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UMMERMATTERS FANNIE C. WILLIAMS CHARTER SCHOOL • 11755 DWYER ROAD
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FCWCS-A Positive Place to Learn & Grow



2014 First Founder's Day Celebration 2014











Our 1st Founder's Day Celebration, March 21st, was a tribute to our namesake—Fannie C. Williams.

Williams was an exceptional educator during the era of segregtion in the south. She pursued the best educational practices for the thousands of African American students under her care. For 33 years she served as a classroom teacher and administrator primarily at Valena C. Jones Elem. in New Orleans.

Her legacy of success and caring is a tradition that we strive to continue at FCWCS. We will forever make Ms. Williams's birthday an extraordinary day in memory of an extraordinary educator.

Happy Birthday Fannie C. Williams (1882-1980). ###

Honoring Fannie C. Williams Educator Extraordinaire, New Orleans Public Schools . . . b. March 23, 1882 d. June 12, 1980!

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Devin Kelley

won the March 2014 **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.

Message from our Principal/CEO May 7, 2014

Dear Parents & Guardians,

The months of this academic school year have now dwindled down to three weeks and counting. As always, the year has been filled to capacity with events, deadlines, good times, bad times, and of course learning.

We've had grandparents, dads, and mothers on campus by the hundreds. Thanks to all of you who made the trip to visit your young ones. Your presence made their day and ours too!

Along with parents and grandparents, we've had the state superintendent, John White, and RSD's superindent, Patrick Dobard, on campus for meetings. The Saints visited also. We had defensive player Akiem Hicks on campus to talk about the merits of a good

education. We were also graced by the presence of the Saints organization who provided us with a field day on the yard. Getting kids up and moving with the Saints/Gatorade Jr. Training Camp on a beautiful September day was great.

Our athletic teams are developing nicely—the flag football team won the Metro Middle School League Championship in the fall. Way to go team! Our basketball teams—girls and boys—always gave it their all. We are proud of your efforts. We also had students participating in cross country. We've discovered quite a few "serious" runners on campus.

This year also saw the start of our Girl Scout Troop. Troop 41296 calls FCWCS home. Our band broke out with their new uniforms—looking exceptionally sharp and sounding very good as they paraded through the streets of New Orleans. The auxilliary units gave them that additional wow factor.

In the classroom, teachers employed all types of learning to engage our students. Our nearly 600 students come in all shapes and sizes and also their methods of learning are as varied. We've got visual, logical, verbal, physical, aural, solitary, and social learners on campus. The staff has spent the year trying to service all these varieties of learners. We use all methods to capture the attention of our pupils. Athletics, music, clubs, organizations, computers, art, PBS activities, etc. are all employed to make this school a great place to learn & grow.

Keep your scholars positively engaged and safe this summer. See you in August.

-Mrs. Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO

Opening Dates for 2014-2015 Released

C.E.O./Principal Kelly Batiste has informed the **WN** of the opening days for Warriors for the upcoming school year. School will open for students on **Monday, August 11, 2014 for students in grades 1 through 8.**

Our youngest scholars, Pre-K through Kindergarten, will



start their academic year on Monday, August 18, 2014.

Our first holiday of the year will be Labor Day, Monday, September 1st.

Parents are asked to set their family schedules accordingly. ###

Research has proven that educational skills are lost during the summer months. **Keep your child's mind busy academically!**

The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world!

-William Ross Wallace

(1819-1881)



2nd Semester Upcoming Calendar Events

(please note, calendar is subject to change)

April 28th - May 9th DIBELS

(reading assessment for lower grades)

May 2

Muffins for Mom, Time: TBA

May 3

National Lemonade Day Lake Forest & Bullard 9 - 2 p.m. \$2.00

May 5-9

Staff Appreciation Week

May 7th

Promotion Pictures

Pro K. Kdo. 8: 8th Grade

(Pre-K, Kdg., & 8th Grades)

May 13-14 8th Grade Exams

May 15

Last Day for Afterschool Program

May 16

PBS Spring Bling (Spring Festival)

May 16

LEAP scores released

May 19-23

8th Grade Spirit Week

May 20-21

4th Quarter Final Exams (Pre-K - 7th Grade)



May 22

Pre-K Certification Presentation and Field Trip

Time: TBA

FCWCS Campus

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Kindergarten Closing Program,

Time: TBA

FCWCS Campus

May 23

Last Day for Enrichment Classes

May 24

8th Grade Ceremony, Time: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. FCWCS Campus

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: 1:00 p.m.

June 2

Summer Remediation Begins

June 24-26

LEAP Retest

2014-2015

August 11

2014-2015 School Year Begins Grades 1-8

August 18

New School Year Begins Pre-K & Kindergarten



We want all our Warriors back for next year! Parents of all current students of FCWCS Re-registration for all current students will begin on



Monday, May 19th! Applications to hold your child's seat for the 2014-2015 school year must be returned completed to FCWCS by Friday, May 23rd.

We are projected to be at capacity (about 600 students) for the 2014-2015 school year. Please ensure your child's seat by completing the re-registration app and returning it on time.

-The Administration of Fannie C. Williams Charter School



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

I'm busy closing out the records for the 2013-2014 school year. We've had the usual scrapes, bruises, and stomach aches. One of my main duties is to keep up with the immunization records of almost 600 students. Summer is the ideal time to update your child's shots. The Immunization Bus provides free childhood (ages 6 weeks to 18 years of age) immunizations. You must bring your immunization records to receive service. Call 504.733.3268 or go to www.GNOshots4kids.com for additional information. The bus can be found at the following locations in our area.

May 7 - N.O. East Walgreen's Bullard & L. Forest - 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

May 14 - Rouse's 4500 Tchoupitoulas - 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

May 21 - N.O. East Walgreen's Bullard - 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

May 27 - Gentilly Rouse's 6600 Franklin Ave. - 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

May 28 - Rouse's 4500 Tchoupitoulas - 2 p.m. -6 p.m.

June 4 - N.O. East Walgreen's Bullard - 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

June 11 - Gentilly Rouse's 6600 Franklin Ave. - 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

June 18 - N.O. East Walgreen's Bullard - 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

June 20 - UNO Human Performance Center - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

June 25 - Rouse's 4500 Tchoupitoulas - 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

See you in August . . . have a safe summer!

Damaged Library Books Becoming A Problem

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.

The school year is rapidly come to a close. We are asking that all parents search their homes for books that may belong to our school. Please encourage your scholar to return all books to the school's library.

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

U P D A T E! Pennies for Patients Campaign FINAL Total Adjusted



Our last issue of the **WN** announced that FCWCS had raised a grand total of \$1222.74 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients Campaign.

We've received the official numbers from the L&L Society and we've been entered into the record books with a grand total of \$1228.65 for this year's contribution. The funds raised will go to research

and patient aid in support of the organizations goal to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. It also attempts to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

Our top homerooms—Mr. Goodly's 8th grade boys, Ms. Fowler's and Ms. French's third graders are the recipients of a free field trip and pizza parties, respectively for their generousity. FCWCS also received a \$100.00 Office Depot Gift Card to be used by the school for supplies.

Again Warriors, thanks for your generousity and caring. Your pennies will go a long way in fighting blood cancers. ###

Our School Supplies List for 2014-2015

is coming soon!



School Opens

August 11 (Grades 1-8)
August 18 (Pre-K & Kingarden)
Please make sure your scholar
has what they need to start the
new year!

Fannie Parents . . .



Parents, your assignment . . .

- 1. Attend the last parent meeting on Thurs., May 29, 1:00 p.m. in the school's gym.
- Make sure your scholar does the entire summer assignment. Have them bring it the first day of school.
- Take your scholar to the public library and allow them to to join the NOPL's summer reading club for kids.



Thanks to all who supported our school by coming by and having a glass of the city's best lemonade at FCWCS's Lemonade Stand!

National Lemonade Day Saturday, May 3rd Lake Forest & Bullard

Lemonade Day teaches today's youth to become tomorrow's entrepreneurs!

We always dedicate a portion of our profit to the Leukemia and Lymphona Society of Greater

New Orleans

Listening/Following Directions

Pragmatic Language

Articulation

Fluency (Stuttering)

Dialect

Using iPads to Enhance Speech

and Language Skills

Summer Speech Activities

earing Impairment/Deaf Education

Thanks to the more than 160 mothers, grandmothers, aunts, older sisters, and other mother figures who attended our

6th Annual Muffins for Moms Celebration on Friday, May 2nd . . .

You made our day!





2nd Annual Faculty vs. Students
Volleyball Game

Friday, May 9th 1:30 p.m.

Admission: \$1.00

Concessions will be sold



Did you know that . . .

FCWCS has a certified **speech pathologist** on staff full time?

Mrs. Lynda McCray is our veteran speech pathologist whose job it is to provide assistance to our students who have disorders related to speech, language, cognitive communication, voice, swallowing, and fluency.

Mrs. McCray has spent several decades in New Orleans working with children who can't produce speech sounds or can't produce them clearly to be understood by others. Students who are stutters, who speak in a harsh tone or an inappropriate pitch would see Mrs. McCray. She is also trained to work with students with attention, memory or problem solving disorders. These are known are also known collectively as cognitive communication disorders. Individuals with swallowing problems can also be assisted by our speech pathologist.

Mrs. McCray and all the speech pathologists who work with the children of New Orleans are inviting all parents and guardians to their **Better Hearing** and **Speech Month EXPO** sponsored by the Orleans Parish School Board Department of Exceptional Children's Services on **Thursday, May 8th** at the Norman **Mayer Library** in Gentilly (near Dillard University), **10:30** a.m. - **3:00** p.m.

The speech pathologists of New Orleans hope to see you there! ###

EXTRAORDINARY EVENT

WHERE YOU WILL RECEIVE

INFORMATION REGARDING

SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND

HEARING DEVELOPMENT.

*FREE SUMMER SPEECH ACTIVITY PACKETS

DEAS TO ENHANCE SPEECH AND BUILD VOCABULARY

*REFRESHMENTS

*MAKE AND TAKE ACTIVITIES



Sawyer Tops Sellers of Cookies First Year

According to Troop Leader Deidra P. Barnett, Janiya Sawyer of FCWCS's Troop 41296 sold 138 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies in their recent selling campaign. She more than doubled the nearest efforts of her closest competitor.

These five scouts were responsible for selling more than 300 boxes of the annual treats

The list of top sellers is as follows:

Janiyah Sawyer 138 boxes

Kayla Williams
68 boxes

Brandi Tardy 58 boxes

Carissa Washington 32 boxes

Reagan McKinnis

25 boxes



Lost & Found Clothing Anxiously Awaiting Owners

The lost clothing that are currently "living" in the school's lobby are requesting

that their owners retrieve them immediately.

We've got



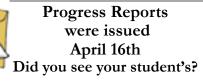
sweatshirts, hats, jackets, sweaters—a table and rack full of clothing that need to be taken home. Clothing that is marked with a student's name can

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Parents, please check your child's clothing at

be easily returned.

home to see what is missing. It may be hanging on the rack at FCWCS. Remember, all clothing not retrieved will be given to Goodwill Industries at the close of the school year. ###



If you did not, inquire about it at the ISC (main office).

Summer Band Camp Entering Year 3

Is your son/daughter a member of the Warrior's Marching Band?
They would definitely benefit from a month in the Warrior Band Camp at FCWCS. It's a great way to spend the month of June!

See Mr. T. Petit for additional details!





Thanks to the more than 150 fathers, grandfathers, uncles, older brothers and father figures who filled our gymnasium on Friday, March 28! Your presence turned an ordinary Friday into a fantastic one with your attendance! We hope to see you again next year at our 7th Annual Donuts with Dad Celebration.

Warrior Afterschool Program

Final Day for 2013-2014 *is*

Thursday, May 15th

May 18 - May 29 students will be dismissed at 3:15 p.m. daily until the close of the school year.

Looking for something positive for your child to do on the

family's computer? Try this . . . Over 750 animated story

books, read-alongs, games



and quizzes. Language learning: English, French & Spanish versions available. Access from the New Orleans Public Library website: neworleanspubliclibrary.org

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 Eannie C. Williams Charter School

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

Fannie C. Williams Charter School.

I've read the April/May 2014 issue of WARRIOR NEWS...

1			
Student's Name		Grade	Rm. No
	please print legibly		

Parent's Name ______ Parent's Signature _____





New Orleans Public Library Announces 2014 Summer Reading Program

New Orleans East Branch is located at 5641 Read Blvd.

Sign up begins May 5 for NOPL's Summer Reading Program for kids ages 0 to grade 6.

Each local branch will have its own kick off party, free food, activities, and book giveaways!

During June and July the local branches will be places of great fun. Johnette Downing (author and singer) will appear at the Algiers Regional on June 14. Wind in my Feathers, Wild Birds of Prey, Irwin Royes (World's Smalles Magician), the BugMobile, Wetland Express, AquaVan, Curtis Pierre (Percussionist Extraordinaire), will all be making appearances at our 14 local branches.

Does your child love to read? Or would you like to develop this passion in them? Utilize our public library to keep them educationally occupied this summer. Have them join the SRP (Summer

Reading Program) and read 20 books this summer to get their Official Bookworm Certificate.



Sign up begins May 5. Check out the NOPL's website for additional info (neworleans publiclibrary.org).

Remember library cards are free. Borrowing books is free. Returning them on time is free! We have 14 branches of the NOPL in our city. Take advantage of this "free" entertainment to keep your child entertained and learning with books!

-parts of the above borrowed from NOPL flyer

NOPL Did you know . . .

You can select from over 8300 e-books, audio book titles and over 3,000,000 songs to use on I-Pods, MP3 players, I-Pads, smartphones, and tablets from the NOPL for free? All you need is a library card.

To get started go to neworleanspubliclibrary.org and click on e-books, audiobooks, music & more button.

Weekly Story Times @ NOPL East

5641 Read Blvd. 504.596.0200 Tuesday - 5 p.m. Saturday - 1 p.m.

(storytime days & hours change, always check NOPL's website or call the library location for the most current storytime information)



Have you seen this piece of art around the city?

In 2013, the city of New Orleans unveiled the artwork depicted on the right to indicate the 17 designated City evacuation pick-up points (evacuspots).

In case of a dangerous hurricane (usually Cat 3 or greater), the city will call for a mandatory evacuation. ALL citizens must leave the city until officials have indicated the city is safe for re-entry.

The city will provide transportation assistance for Orleans Parish residents/and or tourists who cannot leave town in their own cars.

In order to use the City-Assisted Evacuation, citizens must register ahead of time (nola.gov). After registering, citizens can go to any of the 17 evacuspots to be transported to the Union Pacific Terminal bus station for a ride out the city. Individuals who have medical or mobility needs and cannot get to the the closest evacuspot,

should call 311 or go to ready.nola.gov to sign up for the **Special Needs Registry**.

Except for those individuals with medical mobility issues, it is your responsibility to get you and your family to the closet pick-up point to your home. When you register, you will be given information regarding the nearest evacuspot to you. Remember hurricane season begins June 1st. Access nola.gov or call 504.658.8700 now for additional information. Let's hope that we have

another non-eventful season like last year. But let's be ready just in case! ###



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.





Rock the LEAP Pep Rally, April 4th















The Friday afternoon before LEAP Testing is spent getting everyone "pumped up" to perform their best! Mrs. B. Watson (upper right), our Business Manager sings a positive message. Ms. A. Williams (middle right) and her class raps about the merits of doing your best. Meanwhile, Ms. "Michael Jackson" Sisco entertains on stage and with members of her flash mob. Who's got the most spirit? Mrs. Kelly's 3rd Grade class does (middle right), so they receive the "Spirit Stick."



A member of the men's club of Cornerstone United Methodist Church, teaches a basic lesson in golf.

FCWCS Photo Album



2014 Scholastic Spring Book Fair, March 24th - 28th





Shopping for a new book is always fun during the Book Fair (left). Clifford, the Big Red Dog, visits with two of our youngest scholars prior to the start of the school day (above).







Class and cash (\$3000) after winning second place in the middle school category's 3rd Annual "Brass Got Class Competition" in Armstrong Park on March 23rd.

Three amigas—Goodly, Sisco, and Lewis—are in the costume while handling the carpool lane (above middle). Dads came over in large numbers after Donuts for Dads Celebration to support the Spring Book Fair (above).

It's decision time for the 2014-2015 school year for our 8th graders. Lake Area's Mrs. S. Dolliole, 9th Grade Counselor, speaks to Warriors about the merits of attending Lake Area New Tech Early College High School.



We Love Having Our Parents On Campus ...

6th Annual Donuts for Dads (March 28th) & Muffins for Moms (May 1st)

















FCWCS Photo Album

There's Always Something Happening @ FCWCS!

It may be visitors, PBS activities, weekend fun, or a much anticipated field trip-those in the know, know we're a great place to learn & grow!



ALESE/







Superintendent, RSD, Patrick Dobard (upper left) conducts a breakfast meeting with Type 5 charter operators April 23rd.

Searching hard and fast for Easter Eggs on the yard during the PBS activity April 16th (above).

Dancing Warriors Weekend Bash was a blast for all involved of their tour of the French Quarters (above left).

Learning takes place in and out the classroom as illustrated with these three pictures on the left. First and second graders made a trip to Covington to the Insta-Gator Ranch in Covington, April 9th.

Middle School Boys made a trip to an area wildlife preserve. Good time for all!

Thanks to my co-workers, Ross, Theard, Whittington, White, Williams, and Cobbins for pictures in this issue.

—The Editor





2013-2014 President Destiny Albert

D'Nyra Jackson Terrance Laster Willie Francis Mykal Gardner Sanaa Morris Myla Thomas Byronika Strowder Amyria Tenner

Thank you **Destiny Albert**

for making a commitment to Lemonade Day 2014 and keeping it!



"When you study great teachers... you will learn much more from their caring and hard work than from their style." -William Glasser



Budgets Due for Closing Activities

8th Grade Budget = \$120.00 Kindergarten Budget = \$35.00 Pre-K Budget = \$22.00







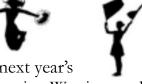
Important Parent Meeting

Thursday, May 29 1:00 p.m.

Last Report Cards of the 2013-2014 School Year Issued to Parents/Guardians; **Graded** Summer Activities Assignments; School Supplies List; Important 2014-2015 Calendar Dates; Uniform Requirements; Outstanding debts cleared, etc.







We're looking for next year's Cheerleaders, Majorettes, Dancing Warriors and Flag Twirlers!!! Tryouts will occur Thursday, May 7th & Wednesday, May 8th 3:30 p.m.

Must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA and have the recommendations of your teachers!



Need a House?

Bad Credit? No Credit? Fixed Income? Low Income?



Housing, Community and Health Fair Sat. May 3 10am to 2pm All Souls Episcopal Church 5500 St. Claude (at Caffin)

Affordable Housing Programs Loan & Mortgage Lenders Grants & Loans First-Time Homebuyers Classes Bond Money for Closing Costs and Down payment

FREE Workshops by SUNO for Small Business Owners Affordable Healthcare for Employers



Pre-Register 800-239-7379

Obamacare: How to File Your Tax Exemption; Get Affordable Health Care for Your Employees

Sponsors: Southern University of New Orleans, Capital One Bank, Realty Executives SELA, Loving Hearts Respite, S.I.L., & PCA Services, Local 100 United Labor Unions, Fair Grinds Coffeehouse and Attorney David Capasso



Teachers Are Bound by Law to Report Child Abuse

In 2012 the Louisiana Legislature enacted laws regarding the reporting of child abuse. These laws, enacted May 25, 2012, stated that all members of a school's staff have a moral and legal duty to report any sexual or severe physical abuse suspected involving students enrolled at FCWCS. Failure to report will result in staff being charged with a felony.

All employees of FCWCS are bound by law to report sexual or severe physical child abuse. We are considered mandatory reporters. See page 1 of the 2013-2014 Family Handbook for additional information. ###



Fannie C. Williams, New Orleans Educator

Mission Statement of Fannie C. Williams Charter School

The mission of Fannie C. Williams Charter School is to achieve the highest academic success through collaboration of staff, parents, and community.

We need you to perform our mission with fidelity!

FCWCS is a Type 5 charter with BESE (Board of Elementary and Secondary Education), that is awarded to pre-existing public schools under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District. We are currently completing our 3rd year as a charter school.

Board of Directors

Community Leaders Advocating Student Success (C.L.A.S.S.)

Debra Dean, President Al Edwards, Brenda Flint-Minor, Candice Forest, Donnyette Love, Emily Roubion, & Duane Stelly





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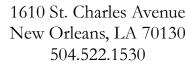
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Thanks to the Student Council and the owners of Krewe du Brew for providing the staff with a great breakfast during A-Net Testing March 18.

Krewe Du Brew of New Orleans, LLC e-mail: info@krewedubrewnola.com



Coming Soon Summer Learning Activities

for all students (Pre-K - 7)
Let's not let June & July go to waste! See
to it that your child completes their
summer assignment. It's important!

FCWCS-A **Positive**Place to Learn & Grow

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



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