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FCWCS—A Positive Place to Learn & Grow



Fannie C. Williams —
b. March 23, 1882
Biloxi, MS
d. June 12, 1980 (age 98)
New Orleans, LA



Warriors perform in their last parade of the Carnival Season, 2014—Thoth on Napoleon Avenue, Sunday, March 2nd. The Marching Warriors and their chaperones marched about 30 miles in five parades—Knights of Adonis, Krewe of Carrollton, Krewe of Hermes, Krewe of Iris, and Krewe of Thoth.

Marching Warriors Put On A Fantastic Show!

The hard work paid off. It was evident from the performances on the streets of New Orleans that many hours had been put into making the Marching Warriors of FCWCS a polished unit composed

of musicians, dancers, majorettes, flag twirlers, and cheerleaders.

Hats off to the student performers and their parents and sponsors for a job well done! You represented the Warrior Family well. As Principal Batiste likes to say, “Marching Warriors showed up and showed out!” We can’t wait to check you out in 2015. ###



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Carl J. Reed, Jr.

won last month's **WN** drawing

because his mother took the time to read her issue of the

WARRIOR NEWS!

Read this issue and send the coupon back on page 5 (within 2 school days) to enter your child in this month's drawing.



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Message from our Principal/CEO

March 15, 2014

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Three down and one more academic quarter to go. Can you believe we have already completed 3/4's of the school year?

Phase 1 of LEAP is upon us as this issue of the **WN** goes to press. Students in grades 4 and 8 will take care of the constructed written response in ELA and mathematics on March 18.

The week of April 7-11 the LEAP/iLEAP Tests will be administered to students in grades 3-8. It is very important that you continue to send your child to school daily and on time. We are noticing a slight increase in car riders coming to school beyond the

8:00 a.m. bell. Students who wish to eat breakfast should be here between 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.

Parents should also note that after school care is held from 3:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. There is no after school program on Fridays. Everyone should leave the campus immediately at the 3:15 dismissal bell. Parents who pick up their students are asked to be here by 3:10 p.m. each Friday.

Parents of all 8th grade students should have made a decision regarding their schooling for the 2014-2015 school year. The OneApp process for Round One ended on February 28th. The Family Resource Centers (there are 4) can guide you if you need assistance to take part in Round 2. Round 2 will begin on April 14. The deadline is May 9. Families will

be notified by mail the week of June 1. The center closest to FCWCS is located at Mildred Osborne Elementary, 6701 Curran Blvd., New Orleans East. The website states the hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., but please call to verify they have not changed (504.400.0614).

Information regarding the enrollment process for all charter and the few remaining RSD schools can be found at **enrollnola.org**. Families without computers and the 'Net should visit the New Orleans Public Library to utilize those computers available (free of charge, but you must have ID and a library card).

As always, thanks for your cooperation.

—Mrs. Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO

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
1/30/14	3/26/14	1/14-16/14
4/16/13	5/29/14	2/25-27/14

**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



Report Card Conferences

Wednesday, March 26
4-6 p.m.

All Dads
You're Invited to Our Annual
Donuts With Dad Program
Fri., March 28th
Time: 8:30 a.m.



2nd Semester

Upcoming Calendar Events (please note, calendar is subject to change)

March 12-March 14

3rd Quarter Exams

March 14

3rd Quarter Ends

March 17

4th Quarter Begins

March 18

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

March 18

6th/7th Grade Field Trip

March 20

Dentist on Campus

March 21

Founder's Day Celebration

March 23

Fannie C. Williams Birthday

NOPS Educator

b. 1882, Biloxi

March 25

Immunization Bus on Campus

March 26

3rd Quarter Report Card

Conferences

4-6 p.m.

March 27

Pictures with the Bunny

March 28

Donuts with Dads, Time: 8:30 a.m.

(sorry ladies, men only . . . see you in May)

March 24-March 28

Scholastic Book Fair

March 25-March 26

EXPLORE Test for 8th Graders

March 31

8th Grade Budget

Final Payment Due

April 4

LEAP Pep Rally

April 7-11

LEAP/iLEAP (Grades 3-8)

April 17-22

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 Grade)

(calendar continues on page 3)

**2nd Semester
Upcoming Calendar Events**
(continued from page 2)

May 22
Pre-K Closing Program, Time: TBA

May 23
Kindergarten Closing Program,
Time: TBA

May 24
8th Grade Ceremony, Time: TBA
FCWCS

May 27
Awards Program for Grades 1-7
Time: TBA

May 29
4th Quarter Ends
Last Day of School for Students

May 29
Report Card Pick-Up/Parent Mtg.
Time: TBA

June 2
Summer Remediation Begins

June 24-26
LEAP Retest

**Fifth Annual 8th Grade
Closing Activities
Coming Soon**

Budget payment due March 31st

Eighth grade closing activities are fast approaching. Parents of 8th graders are reminded that the final two payments of the \$120.00 budget are due on March 31st and April 30th (\$25 and \$20, respectively).

The budget must be paid in its entirety by Friday, April 30th.

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

The budget covers the cost of Career Day, a special 8th Grade Field Trip, the Class Picnic (and the a class t-shirt), and the Culminating Ceremony/Luncheon. Students will be allowed to invite a specific number of guests for the luncheon. Additional information will be forthcoming.

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**Pennies for Patients Campaign
Huge Success**

The campaign to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society was an overwhelming success, according to the FCW's administration.



Chairperson Sharnell Theard could not believe the response of the student body and their families to the school's call for pennies and loose change. FCWCS

collected a grand total of **\$1,222.74** for this years contribution to the Leukemia &



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

Can you image what your life would be like if you lost your vision?

Our children and you, their parents, will need your eyesight for many years to come. As parents, it is our duty to keep their eyes as healthy as the rest of their body. Also by modeling this good eye behavior, they will have a chance to maintain good eyesight for their entire lives. Below are five tips for maintaining good eye health:

1. Eat for Good Vision - your diet should contain the following kinds of food: green, leafy vegetables such as spinach, kale, and collards; salmon, tuna, and other oily fish; eggs, nuts, beans and other sources of non-meat protein; oranges and other citrus fruits

Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients Campaign, February 3-21, 2014.

This group attempts to teach children a lesson in caring for others as they fight blood cancers like leukemia. Parents heard our plea and allowed their scholars to bring to school spare change from home. Our top homerooms/offices this year are:

- 1st Place:** Mr. S. Goodly (8th grade boys) \$175.14
2nd Place: ISC (main office) \$128.97
3rd Place: Ms. A. Fowler (3rd grade) \$83.53
4th Place: Ms. A. French (3rd grade) \$80.31.

Special thanks to Ms. Theard for spearheading this endeavor and to all who were so generous in their giving. ###

- or juices. Eating well-balanced meals also helps to maintain a healthy weight, thus avoiding Type 2 diabetes. Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness in adults.
2. Encourage children never to start the habit of smoking. Smoking can cause cataracts, damage to the optic nerve and macular degeneration.
 3. Encourage your children to wear sunglasses. A good pair will protect your eyes from the sun's UV rays. Too much exposure to these rays can cause cataracts and macular degeneration.
 4. Use safety glasses at home, work, and when you play sports.
 5. Look away from the computer and TV occassionally to avoid eye strain.

Additional information regarding this topic can be found at www.webmd.com. ###

All activities listed above will take place in May. Career Day and the 8th Grade Culminating Ceremony/Luncheon are dressy affairs. Males are required to wear a jacket, button down shirt, dress slacks, and a tie. Female students must wear a knee length dress. **Dresses are not to have spaghetti straps. Tennis shoes or jeans are not permitted for Career Day or the Culminating Ceremony/Luncheon.**

For the Field Trip students will be allowed to wear blue jeans and their class t-shirt. The class picnic will be a "dress down" affair.

All students are expected to adhere to the dress code while participating in these activities. ###



The 8th Grade Culminating Ceremony/Luncheon in 2012 was held on Saturday, May 19th. Pictured above are Principal Batiste (right) and the Class Valedictorian Arian Williams for '12.



1st Founder's Day Planned, March 21

New tradition in the making to honor school's namesake

Fannie C. Williams, the New Orleans educator for whom our school was named, was born on March 23, 1882 in Biloxi, Mississippi. How did a native of Biloxi end up with her name on a New Orleans East school? Her story is a remarkable one.



Fannie C. Williams

Ms. Williams received her high school and undergraduate education in New Orleans from Straight College (later Dillard University) in 1904. She taught in Gulfport and Pass Christian, Mississippi for about eight years. She also taught one year in Michigan before returning to New Orleans in 1921.

The remainder of her long career as an educator took place in New Orleans Public Schools. Fannie Williams worked as a teacher at Fisk Elementary. She later became principal of the Miro School (later known as Valena C. Jones Elementary), where she guided staff and students from 1921-1954. She also guided young teachers preparing to work in NOPS. During this era of segregation, beginning in 1870, Negro teachers were certified to teach at "Normal Schools." Valena C. Jones held such a program. It housed the elementary school and the "Normal School" for teachers. As principal of Jones, Williams was also in charge of preparing these new instructors. This type of certification of Negro teachers discontinued when the State began to require a four-year college degree. This was no small accomplishment, for Valena C. Jones School was always one of the city's largest schools. In the late 1930s, there were 2800 students in attendance, with more than 50 teachers on staff. Miss Williams earned \$225 per year to supervise the elementary and normal schools, along with her salary as principal.

Miss Williams was responsible for beginning many services for children that are expected in today's schools. At Valena C. Jones School, she started a health program that culminated with Child Health Day on May 1st of each school year. As early as 1929, Jones School had dentists, nurses and doctors providing services to the hundreds of students enrolled there free of charge. In the early 1930s, she opened a nursery school and kindergarten classes, long before they became common place at other Negro schools. A Parents Study Group with the aid of Family Service Experts was brought in to test pupils in the early 1940s—long before New Orleans Public Schools initiated this testing anywhere else in the city. Students were treated to field trips that included Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University), Baton Rouge (to visit the state capitol), Audubon Park, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. With the help of others, Miss Williams was instrumental in getting African-American girls in New Orleans into Scouting.

Troop 99, of Jones School, was the first African American troop in city of New Orleans. Distinguished visitors to the city always visited the 7th Ward school at 1901 N. Galvez St. Educator Mary McLeod Bethune and former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt were among the honored guests.

She also encouraged her staff in professional growth. Those with only certification went off to work toward their degrees, with many completing advance degrees. Teachers, who had once worked under her guidance, became principals, supervisors, consultants, and school librarians in NOPS.

Always in demand as a consultant, Williams also taught during summers at Tuskegee, Southern University, Alabama State, West Virginia Institute, and Alcorn A & M. She also participated in three White House Conferences on education during the administrations of Hoover, Roosevelt and Truman. FCW also served as a member of numerous boards—Straight College (later Dillard University), the American Missionary Association, Girl Scouts, American Red Cross, Community Chess, Home Child Development Center, Family Service Society, the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools (later the American Teachers Association until it merged with the National Education Association) and Flint-Goodridge Hospital. She also played a pivotal role in the Negro Branch of the New Orleans YMCA, serving as its first president.

In 1946, Dillard University named a girls' dormitory in her honor.

At age 96, she still lived alone in a comfortable home on Touro Street. Friends assisted her daily activities because of her frail body. But her mind remained sharp and alert. She read daily, making herself aware of the world around her. She died June 12, 1980 in New Orleans at the age of 98. Between 1987 and 1989 a 120,000 square foot middle school was constructed bearing her name. On this site the present day Fannie C. Williams Charter School sits, keeping the name and vision alive of the small woman with the big vision for educating children in New Orleans.

This year we are planning to honor the memory of our school's namesake with a few simple ideas to make the student body aware of her importance to education in our city. Our first Founder's Day will take place the Friday closest to her birthday—March 21st (Miss Williams was born on March 23rd). There will be a contest and prizes based on Williams's biography. The cafeteria will serve birthday cake as a special treat. Students on the Principal's Honor Roll will have lunch with Mrs. Batiste and Ms. T. Williams in the Warrior Café. We will begin to commemorate Miss Williams's birthday each as year as Founder's Day and we hope to make this an annual event on our campus.

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Works Cited: Anderson, Ph.D. Beverly Jacques. Cherished Memories. Snapshots of Life and Lessons from a 1950s New Orleans Creole Village. Bloomington, IN: iUniverse, Inc. 2011.





Spring Scholastic Book Fair

Week of March 24 - 28

Media Center (Library)



Books for all ages and interests
Flyers will be sent home with selections and prices

Parents welcomed to come in, browse, and shop!

Sorry, no checks accepted

Children who read succeed . . . please
purchase a book for your student during our
Spring Scholastic Book Fair



fcwcs.org now in its second year

March 9th marked the 2nd year of existence for our school's website. Our website contains information and pictures about Fannie C. Williams Charter School. The **WN** is archived at fcwcs.org. There the school's newsletter can be viewed in color. ###

FCWCS Library Lends Books

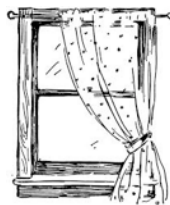
Books borrowed from the school's library are due back **one (1) week** from checkout.

Our library presently has about 7500 books. We are trying to maintain our current collection. It is important that parents ensure that their children return the books in the same condition that they received them. Please do not allow your child to eat while reading their borrowed book. Students should also not write or mark in these books.

Parents will be responsible for any book that is abused, destroyed or lost. ###



"Reading a book is like looking through a window."



Zetta Hupf, Children's Author

Principal Honor Roll Scholars Treated to Ice Cream Social

Administration is always looking for ways to honor our top scholars. February 10th was no exception.

Students who earned 4.0 GPAs for the first and second quarters were treated to an ice cream social that

afternoon with Principal Batiste.

The ice cream was great, but the highlight seemed to be when our top students were able to sit a while and ask Principal

Batiste some very pertinent questions: "What is your favorite flavor of ice cream? Is it hard being a principal? Did you ever teach? How old are you?" That last question bought the greatest reaction from our principal. Mrs. Batiste responded with "how old do I

look?" A very dangerous question to ask an elementary student. That was very gutsy of her! The student replied, "about 24 years old." Positive feedback was given to this exceptional student, "great answer!"



Principal Batiste turned the tables and began to question her young wards with the following: "what do you like about our school?" The answer, "we got Ms. Sisco!, I like my teacher a lot. I like my friends, and we have a great principal."

Sounds like a great afternoon for all in attendance. *Sisco & Smith ###*

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 March 2014 issue of WARRIOR NEWS . . .

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

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

please print legibly

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____

Piggie & Elephant Visit,
February 3rd.

Literary stars Piggie & Elephant made a surprise visit to FCWCS. They brought along Sheriff Marlin Gusman and WDSU news reporter Gina Swanson to read and discuss two in their series of books. Each student received two books to take home.



School-Choice Expo @ Superdome, February 1st (above). Staff members and their families came out to hawk the positives about FCWCS during the annual school expo for New Orleans schools.

Computer Literacy

Class (right) is all about learning how to use a computer properly and accessing information. Mrs. Theriot's second graders have stored appropriate websites in EAVS that they use daily to enhance their basic skills on the Internet.



Counting Thousands of Box Tops (above right), not an easy job. Librarian Karen LeBlanc (right) and Dean Bernetta Sisco take the time to tally the thousands of Box Tops turned in for redemption. School paraprofessional Sonya Jones also assisted with the counting.

Preparing Books for Reshelfing (right). Sharp 3rd grade "librarian" reads the call numbers off the spine of library books to replace them on the shelves for recirculation. This skill was taught in Mrs. LeBlanc's enrichment class last semester. The best students assist the librarian weekly.



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. 5) 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 April.

FCWCS Photo Album



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Fannie C. Williams Marching Warriors
Krewe of Thoth Parade, 2014
All photos by Larry Everage, Jr., Tod Smith, and the Editor

FCWCS Marching Warriors
Group Sponsors
Band
Thaddens Petit, Director

Assistants
Stephen Goodly
Taylor Holt
Dedric Jones
Terry LeBan
Travis Newsome

Cheerleaders
Deidra Barnett

Majorettes &
Flag Twirlers
Danielle Andrew
Kendra Cobbins
Arriane Jones

Dance Team
Seané Taylor
Sharnell Theard

Administration
Kelly S. Batiste
Principal/CEO

Tarynesa "Terri"
Williams, CAO





Want Ad

Musicians Needed

for 2014-2015 school year

The Warrior Band seeks musicians for the upcoming school year. No previous experience needed! School will provide instrument, music, and uniform. Band Director looking for students willing to put in the hard work to become musicians who perform on campus and in Mardi Gras parades. Students must also be willing to practice after school and take part in the summer band camp. Directors seeking the following instrumentation: 6 trombones, 6 baritones, 6 mellophones, 18 trumpets, 5 tubas, 6 clarinets, 6 saxophones, and percussionists. See Mr. T. Petit for additional information. ###

**Happiness Is Going On A Field Trip!**

Nothing brings greater joy to the ears of students than to hear of an impending field trip.

Any day away from the traditional classroom always brings excitement to learning. Recently, first graders were treated to a 90 mile trip to Baton Rouge to visit the Louisiana Art and Science Museum. The LASM has interactive art exhibits and science galleries built to motivate young minds. There is also an exhibit on ancient Egypt and a planetarium.

FCWCS first grade teachers used this opportunity to culminate two lesson units—one on Ancient Civilizations and the other on Astronomy. Students got to see a real mummy excavated from his tomb in Egypt. They also sat back and watched the nighttime sky come alive in the museum's planetarium. On view were planets, constellations, and universal bodies discussed in class. The final stop was an exploration of interactive galactic experiences. For example, discovering how much they would weigh on other planets.

Wow, what an awesome experience for some of our youngest Warriors. Our three classes of first graders and their teachers (Whittington, Williams, and White) enjoyed a fantastic field trip, full of wonderment and new knowledge. *White & Smith* ###

Thanks to Ms. C. White for sharing this story and pictures with the WN.





2014

Photos from Black Quiz Contest, Friday, February 7th.

The Winners were:

3rd Grade: Ms. Fowler/Ms. French

5th Grade: Ms. Cobbins

6th Grade: Mrs. Barbre

7th Grade: Ms. A. Williams

8th Grade: Ms. Lundy



Scenes from our HBCU (Historical Black Colleges & Universities) Step Show on Friday, February 14th.

The Winners were:

1st Place: Spelman College - 8th Grade Girls

2nd Place: Jackson State University - 7th Grade Boys

3rd Place: Morehouse College - 8th Grade Boys

Honorable Mention: John C. Smith Univ. - 6th Grade Girls

&

Stills from our Annual Black History Program, Friday, February 28th.

Congratulations to all participants and sponsors for a job well done.

-WN

This year's theme: "Black History in the Making: Leaders of 'Today for a Better Tomorrow.'"





We love these coupons, please continue to send us all you clip! -Warriors of FCWCS

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Lost & Found Continues to Grow



Are you about to put away your child's winter clothing for next year. But you are wondering what happened to that new jacket or cap you bought in November?

It may be here at school, on the Lost & Found Rack/Table. Located in the lobby of the school, we are asking parents to stop by during Report Card Conferences on Wednesday, March 26th and see if there are any items belonging to your child.

Please continue to mark your student's personal items with their name and homeroom number. It allows us the opportunity to give them back without making it to the Lost & Found Table. Remember any items still here at the end of the school year will be given to the Goodwill. ###

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Have you seen the new FCW car magnets? Want one for your vehicle? See Mrs. Watson to buy one or the teachers on carpool morning duty. Only \$5.00!

Box Top Campaign Profitable for FCWCS

Principal Batiste sends out a big thank you to all who contributed to the Box Tops for Education campaign this year. Due to your hard work, we earned \$637.50. A special thank you to Mrs. K. LeBlanc, librarian, for spear-heading the campaign. Ms. B. Sisco and Ms. S. Jones were also dutiful in helping to count the thousands of Box Tops sent to FCWCS.

This year's top classes and their totals are as follows: 1st Place

Mrs. A. Williams - 1st Grade
2,067 coupons

2nd Place
Mrs. M. Kelly - 4th Grade
585 coupons

3rd Place
Ms. A. Williams - 7th Grade
Boys - 433 coupons

Although this year's campaign has ended, please continue to send these invaluable coupons. We are beginning our new start for the 2014-2015 school year!

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Worth the
Wait



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Wells Transportation



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504.469.1277

with questions or concerns

"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today." -Malcolm X

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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.

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



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