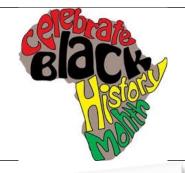
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1st Semester Scholars Recognized

1st and 2nd Quarter Achievers Honored with Awards Assembly

Principal's Honor Roll 4.0 GPA/1st Quarter 1st Grade Bradley Butler

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"There is no short cut to achievement. Life requires thorough preparation-veneer isn't worth anything." -George Washington Carver, Scientist \$

Teacher (1864-1943)





B Honor Roll

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Message From Our Principal/CEO

February 2015

Dear Warrior Parents,

We're closing in on PARCC – **P**artnership for **A**ssessment of **R**eadiness for **C**ollege & **C**areers–Phase I, the first part of the state's spring testing in less than three weeks. We are doing everything we can to prepare our students for this assessment.

Please remain vigilant regarding attendance. It is important that all students are in school daily–8:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. We ask that you limit checking students out early, before the 3:15 dismissal. All time in the classroom is precious.

Saturday Warrior Academy is underway. The Upcoming Calendar in this issue of the WN specifies the Saturdays the academy is in session, 9 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Allow your child to attend if their teacher has requested their attendance.

Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO

"Upstairs Scholars" View Selma

Students in grades 5-8 were treated to the movie *Selma* at the Clearview Theatre in Metairie, January 19th.

The movie told the story of MLK, Jr. and the effort of hundreds to enable blacks to register to vote in the south. In 1965, Selma, Alabama become the battleground in the fight for voting rights. MLK, Jr. attempted to lead his followers on a march from Selma to Montgomery.

History came alive for students watching this two hour treat. Many schools across the metro area were treated to this unique and very appropriate field trip for the upcoming Black History Month celebration. ###



"If my mind can conceive it, my heart can believe it, I know I can achieve it!" -Jesse Jackson, Civil Rights Activist (1941 -)



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

I am sure by now you have heard of the recent outbreak of measles in the USA.

Healthcare providers have found that "ground zero" for this recent outbreak was Disnevland (California). It is suspected that someone visiting overseas brought this disease back to the United States. Measles, until recently, was seldom seen in the United States because most children were vaccinated against it. But we should not let our guard down, according to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC). All it takes is someone who has not been vaccinated to infect children to young or who have not received all the needed doses to be fully immunized.

Measles (also known as Rubeola) is a highly contagious rash with a fever. The disease is transported via the respiratory route. The incubation period average 10-12 days (receiving the illness and showing symptoms). The rash that is the hallmark of the measles usually shows up about 14 days after exposure. The clinical symptoms of the measles are: • a fever of 101degrees or more; • a rash that begins usually on the face

and proceeds to the trunk with the presence of one or more of the following:

- cough
- coryza (inflammation of the nose)
- and conjunctivitis (inflammation of the eyes).

Complications from measles can include pneumonia, encephalitis, seizures, and even death.

The CDC recommends that infants 6-11 months should receive one dose of MMR vaccine before international travel. They should then be revaccinated with two additional doses at age 12-15 months and at least 4 weeks later. ###

Upcoming Calendar

Feb. 12 - McMain Senior High Recruitment Session @ 2 p.m., 8th Graders

Feb. 13 - HBCU Step Show and Black History Quiz Bowl (Black History T-Shirt & Jeans)

Feb. 13 - Marching Warriors, Krewe of Morpheous; Uptown @ 7 p.m.

Feb. 16 - Marching Warriors, Krewe of Orpheus, Uptown @ 6 p.m.

Feb. 16 - Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL

Feb. 17 - 20 - Carnival Time (Mardi Gras), NO SCHOOL

Feb. 23 - Classes Resume @ 8:00 a.m.

Feb. 27 - Black History Program (Black History T-Shirt & Jeans)

Feb. 28 - Saturday Warrior Academy (SWA), 9 a.m. -11 a.m. (invited pupils)

Mar. 3 - 5 - EXPLORE Testing, 8th Graders

Mar. 7 - Saturday Warrior Academy, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Mar. 9 -11 - 3rd Quarter Exams

Mar. 12 - Pictures with the Bunny

Mar. 13 - End of 3rd Quarter (44 days)

Mar. 14 - Saturday Warrior Academy. 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Mar. 16 -20 - PARCC Testing, Phase I (Grades 3 - 8)

Mar. 21 - Saturday Warrior Academy, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Mar. 20 Founder's Day (Fannie C. Williams's 133rd Birthday, b. 1882) - 3rd Quarter PBS Experience

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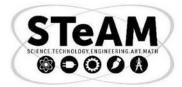
Silverback Society's Mentorship Program on Campus

FCWCS 8th grade boys this year have become part of the Silverback Society's mentorship program.

Weekly, a group of about six trained adult males visit our campus to mentor our oldest male students, our 8th grade boys. These mentors are from all walks of life.

The Society forms an agreement with the boys they groom for manhood. The organization states that it purpose is to be committed to lead generations. The "silverbacks" (men) who are part of the organization commit one hour a week for twenty weeks, making our community better one boy at a time. The group's website states, "we recognize that each little boy who reaches adulthood prepared for his role as father to his next generation is a permanent solution, an influence that will lead future generations towards productivity and responsibility."

The Silverback Ways of the World are expressed in the following ways: 1. Give respect to get respect. 2. Teach by example. 3. Give your word only when you know you can keep it. —cont'd on page 4



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Family S.T.E.A.M. Night

Thursday, March 12th 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

DINNER will be served!

There will be scores of exciting hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, math projects, games and experiments for ALL AGES. Bring the family!

Family S.T.E.A.M. Night is an evening for parents to join their children for an event geared towards teaching S.T.E.A.M. principles.

Flyers sent home, RSVP by Friday, March 6th

Silverbacks (cont'd from pg. 3)

4. Use your time to improve something. 5. Treat everyone like you will need them tomorrow. 6. Become an expert at something. 7. Let your light shine for others.

What a positive way to instruct teenagers into manhood!

Wondering about the unique name of the organization? The group's website states that "they wanted a name that represented the ultimate achievement for males of human species with an unmistakable connotation of personal power, social significance and self confidence. Viewing the human male in the biological and social context of the other socially organized great apes, chimpanzees and gorillas, we saw commonality in the significance of the graying of males at the peak of their social significance and responsibility, as alpha males for family clans."

It is the Silverback of the family who has the knowledge and experience to acquire the resources—food, shelter, and clothing—needed by those who depend on him. They provide safety and security to all under their care.

The founders of the Silverback Society are the late Arthur Wardsworth (pastor/activist) and Lloyd Dennis (businessman and media personality). In 2007, Wardsworth and Dennis decided to do something about the problems of our youth by offering themselves as mentors, putting their minds and life's experiences together to develop a "rights of passage" for young men that stress respect and responsibility as the basic components of manhood. Principal Beverly Johnson (now Beverly Irving Jelks) gave her support to the men by allowing them to use Murray Henderson Elementary School as their initial site. The group now has a dozen metro schools as part of their important mission of turning boys into productive and caring men.

The group was incorporated as a non-profit—the Silverback Society, Inc. It is supported by the foundations of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Stephen and Sandy Rosenthal Family Foundation, and the Entergy Foundation. Individual donations that are tax deductible are also welcomed.

The organization is always seeking productive responsible men to lead boys to do the same with their lives. Visit their website for additional information

(www.silverbacksociety.com). ###



FCWCS is a positive place to learn & grow! We hope you choose us again for 2015-16.



Did you know . . .

The first four African Americans to have schools named after them in New Orleans (New Orleans Public Schools) were:

1. Edmonia Lewis (artist); 2. Thomy Lafon (businessman and philanthropist); 3. Colonel James Lewis (politician) and 4. Valena C. Jones (educator).

Our **Fannie C. Williams** became principal of Valena C. Jones Elementary School in 1921. She remained in that position until 1954, retiring after 33 years as principal. ###

Upcoming Calendar (cont'd from page 3)
Mar. 23 - 27 Spring Scholastic Book
Fair, FCWCS Library

Mar. 25 - 3rd Quarter Report Conferences, 4 - 6 p.m.

Mar. 26 - Easter Egg Hunt

Mar. 27 - Donuts for Dads, Fri. Morn @ 9 a.m., RSVP

Mar. 28 - Saturday Warrior Academy, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Mar. 30 - Apr. 3 - Spring Break, NO SCHOOL

Apr. 6 - Classes Resume @ 8 a.m.

Apr. 11 - Saturday Warrior Academy, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Apr. 13 - 15 - ANET Interim Assessment (A4)

Apr. 18 - Saturday Warrior Academy, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Apr. 20 - 4th Quarter Progress Reports issued to students

Apr. 24 - PARCC Pep Rally

Apr. 25 - Saturday Warrior Academy, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Apr. 30 - Promotional Pictures (Pre-K, K, 8th Grades); Staff vs. Students Volleyball Game; Last Day of Afterschool Program

May 1 - Muffins for Moms, Time: TBA

May 4 - 8 - Staff Appreciation Week; 8th Grade Exams; PARCC P2 (Grades 3-8), EOY CBT

May 7 - PBS Experience for Grades Pre-K, K, and Middle School

May 8 - Spring Bling (Spring Fest)

May 11 -12 - Final Exams, Grades 1-7

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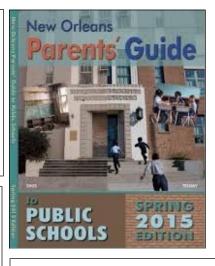
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May 11 - 15 - K and 8th Grades Spirit Week

May 15 - Kindergarten Promotional Program, Time: TBA; PBS Experience, 4th Quarter for Grades 1 - 5 **May 16** - 8th Grade Closing Ceremony, Time: TBA

May 19 - C.L.A.S.S. Board Meeting

May 21 - Students Last Day (175 days), 4th Quarter Ends (44 days); Report Card Pick-Up/Parent Meeting, Time: TBA ###





Progress Reports will be issued to students on the following dates:

September 15 - November 10 - April 20

Report Card Conferences with parents will be held 4 - 6 p.m. on the following dates:

October 22 January 7 March 25
May 21 (time TBA).
Mark your galandars

Mark your calendars. ###



Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right!

Parents should review the rules and regulations of riding the school bus with their child(ren) in the Family Handbook (see pages 3, 13, and 20).



Carpool Safety

In order to ensure the safety of all students, we are asking all parents to adhere to the following carpool policies:

- The speed limit on campus is 5 mph.
- All students must exit the right side (passenger side) of the vehicle only.
- Ensure your child is fastened in a seat belt until the car comes to a complete stop.
- Put your car in PARK before you allow your child to exit the vehicle.
- Turn down your radio on school property.
- DO NOT PARK in the carpool lane. If you must enter the school, please park on the left in the spots labeled "Low Fuel Emitting Vehicles."
- Smoking is prohibited on campus, even in cars.
- On rainy days, please proceed to the second entrance. Your child will need to exit and proceed to the stairs under the overhang. Please keep a poncho or small umbrella in their backpack. ###

New Orleans Parents' Guide to Public Schools 2015

Did you know . . .

The Urban League of New Orleans provides parents with excellent information about the many school choices of New Orleans public education for students in grades Pre-K through 12?

The newest edition of their yearly guide was distributed Saturday, Feb. 7th at the Schools Expo, held at the Mercedes-Benz SuperDome.

Parents seeking new schools for 2015-2016 need to complete a One App (one application for a new school choice). One Apps (Round 1) are due by February 27, 2015. Parents will be notified of OneApp School assignments during the week of April 6th. Students returning to FCWCS next year will have their seats reserved for them without the need for OneApp.

Paperwork will be sent home at a later date. Download a copy of the Parents' Guide at nopg.org. ###

Tamari Williams' (grade 5) mother read the last issue of the WN. Did you?



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, fill out the back side (pg. 6) 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 this Spring.

Recorder Musicians Perform with Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra

In what is becoming a tradition, our youngest musicians have had the opportunity to perform with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra at the Mahalia Jackson Theatre of the Performing Arts, February 5, 2015.

After weeks of practice with Choir Mistress, K. Wright and bi-weekly visits with LPO principal bassoonist Andrew Brady, our third grader recorder students (from Ms. French's class) were ready for their performance with the LPO.

Our 25 musicians were part of FCWCS's fourth year with the LPO/Carnegie Hall Link Program. Students receive instruction under the tutelage of vocal music teacher, Mrs. K. Wright, on how to play the recorder. This basic flutelike woodwind instrument is often used as a beginning instrument for children. Enrichment class instruction has garnered the Warrior students four trips to participate in the yearly concert with professional classical musicians. A shout out to Mrs. Wright and student musicians for a job well done! ###

Basketball Season Ends On High Note

Handling three teams—two male, one female teams—is not an easy feat for a small athletic department. But Coach Terry Green, with assistance from Coach D'Lon Herbert, pulled it off this season.

The 6th grade boys' team WON the Metro Middle School League Champions. The team went undefeated this season (10-0)!

Our 8th grade boys' team came in second place in the MMSL, completing the season with a 7-2 record.

The Warrior ladies lost in the semi-final round, finishing the season with a 5-2 record. However, their efforts were first-rate.

Hats off to the Warrior student-athletes and their coaches for an outstanding season! ###

6th grade champions in action against Hynes Elementary, December 11th @ FCWCS.







Musical students and their mentor, principal bassoonist with the LPO Andrew Brady, at this year's concert. The

concert was held at the 2100 seat Mahalia Jackson Theatre of the Performing Arts in early February.



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 January/February 2015 issue of WARRIOR NEWS...
PLEASE ENTER MY CHILD IN THE NEXT DRAWING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR!

Student's Name		Grade	Rm. No
	please write legibly		
Parent's Name	Parent's Signature		





FCWCS vs. Sci Academy



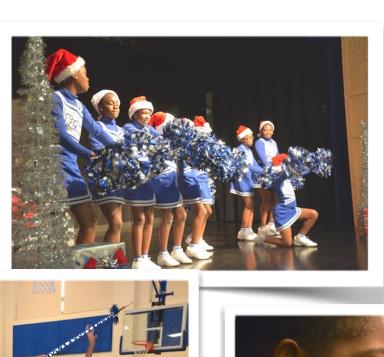








It's the week before the holiday break and staff members don holiday hats and reindeer antlers to get into the spirit of the season.





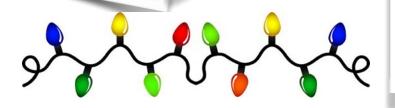
Love: The Reason for the Season, our annual Holiday Program for 2014.

Everyone had an opportunity to perform and show their talents—Pre-K through 8. We had singing, dancing, and musical performances of all types.



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Look for these labels on products in your home. We appreciate you sharing them

Free Smoke Detectors Still Available from NOFD

As reported in the last issue of **WN**, the New Orleans Fire Department will provide smoke detectors for Orleans residents in need of them.

The city lost a family of five in November due to a fire. Since the new year, the city has lost another residence to fire. Smoke detectors could have prevented all six deaths.

A grant from the Louisiana State Fire Marshall's office and private donations supplies New Orleans Fire Department with smoke detectors that are good for 10 years. NOFD will install them when they are not dealing with emergencies. Firefighters will even replace batteries in existing units in your home, if requested.

To get a free smoke detector call 504.685.4714 or fill out

the online form at www.nola.gov/nofdcitizenservices/free smokedetector.installation. A member of NOFD will call to make arrangements. ###

We're Seeking Box Tops!

Our school collects educational Box Tops coupons found on many products brought for the home. Please send them to school. Each Box Top has a value of 10 cents. In the last three years, parents have helped us earn over \$1500 for the school's general fund. ###

Our bus service is provided by

Wells Transportation



Phone

504.469.1277

with questions or concerns.

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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Cox Offering Discounted Internet for families with children

Internet for families with children receiving free school lunch!

Did you purchase a new computer or tablet for Christmas, but have not been able to get Internet service due to the cost?

Cox Communications has informed FCWCS that it is offering discounted Internet connection to families with children who meet certain criteria. According to Cox, your household may be eligible for High Speed Internet service at \$9.95 a month (plus tax) if:

- You have at least one child eligible for free lunches through the National School Lunch Program.
- **2.** You have not subscribed to Cox High Speed Internet service within the last 90 days.
- 3. You have no outstanding bills or unreturned equipment with Cox. Eligible customers will receive:
- Fast, affordable High Speed Internet service for only \$9.95 a month
- No deposit required
- No contracts to sign
- No installation or modem rental fees.

To see if you're eligible, visit **Connect2Compete.org/Cox** or call 1-855-222-3252 today.

2014-2015

Grading Quarters

1st August 11 October 10 2nd October 14 December 19 3rd - January 5 - March 13 4th - March 16 - May 21

"It is easier to raise healthy children than to fix broken men." -Frederick Douglass, Abolitionist (1818-1895)