

# Warrior News

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Nurse Robichaux

Dean Daigle

Contact Info Needed

Uniforms Worn Everyday 4

sometimes, just sometimes, a little overwhelming! But we'll overcome and put our best foot forward–because that's what Warriors do!



#### Message From Our Principal/CEO

September 2015

Dear Warrior Parents and Guardians,

We've entered our fifth year as Fannie C. Williams Charter School!

All 177 days are destined to be filled with learning and rewarding activities for the children studying here. The staff strives hard to make this truly a "positive place to learn and grow."

Parents and teachers must always collaborate—work together—to ensure that our kids are never far from adults who are always looking out for their best interests. As always, we implore you to take an active role in your child's academic development and the school that is developing their scholarly pursuits. Join the PTO (first meeting is September 22nd), attend Report Card Conferences, take in a flag football game or check out our band in a Mardi Gras parade. There are so many opportunities to show your support to your children.

Parents are the main ingredient in providing cohesion to what we do at school. Learning doesn't end at the 3:15 bell. It continues with our AfterSchool Program and in your home, under your watchful eyes.

We often speak of logistics or organization this time of the year. We are constantly "tweaking" – making fine adjustments to what we do. Success is always in the little details. We sweat the small stuff because it is the little things that can cause you the most problems if you don't correct them quickly. Let us know if there is something we need to address. But remember, we have to think about the big picture—the education of more than 600 children. We try to do what is best for all students on campus.

Motivate your young ones so they can have a great year!

Kelly 5. Batiste, Principal/CEO

# The Afterschool Program Has Begun!

Is your child registered?

Finding quality care for kids after the traditional school day can be difficult.

Parents with students attending FCWCS can rely on the Afterschool Program to give their Warriors quality activities from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Students can be involved in sports (soccer, basketball, flag football, cross country), health & fitness activities, arts & crafts, music, dance teams, cheerleading, and our drill teams.

The first 45 minutes is spent with students **starting** their homework assignments. Teachers on duty assist students with their assignments, but the program is designed primarily for extracurricular activities. It gives students a break from the rigors of the seven hour school day they have already encountered. **Any homework not completed should be** 

finished under the guidance of parents at home. We allow kids to be kids during the Afterschool Program!

Transportation home is provided by Wells Transportation. Younger students (Pre-K) must have an older sibling enrolled in the Afterschool Program to ride the bus. Pre-K students with no older sibling must be car riders for the duration of the program.

Students are provided an afternoon snack to sustain them until they leave FCWCS for the day.

A non-refundable registration fee of \$10.00 is required for each child enrolled. This fee covers the entire school year.

Applications and fees must be submitted prior to the child attending the afternoon session.

Parents are reminded that there is no Afterschool Program on Fridays. **School dismisses at 3:15 every Friday for all students.** ###

#### **FCWCS Grading Scale**

A = 93 - 100

B = 85 - 92

C = 75 - 84

D = 70 - 74

F = 69 or below



#### **Progress Reports**

1st Quarter Progress Reports Issued September 16

2nd Q Progress Reports January 25

> Report Card Conferences (4 - 6 p.m.)

Wed., October 21 Wed., January 6 Wed., March 30

#### **Quarter Exams**

1st Q October 5-7

2nd Q December 14 -16

> **3rd Q** March 7 - 9

4th Q

May 9 - 10 (Grade 8)

May 16-17





PTO Meetings (6 - 7 p.m.)

Tues., September 22 Wed., November 18 Wed., February 17 Wed., May 4

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

Dear Parents,

Nurse Cheryl Robichaux checking in for the 2015-2016 school year!

I am on duty at FCWCS on a part-time basis, Tuesday, Thursday, and every other Friday. I provide first aid only. I can not diagnose illness, but will inform you of my observations of your child. My major responsibilities are emergency care, providing care for students who become ill at school, dispensing medication according to the Board of Director's and the state's guidelines, providing health screenings, and maintaining immunization records.

Any student injured at school will be administered first aid and parents will be notified. On those days I am not on campus, another staff member has been designated to handle this duty.

We ask that parents keep all students diagnosed with or suspected to have **contagious or infectious diseases** at home. We will follow strict guidelines to prevent these illnesses from invading the general student body. We ask that you do not send sick children to school. Schools are

not required or intended to keep ill children for parents. The school's Family Handbook has additional information regarding those illnesses that are of concern (see pages 7 & 8).

Children with **food allergies** should have written documentation on record with me, the classroom teacher, and the school's main office. Send your written notes and concerns to your child's classroom teacher. She/he will forward it to me.

We do not advocate administrating medication at school, but we do understand that sometimes this may need to be done. There is strict protocol we must follow in order to handle this task. The 2015-2016 Family Handbook (page 8) contains the procedure we will follow.

Students are not allowed to have any medication (over-thecounter or prescribed) at any time in their possession, unless granted permission by the school's administration.

Please refer to the Family Handbook and this newsletter for any additional information you may need regarding the physical and emotional well-being of the Warriors at our school. ###

-Nurse C. Robichaux



# Could we locate you quickly in case of an emergency?

If the school needed to reach you quickly, would your contact information be up-to-date? EMS does not like to treat minors if they can not verify parental okay. Time maybe of the essence!

Has your cell phone number changed since you filled out the registration packet? On file in the school's ISC (main office), the following information should always be current:

- 1. Parent's/guardian's name;
- 2. Home address;
- 3. Home phone number (landline, if applicable);
- 4. Cell phone number of parent's/guardian's (including area code);
- 5. Phone number of two (2) relatives or close family friends and their names and relationships to the student;
- 6. Physician's name and phone number;
- 7. Medical alert information (does your child have a chronic health issue—are they diabetic, asthmatic, allergic to certain foods, insect stings?) Is your student on medication?

  We need to know! ###





Having trouble affording doctor's visits for your child. LaCHIP health care program covers uninsured kids up to 19 years of age. Visit

**new.dhh.louisiana.gov** for additional information.



Did you know the State of Louisiana mandates that elementary and middle school students must be present at least 167 days of the 177 school days to be eligible for promotion to the next grade?



Great schools always have a great

#### PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

Join FCWCS's PTO 1st Meeting Tues., Sept. 22



Does your child have a **food allergy**? You know, we need to know also!





#### **Box Tops Helps FCWCS**

For the last six years, parents and staff have been helping our school's treasury with coupons called Box Tops for Education. Our school's librarian—Mrs. K. LeBlanc—spearheads this endeavor by collecting and sorting these invaluable pieces of paper. These coupons are worth .10 a piece.

We are asking parents once again to clip these and send them to school. Last year's campaign came up a little short, we only collected \$381.00.

#### Past FCWCS Box Top Campaigns

2009-2010	\$ 67.00
2010-2011	\$285.80
2011-2012	\$509.90
2012-2013	\$632.70
2013-2014	\$637.50
2014-2015	\$381.00

We use this money for the little "extras" around the school-pencils for testing, books for the library, academic awards, etc.

As always we appreciate your help! ###

Show your pride in FCWCS

#### Warrior Pride Store

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dult)\$20.00
\$5.00
\$2.00
\$5.00
\$5.00
\$1.00

# INFORMED PARENTS = SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Stay on top of things! Read the **WARRIOR NEWS**, explore the school's website and check your child's school folder each Wednesday for news about our school. ###

#### Uniforms are NOT optional at FCWCS

All Warriors are expected to arrive at school in full uniform each day. The official uniform is as follows:

- Royal Blue polo-styled shirt (with school logo on left chest area) for grades Pre-K - 5; Gold polo-styled shirt (with school logo on left chest area) for middle school students;
- **Khaki pants** for boys and girls or khaki skirt/ jumper for girls; students wearing shorts should be attired in shorts reaching the top of the knees;
- Belt (black) for boys and girls;
- White or black socks, socks should cover the ankles (no footies or ankle socks);
- New for this year Black, white, or a combination of black & white shoes; shoes with shoelaces are to be tied at all times. No shoes with wheels or flashing lights permitted on campus. The correct uniform shoe must be worn from the first day of school to the last.
- Outer Wear should be only royal blue or official Fannie C. Williams sweaters, jackets, or sweatshirts if they are to be worn inside the building. Students wearing outer wear of other colors will be asked to remove these items inside of the building.
- Undershirts must be solid black or white only.
- Shirts are to be tucked in at all times.

#### Non-Acceptable Articles of Clothing

Hoods and hats (inside the building); earrings on male students (females earrings should be studs or nickel-sized); string/rubber bracelets or support bands; nose rings or visible body piercings; any color hair accessories other than white, black, royal blue, or gold; any colored hair extensions; key chains/wallets hanging from the waist; make-up; bandanas, "snapbacks," or caps; non-prescribed glasses or sun glasses; more than one ring. ###

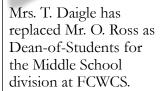
#### WARRIOR NEWS SEPTEMBER 2015



Daigle Replaces Ross as Dean-of-Students, Middle School



Did you know FCWCS holds two Book Fairs per school year? We encourage reading, because it is fundamental to learning!



Mr. Ross has accepted a position in a neighboring parish school system.

Mrs. Daigle has been a member of the Fannie staff since the 2011-2012 school year. She has worked as a 4th grade classroom teacher and most recently, as a Instructional Coach, assisting teachers in improving their

instructional presentations. During the 2011-2012 academic year, Daigle was chosen as Teacher-of-the-Year by her peers for her work with her 4th grade class.

Mrs. Daigle's job as Middle School Dean-of-Students will entail her providing an orderly, supportive, and caring student culture and learning environment for students in grades 5-8.

Congratulations Mrs. Daigle! ###



#### Bullard & Dwyer, School Zone-20 MPH

Motorists driving in the area of Bullard & Dwyer are reminded that the area is a school zone from 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. and again from 2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Drivers are also reminded that it is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone area. NOPD has been patrolling around FCWCS to keep our scholars safe. Avoid a ticket, adhere to school zone regulations. ###

#### Lost & Found

Students are responsible for keeping up with their belongings.

To aid in the recovery of student's personal items—sweaters, books, jackets,

eyeglasses, backpacks, etc., parents should mark all items belonging their child with their names and homeroom number. Any student who has lost an item should check with their Dean or the Phy. Ed. Dept. to see if the item has been turned in. Eyeglasses are usually brought to the ISC (main office). ###

#### Warriors are Prompt

Breakfast Begins at 7:30 a.m. No student should be dropped off before 7:30 a.m. Staff is not on duty yet! Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.

Students cannot be checked out of school after 2:45 p.m.





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 Fall!



# Need for CHILDRE Attentive Drivers in Car Pool Lane

Mornings can be hectic in the car pool lane. But we must remember that safety is our number one concern. A child's safety may depend upon your actions.

The school's safety committee has noted several behaviors of some drivers that have caused concern. If you are a parent who drops your child(ren) off to school, please note the following requests:

- 1. Please put out your cigarettes out before driving onto the campus. Smoking is illegal on school sites, even in your private auto. That's a state law, not our school's. We would also appreciate it if you do not throw cigarettes butts onto the campus.
- Cell phone usage should not take place as you drop off pupils. Distracted drivers can cause serious accidents.
- Have your child leave the car from the passenger side. If this is not possible, you should get out and open the door

- on the driver's side. Make sure no other car is pulling alone side of you. A child leaving the car from this side can be hit.
- The orange cones are place in strategic areas of the drive.way. Please do not remove them or go around them.
- 5. Watch for parents parking to bring in kids with special needs into the building. We have students in in wheelchairs attempting to cross the driveway. Allow them to cross safely.
- 6. We appreciate you not using your time in line as an opportunity to clean out your car. We are sure that you appreciate the hard work the school's Clean Team does to make our campus look so great. Please help us keep it that way.
- 7. Remember, the speed limit in the school's driveway is 5 MPH. We love your child(ren), just as you do. We want to make sure no one is injured on their way to a great place to learn and grow! ###

#### It's All About the Culture\*

First weeks spent teaching students the Warrior Way

What is culture? Look the word "culture" up in the dictionary and you find several meanings. It is always used when speaking of all things "New Orleans." We've developed a new awareness of our unique culture here the last few years, when it appeared that we were going to lose it after the storms and floods of 2005. So what is it?

When we use "culture" at FCW, we are referring to the attitudes and behaviors characteristic of our school. We attempt to develop students who are prompt, polite, prepared, and productive. The 4Ps are the basis of our behavioral expectations for every student on campus.

We've spent the first month teaching and reinforcing this concept of student behavior to Pre-K through 8 grades. Students have been taught our policies, classroom rules, Warrior's Creed, the ABCs of "how we do school." These rules and policies are in place to ensure the smooth running of our institution and provides us with the tools needed to provide your son or daughter with a quality elementary and middle school education.

Where do you want your child to be in 20 years? We want them well-educated, gainfully employed, productive citizens, possibly parents raising the next generation of your family—a credit to you and all those teachers who influenced them along the way! Help us to instill a sense of a **positive** culture in all 400 plus Warriors enrolled.

Remember the African proverb, "it takes a village to raise a child." The school and your family is that village. We can't do it alone.

\*The above article originally appeared in the WARRIOR NEWS, September 2010, Volume 4, No. 1. Read it and you will realize that little has changed—except the school's enrollment. We now number over 600 students. Our expectations are still the same—we want our Warriors to be prompt, polite, prepared and productive!

####



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.

 $I've \ read \ the \ September \ issue \ of \ \textbf{WARRIOR NEWS...}$  Please enter my child in the first drawing for the 2015-2016 school year!

Student's Name		Grade	Rm. No	
	please print child's name legibly			
Parent's Name		Parent's Signature		



On A Sad Note . . .

#### Mrs. Kitty T. Wright Music Educator (1955-2015)

The Fannie Family was deeply saddened by the sudden lost of our colleague and teacher, Kitty T. Wright on August 6, 2015.

Mrs. Wright came to FCWCS during the 2011-2012 school year. During that special year, the school's administration emphasized the ABCs at Fannie–Art, Band, and Choir, all in an effort to provide our students with artistic extra-curricular activities, developing the well-rounded child. We were blessed with Mrs. Wright coming on board as an Enrichment Teacher, instructing Vocal Music classes and developing our first choir and recorder group.

KTW was zealous in finding venues for her students to perform. During her too brief time with us, Wright had students perform with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in the Children's Tent, and at Celebration in the Oaks. Her choir also took part in caroling at the Marriott Hotel on Canal Street, singing for the Canal Street Christmas Lights Celebration and serenading senior citizens at several nursing homes in New Orleans.

Mrs. Wright was laid to rest like any true New Orleans musician, with a brass band (led by her trumpeter brother)— The Algiers Brass Band—accompanying her to her final resting place on August 15th. She is survived by two daughters, three grandchildren, and three brothers.

Family Handbooks for 2015-2016

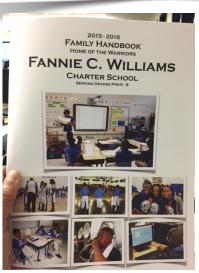
Her talents and musical efforts on behalf of the young musicians of FCWCS are truly missed. ###

-The Editor





# were issued September 9th. Did you receive your copy? One copy per family should have been delivered by the **youngest** child in the family. Check your child's book bag for your issue if you have not seen your family's copy. The editor has spotted a few students with their family's copy still in their backpacks. We are asking you to review the contents and to discuss it with your child(ren). Please keep it for the entire academic year. A digital copy will be placed on the school's website (fcwcs.org) soon. ###



Pictures above are of Mrs. Kitty T. Wright. (top) Wright & FCWCS Choir @ Celebration in the Oaks; (middle) keyboard student playing at a school assembly; (bottom) Wright and her recorder group perform at a school assembly.

#### **Cox Communications City Council Grant**

Grant helps with expenses of AfterSchool Program

FCWCS was awarded \$2500 for our AfterSchool Program in December, 2014.

The AfterSchool Program runs from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. It provides children with quality experiences beyond the traditional school day. This marks the fifth year FCWCS has offered childcare beyond the school day. We appreciate Cox's grant to assist us in this worthwhile endeavor.

###

Did you know smoking on campus is illegal, even in your car? That's why you are asked not to smoke in the car pool line.



## Upcoming Campus Happenings

#### Sept. 2015

7 Labor Day, NO SCHOOL 8 Afterschool Program Begins 10 Flag Football Season Begins 14-18 Annual Fall Book Fair

17 ID/Fall Pictures 18 Grandparents' Day, 12:30 pm 22 1st PTO Mtg., 6 - 7 pm. 28 - 30 ANET I

#### Oct. 2015

2 FCWCS Goes Pink (Breast Cancer Awareness)

5 - 7 1st Quarter Exam

- 8 Students vs. Staff Flag Football Game
- 9 PD Day, NO SCHOOL for students
- 12 Fall Break, NO SCHOOL

20 C.L.A.S.S. Board Meeting

- 21 Report Card Conferences, 4 6 p.m.
- 23 Awards Day
- 23 PBIS Experience
- 30 PTO Trunk or Treat

#### Nov. 2015

6 Annual Fall Festival 9 - 13 I-Ready Diagnostic 2 18 PTO Mtg., 6 - 7 pm 20 I-Ready Celebration 23 - 27 Thanksgiving, NO SCHOOL



#### School ID Pictures \$5.00

Required for school activities (e.g., field trips)

**Buy yours ASAP!** 

#### World's Finest Chocolate

Got a sweet tooth? We can help you with that . . .

Our candy sale has begun and we're selling World's Finest Chocolate! We're asking each family to sell a box or two (\$60.00 each).

The candy sale will run from September 8 - October 30. There are awesome prizes for our top sellers. Check the flyer with the Chocolate Request Slip on the bottom for more information! ###



Parents, please tell your child(ren)...

Riding the school bus is not a right, but a privilege.

Preserve your ride, behave yourself on the bus.





Progress Reports went home on Wed., September 16th. Did you see your son's or daughter's? Ask if you didn't!

#### Live Homework Help

Grade Levels: Kindergarten through basic college level.

#### **Subjects:**

Math: Elementary, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trig, Statistics, Calculus

**Science:** Elementary, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

**Social Studies:** U.S. History, World History

**English:** Grammar, Vocabulary, Writing Center, Literature

Availability: Tutors are available Sunday through Thursday 2 pm -10 pm

The Skills Center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



**Live Homework Help** Sun - Thurs/2 pm - 10 pm

#### Adult Education & Career

**Center** Sun - Thurs/10 am - 10 pm

#### SkillsCenter Resource Library

Available 24/7

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All services can be accessed from a Louisiana public library, from a home computer or from a mobile device at www.HomeworkLA.org
The SkillsCenter is available from schools at www.tutor.com/homeworklaskills.

## Warriors Flag Football Schedule 2015

9/10	Hynes Charter	4:50 pm
9/17	Morris Jeff	4:50 pm
9/24	-W- Belle Chasse	4:50 pm
9/29	Kenner Discovery	4:50 pm
10/13	J. C. Ellis	4:15 pm
10/23	Morris Jeff	4:50 pm

All games played at St. Mary Magdalen School, 6421 W. Metairie Ave., Met, LA 7003

EXCEPT J. C. Ellis Game which will be played at the Lakeshore Playground, 1125 Rosa Ave., Met, LA 7005

#### Cross Country Back On Track

Cross Country running has returned for year two to our campus, under the direction of new Coach D. Williams (with assistance from Coach T. Green).

The team runs most Saturdays on the Harrison Ave. site in City Park. The races begin at 8:00 a.m.

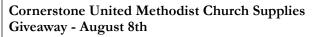
The season started with the John Curtis Season Opener on September 1st. The team continued with a run on Sat., Sept. 12th. Kudos went out to the entire team for an outstanding job. Diamond Smith came in 3rd Place from the scores of runners taking part. Way to go team! ###

#### **Physical Education Uniforms**

Is your child (grades 3 - 8) enrolled in Physical Education Enrichment Classes? If the answer is yes, all students must purchase a physical ed. uniform for class. Prices range from \$20-\$26 (Youth-3XXX). Send cash or a money order to purchase your t-shirt and shorts today. ###

Did you know that Coach Terry Green has lead the Warrior Flag Football Team to **2** consecutive championships in the Metro Middle School Flag Football League? Can they do it again? We sure hope so! Way to go Warriors! ###







# A Monster of A Fair - Our Annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair, Sept. 14 - 18

Inspiring children to learn the joy of reading!





state of Black New Orleans for the 10th Anniversary of Katrina. FCWCS's

Middle School attended at UNO's Lakefront Arena (below right).





Photos courtesy of the Batiste Photography Agency.

#### 1st Fannie Family Festival - August 1st

Our 1st FFF was a blast! Held in the school's yard—with all the hamburgers, BBQ, snowballs, baked beans, and drinks you could consume. A great way to start the year off. Let's do it again! Our bus service is provided by

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with questions or concerns.



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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. ###





We're trying to keep our campus looking good for future Warriors!



Parents . . .
Please don't allow your students to bring gum, ink pens, markers, or mechanical pencils to school. They cause problems for the walls, floors, and the clean team.

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