/13 5/29/14 2/25-27/14

"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.

A word or two from our school's handbook . . .

The school nurse provides first aid only. She does not diagnose illness, but will note symptoms and notify parents of her observations. Students injured at school will be administered first aid and parents will be notified.

Parents with ill children should do the following:

- keep a sick child at home;
- ensure children always wash their hands after using the restroom and before eating;

- make sure your ill child does not share food with other children;
- throw away used tissues immediately;
- make sure your sick child drinks plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration;
- · check an ill child's breathing and temperatures at regular intervals;
- keep the child in bed and warm;
- · make sure medications are kept in child-proof containers and out of the reach of children.

The entire school community is endangered when these guidelines are not followed. Medical clearance is needed for any student absent five or more days from the classroom.

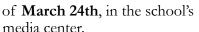
Emergencies do arise . . .

Could we get in contact with you quickly if we needed to? Does the school's main office have the following info regarding your family:

- Parent's/guardian's full name;
- 2. Complete and up-to-date home address;
- 3. Home phone number (landline if applicable)
- 4. Cell phone number of parent (including area
- 5. Phone number of two (2) relatives or close family friends and theirs names and relationship(s) to the student;
- 6. Physician's name and phone number;
- 7. Medical alert information (e.g., is your child diabetic, asthmatic, allergic to certain foods, insect stings? We need to know). ###

Spring Scholastic Book Fair

Librarian Karen LeBlanc has announced the dates for our bi-annual spring book fair. The fair will be held the week





Hundreds of books and assorted items, geared to students in grades Pre-K through 8th grade, will be avaliable for purchase. Flyers will be sent home the week

before the book sale, allowing parents to assist their child in making appropriate decisions in choosing just the right book. Of course, parents are always welcome to come in and purchase the books themselves for their offspring. Cash and credit cards will be accepted for payment.

FCWCS holds two book fairs each school year. Reading is fundamental to the development of our students as scholars. Reading is one of the most basic skills that children must learn to be successful in school and



in life. We encourage parents to allow all of our scholars the opportunity to make at least one purchase during our book fair this spring. ###

Parents do you have a smartphone or tablet computer? If the answer is yes, you may want to check out Scholastic's mobile apps at

www.scholastic.com/apps/

Girl Scout Cookies On Sale

Fannie's newest organization, Girl Scout Troop 41296, has joined one of the greatest traditions of scouting-they are selling cookies!

Buy a box of cookies and help our girls learn 5 essential skillsgoal setting, decision



making, money management, people skills, and business ethics (according to the official Girl Scouts website).

Don't know any of our scouts? Come into the school's office or see Scout Leader Mrs. Barnett and sign the order form for your favorite box of cookies. Thanks ahead of time for your order. ###

Did you know there's an Official Girl Scout Cookie

App for your iOS or Android mobile device? Check it out.



Good News Worth Repeating

We're Hoping to Keep You Part of the Fannie Family

More than 300 families (approx. 575 students) have made FCWCS their educational home this school year. We are hoping to keep them for the 2014-2015 school year. We are also hoping to attract a few more scholars to our family of learners.

Do you know of anyone who wishes to enroll a child in FCWCS? Did they make the Schools Expo on Sat., Feb. 1st? If not, hey can also visit the website **enrollnola.org** for information.

Enrollment has officially launched for the standard One App, running from Jan. 13-Feb. 28. The Week of Apr. 7th will mark period the Main Round placement notification will be mailed.

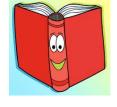
Students already enrolled at FCWCS will be given an Intent to Return form in the early spring. As always, they have first preference to seats available. This form will save a seat for your child for next year. Please return it immediately after you receive it. Parents do not have to fill out the app at the EXPO unless they are changing their child's school (8th graders, for example) or enrolling a little one in school for the first time.

The school's administration anticipates that it will have its formal registration during the early summer. ###

FCWCS Library

Books borrowed from the school's library are due back one (1) week from checkout.

Our library presently has about 7500 books. Many of these tomes (books) were part of a grant given to us by the Laura Bush Foundation



for America's Libraries during the 2007-2008 school year.

Parents are asked to ensure that their children keep the books in good condition as they use them at home and return them to the school in same condition that they received them. Parents will be responsible for any book that is mutilated, destroyed or lost. ###



LEUKEMIA & PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

Kids with leukemia need our help!

We're helping the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society with their

Pennies for Patients Campaign

February 3 -21, 2014

"This is a service learning, character education, and philanthropy program," according to the group's website. We're teaching children a lesson in caring for others as they fight blood cancers like leukemia. Allow your scholar to bring spare change from home for this worthwhile endeavor. Thanks in advance for your assistance. ###

Annual School Expo Spotlights Schools

The New Orleans Urban League once again sponsored its Annual School Expo.

The event took place on Saturday, February 1st at the Superdome. It's purpose was to provide parents with one-stop shopping for public schools in New Orleans. It provided parents and guardians the chance to talk to school personnel about their learning institutions. This allowed parents an opportunity to make informed choices about where to send their sons or

daughters for the 2014-2015 school year.

The expo ran from 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. Copies of the **Urban League's Guide to New Orleans Public Schools** were available at the Expo. Copies of the Guide to New Orleans High Schools were also available. It contains a wealth of information about high schools in New Orleans. The Spring 2013 edition of the elementary and middle school version can be found on the Internet at www.neworleansparentsguide.org. ####





$\mathsf{FYI}\dots$

Are you pleased with the quality of instruction at FCWCS? We hope so and are hoping your scholar returns to us next year. Students are guaranteed the ability to return to FCWCS if you do not submit an One App with alternate choices..

Inclement Weather Closes FCWCS & Other Parish Schools

Unusually frigid weather hit southern states for the second time this winter on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 28th and 29th.

Our Leadership Team decided (along with other school leaders in the region) to close school the 28th and 29th of January. It was a wise decision. You only have to watch the news and see what happened in Atlanta and Birmingham to understand how difficult it is for schools to have our youngest citizens at school when temperatures cause the closure of roads. Hundreds of students in Atlanta were stranded on school buses for over 12 hours. Several thousand more spent the night in their classrooms.

The decision was made Monday afternoon to close FCWCS on Tuesday and Wednesday. Parents were notified by flyers sent home with students, the school's website (fcwcs.org), WWL-TV's website, the local news, and our newest method of reaching parents, J-Call.

J-Call is an automated phone system that calls the homes of every student with important information. The voice you heard was Principal/CEO Kelly Batiste. Sometimes the "voice" will be a computer-generated voice. But the message will always be an important one—please listen and take note!

Did you receive such a message? If you didn't, it is probably because we don't have a current phone number for you! Please provide us with up-to-date contact information (home address, cell phone number, landline number, and secondary contact person(s) in case you can't be reached).

Black History T-Shirt Contest

Each year, in conjunction with our Black History Celebration, art teacher Phillip Britt and CAO Terri Williams spearhead a t-shirt design contest.

Open to students in grades 4-8, more than 50 artists submitted designs this year. Select members of the staff voted to choose the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place designs, void of the names of the artists. Each submission was based upon this year's Black History theme, "Black History in the Making: Leaders of Today for A Better Tomorrow."

We are pleased to announce this year's winners. They are:

1st Place: Kodey Cooper & Robert Lewis

2nd Place: Abdul Blue 3rd Place: Sheldon Scott

Watch out for Cooper's and Lewis's winning design on this year's shirt. Shirts will be sold to students and staff. Youth sized t-shirts are \$10.00 and adult sized shirts are \$12.00.

All monies were due by Thurs...

January 30th. ###

Annual Black History Program Slated for February 28th



In keeping with our tradition, we are preparing students for our annual month long Black History Celebration, culminating in a program on Fri., February 28th.

This year's theme, "Black History in the Making: Leaders of Today for a Better Tomorrow," has the entire school preparing. We've already had our t-shirt contest (see story above). There is also scheduled a **Quiz Bowl**

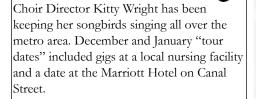
(Feb. 7th, Grades 3-8); **HBCU Step Show** (Feb. 14th); **The Fannie Factor** (Staff Talent Show Feb. 21st); and the grand finale. The Annual **Black**

Show, Feb. 21st); and the grand finale, The Annual **Black History Program** (Feb. 28th).

Students in Pre-K through 3rd grade program will take place from 9-10:30 a.m. Upper grades will have their program 1:15-3:00 p.m.

CAO T. Williams and Instuctional Coach T. Daigle are seeking students who wish to showcase their talents. See you, front and center, in February. ###

Voices of Fannie C. Williams "On Tour"



Each engagement brings a little more poise and confidence to the "Voices." The hardwork in the vocal music class seems to be paying off. Good job Warriors! ###



FCWCS Honor Roll

August '13-January '14

1st 9 Weeks

Principal's Honor Roll (4.0 GPA)

1st Grade

Williams, A. (Teacher)
Asia Lynn Davis
Whittington, D. (Teacher)
Mi'netra Gobernado
Kevon Jordan
Brandon Livas
Javian Neco
Dakarai Norwood

2nd Grade

Andrew, D. (Teacher) Makaiya Evans Theriot, S. (Teacher) Breiana Matthews

3rd Grade

French, A. (Teacher) Jordan Livas Domonic Sentino

5th Grade

Lehr, E. (Teacher) Mya Evans



A Honor Roll (3.9 - 3.5 GPA)

1st Grade

Geor'nae Baham Vernell Brown Ty'rese Brumfield Deshawné Cornelius Keyondre Garner Colby Johnson Genayia Leslie Coy Marshall Noe Morales Akeem Murph Rashad Reddick Ronald Smith Simeon Washington Tamia Wright

2nd Grade

Landon Michael
Naiya Bickham
Anthony Brown
Anirea Edwards
Quinn Emery
Angel Foley
Amirius Lazard
Elijah Lecoq
Reagan McKinnis
Jada Morris
Amari Roberts
Shelby Stigler
Brandi Tardy
Angela Williams
Darvale Williams

3rd Grade

Rasheeda Anderson Jerome Brown Dominer Davis Darryl Jackson Nadjah Jefferson Devin Kelley Marco Ramirez Gabriella McCloskey Tyrone Morgan David Norwood Akilah Senior Brandon Tardy Jerome Tyler Shaci Guevara Janaya Walker Malia Williams Jeffery Wilson

4th Grade
Darryl Jones
Hayley Jones
5th Grade

Kyren Bowman Byron Hall

6th Grade Robert Lewis

8th Grade Arielle Jarreau Kia Reese



2nd 9 Weeks **Principal's Honor Roll** (4.0 GPA)

1st Grade

Williams, A. (Teacher) Asia Davis Brandon Livas Avhija Mobley Javia Neco Dakarai Norwood

2nd Grade

Andren, D. (Teacher) Makaiya Evans Theriot, S. (Teacher) Breiana Matthews Reagan McKinnis Shelby Stigler

3rd Grade

Fowler, A. (Teacher) Jerome Brown David Norwood Jerome Tyler French, A. (Teacher) Jordan Livas 2nd 9 Weeks **A Honor Roll** (3.9 - 3.5 GPA)

1st Grade

Geor'nae Baham Keyondre Garner Mi'netra Gobernado Kevon Jordan Genayia Leslie Tyquincy Locure Noe Morales Amari Perkins Amarie Theodore

2nd Grade

Damon Butler Hermonnie Cornelius Anirea Edwards Quinn Emery Aniya Jarreau Treyvon Moliere Jaylyn Tyler Darvale Williams

3rd Grade

Dominer Davis Nadjah Jefferson Devin Kelley Marco Ramirez Gabriella McCloskey Tyrone Morgan Domonick Sentino Shayna Sykes Brandon Tardy

4th Grade

Jayia Baham Darvell Hall Hayley Jones

6th Grade

Mairon Rochez Robert Lewis

8th Grade Arielle Jarreau







The M.M.S.L.* Champs show off their award sweatshirts during a morning assembly in January. The co-ed flag football team won the championship their first year in the league. This marks FCWCS first athletic championship. The team is under the tutelage of Coach Terry Green. Congratulations once again Warriors.

*Metro Middle School League

The **D.A.R.E.** (**D**rug **A**buse

Resistance Education)

Program,

established in 1984,

made its way to our campus during the first semester. We were the first school in New Orleans East to resurrect the program since Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Fifth graders in Mses. Cobbins's and Lehr's homerooms took part in this year's class. The international program seeks to prevent use of controlled drugs, membership in gangs, and violent behavior. The organization attempts to teach students good decision-making skills to assist them in leading safe and healthy lives, away from drugs, gangs, and violent activity.

Detective Darlene Stokes served as our training officer. The D.A.R.E. Culmination Program was held on December 3rd at FCWCS. ###

Lady Warriors Show Promise & Tenacity

In what was a tough season for our Lady Warriors Basketball Team, we know definitely one thing about them, they've go heart!

Now in the second season of the girls' basketball program at FCWCS, "the ladies

continued to show growth," according to Coach D'Lon Herbert. This was the

first year they were members of the

Metro Middle School League. Their record was 1-11, but were probably the most improved of any team in the league. They received compliments, from coaches and parents alike, as they tackled the district's best team St. Bernard Middle

School. They gave SBMS "a run for their money" to advance to the next round of the championship tourney.

In their best effort of the season, The Lady Warriors were down 11 to 3, before they fought their way back. Ultimately, the LW loss 21-16, but it was a nail biter to the last second on the clock. The scoreboard, yet again, did not tell the full story of the respect gained for our female athletic program. "I'm so proud of what these girls have accomplished and I anticipate continuous success as the team matures," said Coach Herbert in an interview with the **WN**.

The girls are still out there giving it their all, although putting W's in the win column has not been easy for them. They will face off against Dibert and Esperanza Schools in the month of February. Keep your ears open for the date. They are worth a looksee! ###

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. 8) and return it to school to enter the drawing. SAVE the rest of the **WN**.

Keep the **WARRIOR NEWS** to stay abreast of FCW Charter's activities for January/February 2014.

See you in March!











A very appreciative fourth grader thanks Mrs. L. Lucas of the Lucas Foundation for his new bicycle (above).

PBS allowed each student to choose a toy for Christmas on the last day before the holiday vacation began (right).







Members of Mrs. Wright's flute recorder ensemble meet with Louisiana's Philharmonic Orchestra's Amanda Wuerstlin in prepartion of their performance with the orchestra in late January. **FCWCS** Recorder Ensemble have performed twice before with the classical musicians. Photo by Mrs. Wright.

FCWCS 2013-2014 Grading Quarters

1st Quarter August 5 - October 4 **2nd Quarter** October 8 - December 20



3rd Quarter
January 6 - March 14
4th Quarter
March 17 - May 29

2nd Semester NO SCHOOL Days for Students

Jan. 20 - MLK, Jr. Birthday Holiday Mar. 3 through 7 - Mardi Gras Break Mar. 10 - Professional Development for Staff

Apr. 17 through 22 - Spring Break

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Warriors always follow the 4Ps . . .

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



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for all that you have done for the students and staff of FCWCS. Your kindness is very much appreciated!



These pink coupons found on

you find to our school. Thanks.

purchase are worth 10 cents. Send all

household products you may

OFFICIAL COUPON

Lost h' Found

Names in Personal Belongings Helpful

Labeling your child's personal items goes a long way to ensure that lost items are returned to them. Parents are asked to check the Lost and Found Rack (presently in the school's lobby) to identify items belonging to your child. ###

Our NEW bus service is provided by

Wells



Transportation

Phone:

EXPIRES

6/1/08

504.469.1277

with questions or concerns.

Our Kids Are Worth the Wait

"A good teacher is a determined person."



V O T E

City
Run-off
Election
on Sat.,
March
15th.

Finish the job.

Your voice should be heard.

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.

Children who read succeed . . .

Encourage reading at home by bringing your child(ren) to the

New Orleans Public Library!

It's free and there's one in your neighborhood . . .

East New Orleans 5641 Read Blvd. 504.596.0200

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.

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