



Happy Birthday
Miss Fannie C. Williams
born
March 23, 1882
Biloxi, MS

School dismisses 1/2 day at NOON, on Friday, March 11, 2016. Please be prepared to receive your child(ren)!

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The Legacy of Fannie C. Williams Lives On

School's namesake was a trailblazer, humanitarian, civic leader, and the ultimate educator

Before the storms and floods of 2005, there were many schools in New Orleans that carried the names of admired African Americans—Langston Hughes, Booker T. Washington, Dr. Charles Drew, Louis Armstrong, A. P. Tureaud, Thomy Lafon, Ronald McNair, Ernest “Dutch” Morial, Phillis Wheatley, Thurgood Marshall, and Fannie C. Williams—were among those honored.

Some of these “weathered the storm” others we may have lost forever. Our own Fannie C. Williams will continue on—her legacy is alive everyday on our campus. Every now and then, we like to review who she was and why she was honored with a

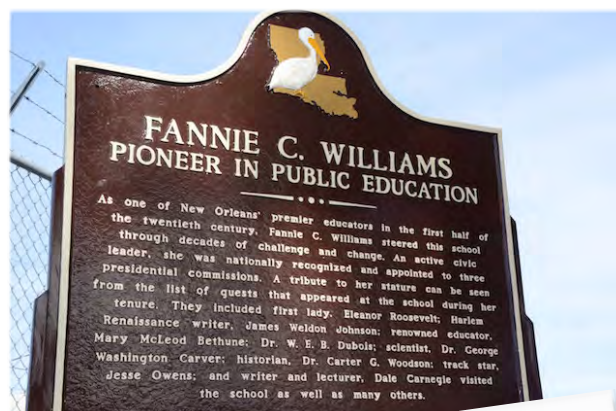
school bearing her name. Here's her story . . .

Fannie Cornelia Williams was born in Biloxi, Mississippi on Thursday, March 23, 1882. Miss Williams was born into a family of seven children.

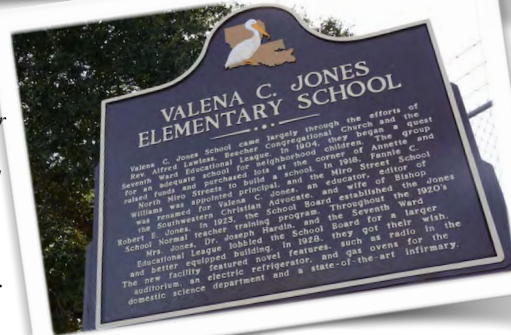
She came to New Orleans to attend high school, later graduating from the College Prep and Normal Departments (teacher prep) of Straight University in 1904 (now Dillard University).

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Fannie Cornelia Williams (1882-1980), renowned New Orleans educator and participant in three White House Conferences on Education.



The historical marker on right and above (front and back) was dedicated on Sat., November 14, 2015 in the yard of the now closed Valena C. Jones Elementary School. The marker calls FCW “one of New Orleans premier educators of the 20th century . . .” It mentions the illustrious visitors to the school—Eleanor Roosevelt, James Weldon Johnson, Mary McLeod Bethune, Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, G. W. Carver, Carter G. Woodson, Dale Carnegie, and Jesse Owens and many others.



Whenever anyone visited New Orleans with questions or concerns about the education of African Americans, they had to visit Miss Williams at Valena C. Jones Elementary School on N. Galvez

Street. Pictured above is Fannie C. Williams (right) and Eleanor Roosevelt (center), former First Lady of the USA. Man on right is unidentified. Date of picture appears to be c. late 1940s.

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Her career in education began on the Gulf Coast, teaching there from 1904-1908. She returned to New Orleans and was assigned to Fisk Elementary. Her work was exceptional and the principal, Hattie V. Feger asked her to transfer to her school in 1912, the Miro School. She became the interim principal of Miro School in '17, while Feger was on leave to further her education. The school's name was changed to Valena C. Jones during that period.

Between 1918-1920, FCW decided to continue her education at Michigan State Normal School (later named Eastern Michigan University) in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She graduated in '20 with a BA and a Bachelors of Pedagogy. She taught one year in Albion, Michigan, returning south to Biloxi because her mother was seriously ill.

She returned to New Orleans after her mother's death that spring and became the principal of Valena C. Jones in April of 1921. Between 1931-1939 she also worked as the principal of the Valena C. Jones Normal School, being paid an extra \$225.00 a year for the additional responsibility. The Normal School was responsible for training talented high school grads for position as teachers. Both schools were housed in the same building on N. Galvez Street in the 7th Ward.

Williams was a pioneer in education, putting into place then unique opportunities for the students at Valena C. Jones. They included: kindergarten and nursery classes; annual health day, when medical professionals performed health screenings and services free; the first African

American Girl Scout Troop in New Orleans; parenting classes; students visiting the sick and elderly, bringing flowers to those seniors in their community; quality student testing with the aid of experts from NOPS; she motivated healthy eating habits, encouraging students to drink milk, eat hot lunches, and not to drink soft drinks at school; her students ventured away from New Orleans on field trips to Baton Rouge, Tuskegee, and the Gulf Coast—not an easy accomplishment for a black student body in the early decades of the 20th century and Jim Crow Laws.

She retired in 1954 from Jones School, but continued to work with disabled children, illiterate adults, and Hispanics, teaching them to read. She also volunteered in an adult education program sponsored by the Council of Jewish Women. Williams loved to travel and ventured to Mexico, Europe, and most regions of the USA.

In 1977 she was the recipient of awards from the American Teachers' Association and the National Teachers' Association. She lived alone, with neighbors, former students and faculty looking in on her as she advanced in age. She died on June 12, 1980, at the age of 98. Between 1987-89, the 120,000 sq. ft. facility known as Fannie C. Williams Middle School was constructed in her honor. We are part of that legacy. It lives on with us each day at Fannie C. Williams Charter School. ###

Illustrious visitors always ended up at 1901 N. Galvez St. Pictured below is the outstanding educator Mary MeLeod

Bethune (seated) and Fannie C. Williams (on left with glasses) and members of the teaching staff of Valena C. Jones School.



Here's a photo of Miss Williams (right) when she doesn't seem quite ready for the photographer—her eyes appear to be closed in this photo that seems to be from the early 1950s.

The photograph below (right) shows our Miss Fannie C. Williams poised and ready for the lens. "A Pioneer in Education" is how the historical marker outside Jones school refers to her. Williams brought many innovative ideas to the school where she served more than 30 years as an educator. Meet anyone born before 1949 in that 7th Ward neighborhood and they will speak with fondness of Fannie C. Williams. She lived to be 98 years old.

The Valena C. Jones School Newspaper announces Miss Williams's retirement in June of 1954. Photos courtesy of Al Kennedy, writer and professor of American History at UNO.



Thank you Al Kennedy of the University of NO History Dept.

March 8, 2016

Dear Parents,

You've probably heard that our school's Board of Directors (C.L.A.S.S.) voted last Monday, February 29th, to begin the procedures to possibly return under the direction of the Orleans Parish School Board (aka New Orleans Public Schools).

According to an article in an online paper, *The Lens*, "in all cases of transfer, the nonprofit charter boards will maintain autonomy in setting school policy and hiring their top employee, but will answer ultimately to a different authorizer for overall academic, operational, and financial performance."

We will keep you abreast of this change that we do not foresee having any reorganization of the classrooms of our students.

—Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO

Can We Contact You in an Emergency?

Is your contact information up-to-date? In case of an emergency, we need to be able to reach you . . .

On Tues., February 23rd, extreme weather came through our region, necessitating the early dismissal of school. A winter storm was predicted to head our way, just around the normal dismissal time in the afternoon. Weather forecasters warned of possible tornadoes. Pass through LaPlace and Convent, LA today, you know they were right!

We needed to contact you, our parents/guardians, to let you know we were dismissing classes at noon. The RoboCall System (automated phone system) went into action about 8 am, automatically calling parent's cell phones or landlines so that you could make arrangements to receive your children. The news media (TV) also broadcast school closures. However, scores of numbers were no longer valid—the numbers were changed and we did not have the newest numbers.



Please remember to stop in the main office or send a note with your newest contact information (name, address, phone numbers, etc.). It is imperative that we know how to contact you in cases of emergencies. ###

PTO Meetings (5 - 6 p.m.)

~~Wed., Sept. 23~~

~~Wed., Nov. 18~~

~~Wed., February 24~~

Wed., May 4



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

~~Wed., October 21~~

~~Wed., January 6~~

Wed., March 30

Thurs., May 26 (Time: TBA)



Wednesdays

are important days . . .
Make sure you check your child's backpack for important documents in their Warrior Folders!

Responsibility Trackers, memos, monthly Warrior News, Progress Reports, etc. all go home on **Wednesdays!**

2015-2016 Progress Reports

~~September 16~~

~~November 18~~

~~January 25~~

April 18

(Progress Reports are sent home via students)

Quarter Exams	3rd Q
2015-2016	March 7 - 9
1st Q	4th Q
October 5-7	May 9 - 10
	(Grade 8)
2nd Q	May 16-17
December 14-16	(all except 8)

Upcoming School Holidays

Teacher PD

Mar 11 (1/2 day for students)

Spring Break

Mar 21-28

Teacher PD

May 20 (1/2 day for students)

Mark your calendars!



Parents who read the WARRIOR NEWS are in the know! Are you?

Dallas's mother, **Rae Harrell**, read the February issue of the **WARRIOR NEWS** and sent the coupon on page 5 back to school within 2 days. Dallas was able to pick a prize from Mrs. Batiste's treasure chest! The Pre-K student was ecstatic!



Top Cookie Seller for this Year Brandy Tardy, Grade 4

Troop Leader D. Barnett has informed the **WN** that Troop # 41296 of FCWCS, top salesperson is Brandy Tardy. **Brandy has sold 88 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies!**

Our Girl Scouts still have a few boxes left if you are seeking cookies. Available are: Thin Mints, Shortbread, and Peanut Butter Patties. Each box is \$4.00. See Troop Leader Barnett to make a purchase! ###

Silverback Society Returns for 2nd Year

Mentoring Program Aims to Develop Boys into Men

The male mentoring program known as the Silverback Society Mentorship Program has returned for its second consecutive year at FCWCS.

Male students in the Class of 2020 (8th graders) are exposed to these mentors from our community—helping our oldest scholars transition from boyhood to manhood.

Each week a group of about six trained adult males visit our campus to mentor our 8th grade males. These gentlemen are from all walks of life.

The Society forms an agreement with the boys they groom for manhood. The organization states that its purpose is to be committed to lead generations. The mentors commit one hour per week for 20 weeks to improve our community through working with youth. Welcome back gentlemen and thank you. ###



Mentor: someone who teaches or gives help or advise to a less experienced or often younger person (*def. from the Merriam Webster Dictionary*).
Synonyms: adviser, coach, guide, teacher, instructor, counselor, tutor, trainer.

Did you send RSVP back to school for this fun-filled, educational family night? The night won't be complete without your family in attendance! We're cooking dinner!



2nd Annual

S.T.E.A.M. Night @ FCWCS

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)

Exciting hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, and projects, games and experiments for the the entire family.

Something for ALL AGES! Bring the family . . .

Wednesday, March 9th

Warrior Gym

5-7 pm

Dinner Served



7th Annual

Donuts with Dad

Looking for all fathers, grandfathers, or father-figures to visit and share a couple of hours with our Warriors on

Friday, April 22nd

Time: tba

Serving the world's best donuts for the world's best dads!

Don't forget to RSVP when the invites are sent home . . .

We've printed this before but it is definitely worth repeating . . .

"It is easier to raise healthy children than to fix broken men." –

Frederick Douglass (1818-1895, social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, statesman



Scenes on right from last year's S.T.E.A.M. Night (March 12th) and Donuts with Dad (March 27th) at our school.



WHAT CHILDREN NEED MOST.....
LOVE Respect to **PLAY**
 to have fun to be seen
TO BE LISTENED TO
 Your presence **A hero**
 A fostered sense of wonder
LOTS OF HUGS To **PLAY**
 The chance to make mistakes
 Encouragement to try again
 Room to grow **DREAMS**
 To be told **YES!**
 To be trusted **Affection**
GUIDANCE TO PLAY
 Growing A Jeweled Rose.com

NED Show Motivates Students

Character Education Program Well Received by Student Body

Ask any Warrior and they will probably be able to tell you NED means NEVER GIVE UP; ENCOURAGE OTHERS; and DO YOUR BEST!

The NED Show came to FCW on Thurs., February 25th and took the entire school by storm. Two assemblies were held, providing the entire school an opportunity to hear and see this motivational program regarding building character.

No one on staff could remember ever seeing the upper grades so attentive to the message being delivered by the performer and his friend "NED." Did you get a request from your Warrior for money for a yo-yo? That probably was unexpected. Kids wanting a yo-yo, a

toy that does not plug in and is not digital. Why? The NED performer had one going through out his presentation.

For 25 years, The NED Show has used yo-to tricks in its assembly performances. It makes the show fun and unforgettable. The yo-yos also provide the way to pay for the assembly with the Pay-it-Forward plan. Getting NED here cost FCWCS nothing because some other school paid our way. We agreed to sell yo-yos for the next school's assembly. Guess what, it worked! By the close of last week, Counselor Edmond had sold \$1204.00 of yo-yos and paraphernalia.

What a great experience for our students. We are trying to develop them academically, socially, artistically, mentally, and emotionally. Developing boys and girls into adults who
Never Give Up • Encourage Others • and always Do Their Best!

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Pelican's Training Camp Headed to FCWCS

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day AND also the day the **Jr. Pelican's Training Camp** is returning for the second time to our school.

Have you returned your child's consent form to school? They can't participate without it!

This activity is open to students in grades 3-8. ###



Coming soon to the a library near you (FCWCS's library) is the . . .

Scholastic Book Fair April 18-22, 2016

Fannie C. Williams Charter
School Library

*Novels, Science-Fiction, Reference Books,
Journals, Picture Books, Pencils, Posters, etc.*

See you at the Book Fair

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." –Margaret Fuller



Scene from last year's 1st Jr. Pelican's Training Camp at FCWCS. Mrs. Calhoun and Kayla (left).



Happy Warriors with their purchases from the Spring Scholastic Book Fair, 2015. There's always something for everybody at the Annual Spring Book Fair. Be ready for this year's "Feelin' Groovy" Book Fair—Apr. 18-22, 2016.

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." –Dr. Seuss

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 2016 issue of WARRIOR NEWS . . .

PLEASE ENTER MY CHILD IN THIS MONTH'S DRAWING FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR!

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

please write legibly

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____

**BOOK
FAIR
COMING SOON!**

Did you know the "C" in Fannie C. Williams stands for Cornelia?



Effective Jan. 1st, the East New Orleans Regional Library has extended days and hours . . .

Open 7 days per week!

5641 Read Blvd. 70127
10 am - 8 pm, Mon.- Thurs.
10 am - 5 pm - Fri. & Sat.
1 pm - 5 pm, Sun.

It's FREE!

Visit for books, computer usage, music, movies, research, homework assistance, tax assistance, story time, career workshops etc.

504.596.0200

www.neworleanspubliclibrary.org

Successful students are always readers! Encourage it at home.

Visit the public library—it's FREE!



8th Graders Heading East to Atlanta

Students to Enjoy HBCU Tour of Morehouse, Spelman, and Clark Atlanta

Our 8th graders will be heading east on I-10 Sunday, March 20th. Why the trip during the Spring Recess? Our scholars are going to get a look at college life in Atlanta, Georgia!

Dean Terri Daigle and seven other adults on staff, will board a chartered bus with about half of the Class of 2020 for a three day visit to The Big A.

Male students will visit Morehouse College, the alma mater of MLK, Jr.

and Spike Lee, to name just two. Female students will venture across the street to Spelman College to visit the school of MLK's mother, sister, and youngest daughter (and not to mention our own Principal Kelly Batiste). A co-ed group will head over to Clark Atlanta, the school of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" James Weldon Johnson. The travelers will also visit the Civil Rights Museum and the World of Coca-Cola Museum.

Sounds like a great time. Have fun! ###



Did you know . . .

Our school library is composed primarily of books from the Laura Bush Foundation, that was instrumental in helping rebuild many school libraries on the Gulf Coast? We received \$50,000 of books during the 2007-2008 school year through the Gulf Coast School Library Initiative (Laura Bush Foundation). More than \$6.5 million was spent to restock the libraries of 124 schools from 2006-2012 along the Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The average elementary and middle school library book costs \$18.26 and \$19.53, respectively (according to the School Library Journal, February 24, 2016). This is quite an investment!

FCWCS Book Returned to NOPL

Would you believe one of our school's library books was returned to the New Orleans Public Library's Main Branch on Loyola Avenue? Would you also believe that some caring librarian at NOPL noticed the school's stamp in the inside and mailed the book back to FCWCS on February 1st. Wow! Thanks to that unknown city librarian who took the time and effort to return the book to our collection.

Our school's librarian, Mrs. LeBlanc, wants you to know that she loves it when you visit FCWCS Library! But, books are very expensive. We need to keep our 5000 volume collection intact. This can't happen if they are returned to the wrong library system. Always return them to their home here at FCWCS.

School Library Books are on loan!

Please ensure your child returns the book borrowed from the school's library on its due date and in the same condition it was lent! **Please make sure our books come back to their home here on Dwyer Road! Libraries always stamp their books with the school or branches name and address in the inside opening or closing pages.** Ensure the book you return to the city's library belongs to NOPL and is not one that belongs with us. Books are lent for a one week period at FCWCS. Please send them back in plastic bags to protect them from inclement weather and what lurks in those book bags!

Thanks. ###



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!





THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our **7th Annual Box Tops for Education** effort was awesome. We surpassed last year's collection by **1,546 coupons!**

2014-15	2011-12
\$381.00	\$509.90
2013-14	2010-11
\$637.50	\$285.80
2012-13	2009-10
\$632.70	\$67.00

The **Box Tops for Education** Campaign has earned the school's treasury

\$535.60!

Special shout out to the Kindergarten Class of **Ms. L. Henry** for being the top contributors.
2nd Place - The ISC (Main Office)

3rd Place - Mrs. A. Williams's 1st Graders

Please continue sending in these valuable coupons . . . we're starting the 2016-2017 campaign.

—Mrs. K. LeBlanc, Sponsor



The current FCWCS. The first FCW was a middle school built 1987-1989 in honor of Fannie C. Williams, a pioneer in education.

Last Month's Black History Contest, NO Winners

WN readers, did you know there was a contest in the pages of last month's issue? The Editor was trying to give away two \$10.00 gift cards to McDonald's! But, no takers.

If you visit page 2 of February's issue, there were 10 questions you needed to answer to be a winner. And believe it or not, most of the answers were in the pages of the issue.

We love that you like to look at the pictures within these pages, but the words are also very important.

So let's try this once again! **You have one week from the issuance of this paper to answer the following questions about our namesake Fannie C. Williams. Research the answers** (check the old **WN** and the school's website for answers to the questions) and turn in the correct responses on a sheet of paper (with your name and grade) to Ms. Smith in Rm. 1703, in the computer lab. Two (2) prizes are available for the first two (2) contestants with the most correct answers. Contest ends in 7 days. One prize per family. Good luck!

Contest Questions for March

1. Fannie C. Williams, our school's namesake, was principal of what 7th Ward school until retiring in 1954?
2. What does the "C" stand for in Fannie C. Williams?
3. Name the First Lady (President's wife) who visited FCW at her 7th Ward school?
4. What local HBCU has a building named Williams Hall after Fannie C. Williams?
5. When and where was Fannie C. Williams born?
6. Why did FCW leave the city of her birth to move to New Orleans?
7. The first African American Girl Scout Troop in New Orleans was at Miss Williams's 7th Ward elementary school. What was the Troop Number?
8. Miss Williams began her teaching career in New Orleans at what school in 1908 (hint: Louis Armstrong attended this school when he wasn't truant. Strong possibility she may have known the young Louis, wow!)?
9. A historical marker has been recently erected at FCW's former school on N. Galvez Street. It refers to Fannie C. Williams as a _____ in Public Education.
10. Name one innovation to African American public education in New Orleans that was pioneered at the school on N. Galvez St. in the 7th Ward by Fannie C. Williams.

Contest ends 7 days from the first issuance of this paper at 3:15 pm.

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"Teachers affect eternity; no one can tell where their influence stops." —Henry Brooks Adams (1838-1918, historian and descended from two American Presidents, John and John Quincy Adams).



We accomplish a lot in 177 days of school!

I-Ready Top Scholars (Most Growth)

Diagnostic 3

GOLDEN SCHOLARS

READING

Grade	Scholar
K	Alyse Benson
1	Renard Anderson
2	Derron Adams
3	Chassidy Coston
4	Chasity Porter
5	Shayna Sykes
6	Taj Johnson
7	Shamuar Combs
8	Vincent Joseph

MATHEMATICS

Grade	Scholar
K	Isaiah Jones
1	Shealyn Washington
2	Ayonna Dokes
3	Darrielle Adams
4	Tyree Strowder
5	Ty'vae Brumfield
6	Terence Brumfield
7	Ed'Monty Ramee
8	Reginald Bolden



Principal Batiste (left) spends time tutoring a student in her office.



5th Grader Taj (left, middle) shows off his Water Cycle Project for science with Ms. Voorhies. Photo by Mrs. T. Daigle. Thanks!

A HUGE SHOUTOUT TO THE 5TH GRADE CLASS OF 2023!



Ms. Voorhies's 5th Grade Homeroom contributed the most donations for the month of February. Thank you class.

The entire Warrior Family turned in 400 lbs. of food to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana! The class was treated

to a pizza party for their unselfish contribution to a needed resource in our community.

Thank you parents for allowing our Warriors to "raid" your pantries. 1 in 6 households in Louisiana are at risk for hunger. The rising cost of food, housing, and utilities has increased the need for emergency food assistance, according to the organizations website (no-hunger.org).

Are you in need or do you know someone who needs assistance? The New Orleans facility can be reached at

1.855.392.9338



Second Harvest Food Bank
Greater New Orleans and Acadiana



It's February 25th, the cookies are in! Our Girl Scouts and their troop leader sort their orders for the annual Girl Scout Cookie

Sale. Brandy Tardy reigns as top seller this year with 88 boxes of cookies sold. Congratulations. Photo by Mrs. S. Theard.

Annual HBCU StepShow Winners, Feb. 19th



It's field trip time for the 1st Graders. They're off to the Children's Museum on March 1st. Great way to start the month off! Photo by S. Theard.



The NED Show came to "town" presenting two assemblies for our student body on February 25th. NED motivated students to NEVER GIVE UP, ENCOURAGE OTHERS, and always DO THEIR BEST! Great message. Thanks Mrs. J. Edmond for bringing NED to Warrior Land.



Winners from the Annual HBCU StepShow . . .

1st Place 8th Grade Boys (top) representing Arkansas, Teacher Ms. N. Simmons;

2nd Place 1st Graders representing FAMU & Tuskegee, Teacher Mrs. A. Williams;

3rd Place 8th Grade Girls representing Hampton U, photographed with Principal Batiste. Congratulations to all who participated!



An ice cream social is a great way to end the day, Feb. 26th for these I-Ready Scholars on the rise.



**“Onward & Upward: Continuing the Journey for Freedom & Justice
9th Annual Black History Program—The BEST Yet! Fri., February 26, 2016**



The 9th Annual Black History Program was definitely a worth-seeing production! Each year we celebrate the heritage of our students—a tradition going back to our first year as Fannie C. Williams Elementary in 2007-2008. Producers and Directors, Ms. S. Jordan, Mrs. T. Daigle, and Mr. T. Washington, definitely raised the bar this year. As always, the Art Department—Mr. P. Britt, Mrs. K. LeBlanc, and Mrs. S. Kennedy-Jones, talents added so much to the production. The

Warrior Band, under the direction of Mr. D. Jones, always closing it out sounding so good. Stage crew of one—Ms. B. Sisco, kept the sound going! Classroom teachers, your class productions were “on point.” Students on stage, good job, good job! Good job to all involved. I’ve seen all nine of these productions. This year’s and the 8th Annual are definitely among my faves.

—The Editor

P.S. Love the professional musicians, nice touch!



**It's March 2nd!
Do you know
who's birthday
it is? Dr. Seuss**
(aka Theodor Seuss Geisel) children's
writer and lover of
Grinches and Green
Eggs & Ham!



Did you know that March is **Save Your Vision Month**? This is the 79th year that this



designation has been assigned to the month of March.

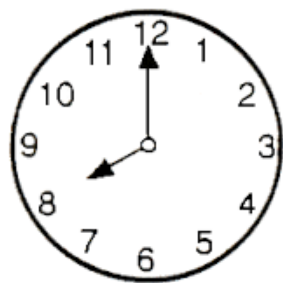
Eye injuries of all types occur at a rate of more than 2,000 per day. Most of these injuries occurred from falling or flying objects, or sparks striking the eye, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. An estimated 1,000 eye injuries occur in the American workplaces alone. This makes adults just as susceptible to eye injuries as children.

Children, as well as adults, should have yearly check ups to take care of their eyes. A good eye exam keeps your eyes healthy; children and adults who wear glasses, should ensure that their prescription is accurate. Eye exams can detect early signs of eye disease, helping you maintain your healthy vision for decades to come.

Did you know that eye exams can also discover the following health issues: diabetes, hypertension, autoimmune disorders, high cholesterol, thyroid disease, and cancer. The eyes are often called the “windows to your soul.” They also allow your eye doctor to see elsewhere. ###

“Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you.” –H. Jackson Brown, Jr. (1940- , American Author best known for the book “Life’s Little Instruction Book.”)

SCHOOL NURSE



The school day starts at 8:00 am daily. Every student should be in place by 8:00 am. Students eating breakfast should be here no later than 7:45 am. Students are late at 8:01 am. Remember, tardy students are missing important classroom instruction. ###

C.L.A.S.S. is the governing body (Board of Directors) for FCWCS. The Board of Directors meets every third Tuesday of every other month. **The next meeting is scheduled on April 19, 2016.** ###



“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”

–Martin Luther King, Jr.
(1929-1968, Civil Rights & Peace Movement Leader, Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Baptist Minister)



Upcoming Campus March 2016

1-2 iReady Progress Monitoring
4 Black History Fannie Factor
7-9 3rd Quarter Exams
10 Pictures with the Bunny
10 STEAM Family Night

11 1/2 day for students, school dismisses at 12 NOON
11 3rd Quarter Ends (44)
14 4th Quarter Begins
17 Founder’s Day Special Luncheon
17 Jr. Pelicans Training Camp
20-22 HBCU 8th Grade Tour to Atlanta

21-28 Spring Break, NO SCHOOL
23 Fannie C. Williams Birthday (1882-1980)
29-31 Annual Spring Scholastic Book Fair
30 3rd Quarter Report Card Conferences, 4-6 pm
31 SMARS (Student Mentor Academic Review Sessions)

**The above dates were*

Earrings ARE NOT allowed on boys at FCWCS at no time while on campus! Female students wearing earrings should wear studs or nickel-sized hoops.

Nose rings or visible body piercings or not acceptable articles for our students. Parents are asked to refer to page 15 in the Family Handbook for additional information. ###

“You can never be too overdressed or overeducated.” –

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900, playwright, novelist, poet, essayist)

Afterschool Program . . .

is in session Monday through Thursday, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. There is **NO** after school session on FRIDAYS! All students are dismissed

from school on Fridays at 3:15 pm SHARP!

We appreciate your assistance. Questions or concerns? See Dean Sisco. ###



Car Pool Parents . . .

Students will NOT be allowed to leave the campus to walk to a parked vehicle on Bullard or Dwyer. You must enter the carpool lane to drop off or pick up your scholar daily. Be patient, the line moves quickly.

We appreciate those of you who are in line 5-10 minutes before dismissal at 3:15 (or 5:15) pm. Helps the line move a little faster!



Time to Spring Ahead

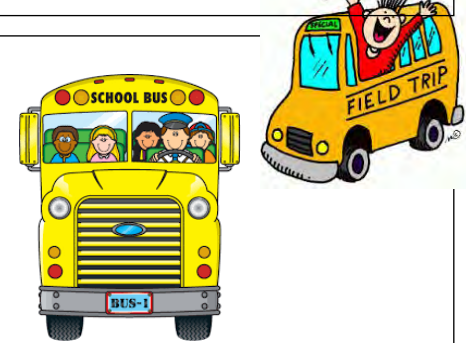
Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2:00 am

Your Warrior going on a field trip?
A School ID is needed—

picture ID card, complete with lanyard for wearing!



\$5.00



Assistance can be found at . . .

HomeworkLA.org

provided by the Homework Louisiana for residents/students of Louisiana, kindergarten through adult learners!

LIVE Assistance available!!!

State Law requires 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. ###



In the gym daily, before class . . .

Pencils for Sale!
.25 cents each

See Mrs. Leblanc or Ms. Theard to make a purchase!



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Do you have questions or concerns about your child's transportation to and from school each day?

Remember, riding the school bus is a **PRIVILEGE**, not a right!

—Deans Sisco & Daigle

Warriors are always . . .
PROMPT
POLITE
PREPARED and
PRODUCTIVE!

We follow the 4Ps each and every day!!!

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