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10th Annual Black History Program Teaches Profound Lessons

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." -George Santayana (1905)



History truly came alive for our students on February 23rd. Our 10th Annual Black History Program—**From Slavery to Freedom: The Perseverance of the Negro**—depicted the horrors of slavery, the courage of Harriet Tubman, the sacrifices of MLK, Jr., the brilliance of Madame C. J. Walker, the genius of Mae C. Jemison, the tragedy of Trayvon Martin and Sandra

Bland. 398 years of life in America was presented—the lows, but also the highs—giving hope to the generation of young people in our care. The props, acting, singing, stage direction, lighting, and music all helped to depict a storyline worthy of a well-done high school production. Good job to Ms. Regina Robinson and her crew! Well done thespians. ###

Faculty and students (above) depict African Americans being sold on the auction block in the deep south prior to the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. The entire 600 student body audience plus staff and parents sat memorized during this emotional scene.

Message From Our Principal/CEO

March 21, 2017

Dear Warrior Parents/Guardians,

We are four weeks away from the start of state-mandated assessment (testing).

We are working hard to prepare our students for the task before them. We ask that you remain vigilant regarding attendance and promptness to school. Far too many of our students are arriving to school after the 8:00 am bell. The instructional day begins promptly at that time. Also, please limit checking students out early before the 3:15 dismissal. All time in the class is precious and missed lessons can never be truly retrieved.

Homework is an important component of learning. It provides students with the opportunity to enhance what they've learned in class and allows the teacher knowledge of what may be needed to reteach. Always encourage your student to complete all homework assignments. Provide the perfect

place in your home for students to complete all assignments given.

I am sure many of you had the opportunity to see the Marching Band and its Auxiliary Units perform in one of the five Mardi Gras Parades they participated in. They were awesome!

We are presently preparing students for the opportunity to audition for next year groups. Students and their parents must realize that any student participating in extra-curricular activities (band, cheerleaders, dance team, flag twirlers, basketball, flag football, tennis, etc.) must meet the school's academic and behavior expectations. Remember, our first responsibility is to their academic achievement. We are attempting to develop well-rounded, well-adjusted young people, who love coming to FCWCS because of the "extras." But, the books are the most important and will always be our first and greatest effort! Don't you agree?

—Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO

If your son or daughter has an emergency at school, could we reach you quickly?

Please keep all contact information up-to-date in the school's Instructional Support Center-ISC (main office).

Send any changes to your home address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, etc. to your child's

homeroom teacher immediately. The teacher will pass it on to the ISC. Thanks. ###


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From the Desk of

Nurse Cheryl Robichaux, R.N., B.S.N.

Dear Warrior Family,

Most of you probably are aware that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. But how many of you realize that March is known as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month?

This cancer occurs in the colon (large or small intestines) or rectum. Caught early, it can be cured.

Colorectal Cancer affects African Americans more than any other ethnic group in the USA. Colorectal Cancer may occur at any age, but increases dramatically after the age of 45. Parents, please share this message with your parents. The median age is usually about 68 when diagnosed.

Being overweight, heavy alcohol usage, eating lots of red and processed meats (hot dogs, beef, lamb) may increase your risk. A diet rich in fruit, vegetables, and high-fiber grains may help reduce the odds of developing this cancer.

—Nurse C. Robichaux

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. ###


Our Annual Spring Book Fair

is underway for 1 week only!

March 20 - 24

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

School's Library

Hundreds of great choices in reading material for all students.

Flyers were sent home with book selections. Did you help your reader make a choice for a treasured book?

Parents welcomed to stop by . . .

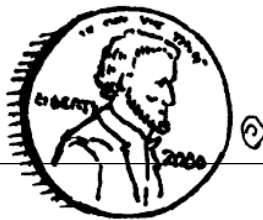
See you March 20 - 24.

"Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that provides the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level."

Reading is a pleasure inside and outside of school and has real and long lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Please make plans to come to our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Remember, all purchases benefit our school. See you at the Book Fair! —Librarian Karen LeBlanc

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Parents/Guardians of 8th Graders . . .

Have you taken care of their budget for closing activities in May? It was due on February 17th (\$150.00).

Students and parents are reminded that they must pass all standardized testing requirements, pass their academic classes, and have followed the district's attendance guidelines in order to be successfully promoted to the 9th grade.

**CLASS OF
2021**

The Spirit Week of May 8-12 is going to be a busy one for the Class of 2021. It will include a Day of Service, Career Day, a picnic, a field trip, and the Promotional Exercise on the 12th!

Make sure you're ready and not disappointed! Finish strong!!! Call Dean T. Daigle (504.444.1254) with any questions or concerns.
###

Pennies for Patients Campaign Underway

Warriors are once again taking part in the annual Pennies for Patients Drive on behalf of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



The drive will take place from March 6 through March 31.

Students and their families are asked to place their pennies (loose change) in the small cardboard boxes daily and return them to school. In the 2014 campaign, we raised \$1222.74; \$1832.79 in 2015. This year's Chairperson, Mrs. Ireane Hall is hoping for a similar response.

The Leukemia Society uses the money collected to fund lifesaving research and provide information and support for patients during their journey to survive cancer. It is also a great way to teach children the importance of compassion and empathy.

Each year we do this in memory of our student 5th grader Vernell Morgan. Vernell lost his battle against leukemia, a blood cancer, while in attendance at FCWCS several years ago.
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Tennis, Anyone?

Can the next Serena, Venus or Arthur Ashe be amongst us? Coach Williams aims to find out!

Coach Dana Williams is developing our inaugural Tennis Team for boys and girls this spring. She is seeking students in grades 3-7 who are desirous of learning the game and competing.

Tryouts were held March 14th in the gym. Coach has announced the next round of tryouts will take place Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week (March 27, 28, 29), after school from 3:15 - 5:00 pm. Students are asked to wear (bring) shorts, a t-shirts, tennis shoes, and socks to tryouts.

Students who are normally part of the after school program will be placed on the 5:00 pm bus. Car

riders will need a parent/guardian to pick them up no later than 5:00 pm.

Tournament dates have already been announced. Girls competition is scheduled for May 1-5, from 3:30 - 6:00 pm. Boys will compete May 8-12, 2017 at 3:30- 6:00 pm.



Tournament Matches will be held at the Green Acres Country Club, 5000 West Napoleon Avenue, Metairie, LA 70001.

Dates and times for regular season doubles matches will be announced shortly.

See Coach Williams for additional information.
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Auditions Coming Soon . . .

Cheerleaders
Wed., March 29

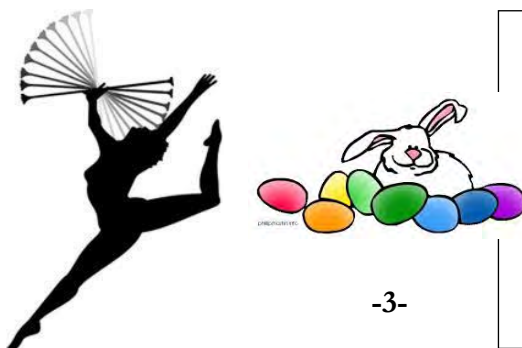
Dance Team
Wed., March 29

Majorettes
Wed., March 29

Flag Team
Thurs., March 30

Letter Carrier
Thurs., March 30

Parental Permission Slip needed. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA and a 75 avg. on her Responsibility Tracker to participate in these activities. ###



The Sheriff's Department
presents its
12th Annual

Easter at the Park & Day in the Zoo
Saturday, April 1, 2017
Audubon Riverview (The "Fly" behind the Zoo)
10:00 am - 1:00 pm (Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 am)

Riverview entrance to Zoo opens at 12:15 pm



Important Times @ FCWCS . . .

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. Far too many students are reporting to school late—many more than 1/2 hour late. Your scholar is missing important classroom instruction when they arrive to school after 8:00 am. Also, they are responsible for disrupting the lesson that has already begun.

We believe all students are capable of learning—but they must be present and on time to do so! Remember, our culture teaches that students should be **prompt**, polite, prepared and productive. **We call these the 4Ps.** It is how we strive to do school and its a great way to develop a student into a productive adult.

###



Did you know . . .

**C.L.A.S.S. stands for
Community Leaders
Advocating
Student Success**

In the gym daily, before class . . .

Pencils for Sale!

.25 cents each

See Mrs. LeBlanc or Ms. Theard
to make a purchase!
Be prepared for class!



Uniforms required, down to the socks . . .

Socks are a part of our school's uniform. Students should be attired in white or black socks daily. Socks should also completely cover the ankles. Footies, falling below the ankles, are not considered socks.

Cox Communications Awards C.L.A.S.S. Grant for Afterschool Program

If you are one of our parents who use the Afterschool Program to provide quality childcare for your scholar, you can thank the New Orleans City Council and Cox Communications!

Cox provided C.L.A.S.S., the governing body for FCWCS, an award of \$4000 to help defray some of the cost of running the program The funding results were based upon a recommendation by our Councilmember James Gray.

Thanks Cox for the much needed gift.
Thanks Councilmember Gray for remembering us.



###

Did you know . . .

C.L.A.S.S. is the governing body (Board of Directors) for FCWCS?

The BOD is composed of Duane Stelly (President), Debra Dean, Al Edwards, Brenda Flint-Minor, Donnyette Love, and Emily Roubion. This group has been our governing body since we were issued a charter in December 2010.

We appreciate all they do!

###



Afterschool Program

is in session

**Monday through Thursday
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm**

**There is no Afterschool
Session on Fridays—**

**All students are dismissed at
3:15 pm SHARP on Fridays!**

Car rider parents please be on time by making allowances for traffic. We appreciate your thoughtfulness!

(Please note: The Afterschool Program will end on Thurs., April 27, 2017)

FANTASTIC

Homework Assistance

can be found at . . .

HomeworkLA.org

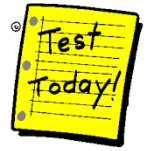


Wednesdays are important days . . .

Make sure you check your child's backpack for important documents in their Warrior Folders. Important stuff heads home on Wednesdays!



First Graders Hard at Work!



The academic year is winding down, but we still have a ways to go . . .
Spring Testing, 4th Quarter Exams, Projects, etc., etc.

Confer with your child's teacher(s) and discuss their progress . . .

**Last
Progress Report Conference
for
2016-2017**

**April 12, 2017
Wednesday @ 4 - 6 pm**

*No Afterschool Program on
conference day!*



*Ms. Theard's class (left)
is working hard on their
Friday, February 3rd
test. Fridays, by
tradition, is the day
students everywhere show
their teacher what they've
mastered the past week.
These hard workers are
no exception.*

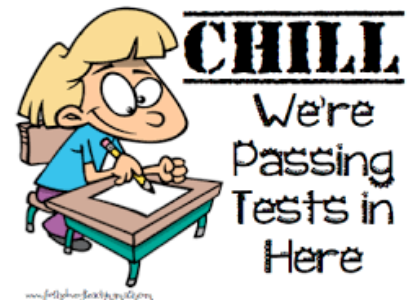
*Coming soon is the state-
wide testing for students
in grades 3-8. Warriors
need to be prepared!*

Report Cards Issued 2016-2017

1st Quarter	Oct. 26
2nd Quarter	Jan. 11
3rd Quarter	Mar. 29
4th Quarter	May 17

**Read to Succeed Achieve 3K
Contest, Grades 6 -8**
Started Monday, February 20th . . .
at least 75% of the class must
complete 8 Multiple Choice
Activities to win!

Will they succeed? We think so!
Good luck Warriors!!!



Academic Grading Quarters 2016-2017

1st Quarter	8/15 - 10/14
2nd Quarter	10/17 - 12/23
3rd Quarter	1/10 - 3/17
4th Quarter	3/20 - 5/19



**i-Ready Diagnostic 3
(Testing)**
We need all Warriors present and
on time!
March 27 - March 31

2017
**State of Louisiana Assessment
Calendar for FCWCS
begins**

Apr 18	Grades 7 & 8
Apr 24	Grades 5 & 6
Apr 25	Grade 8 (EOC, Algebra I)
Week of May 1	Grades 3 & 4

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 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 Spring 2017.



Sanders Chosen Achievement Network Scholar

Our own 3rd Grader **Bryce Sanders** was chosen the Citywide Achievement Network Elementary Student of the Year.

Bryce is a member of Mr. Tony Washington's class and was celebrated at the ANET Showcase Celebration on Thurs., March 16th. The celebration was held at the Louisiana Humanities Center, located at 938 Lafayette Street here in New Orleans.

Achievement Network states that . . .

"Achievement Networks works

alongside school leadership to strengthen their school-wide practice and culture of using learning standards and achievement data to get breakthrough results for students in underserved communities."

Bryce displays that kind of achievement that the partnering organization with FCWCS hopes to see in all students.

Congratulations to Bryce, his teacher—Mr. Washington, and his parents for a job well done. Keep up the good work Bryce. ###

Our City is Rich in Culture . . .

One of the unique qualities of New Orleans is its rich traditions.

In the African American community it includes brass bands, Social Aid & Pleasure Clubs, the Baby Dolls, Skull and Bone Gangs and the Mardi Gras Indians.

On display in our school's lobby is the headless and breast plate of parent Corey Rayford of the Black Feather Tribe.

Mardi Gras Indians can be traced back to the 1880s in New Orleans. They are African Americans who are known for their colorful suits and headdresses. *(continues on left)*

Our City is Rich in Culture . . . *(cont'd)*

Mr. Rayford advised the **WN** that the headdress on display weighs in excess of 100 pounds. It took three men to anchor it in place.

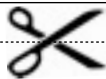
Roughly 40 tribes can be found throughout the city and we have as part of our school family Mr. Rayford and his daughter, who take part in this celebration. Our para, Ms. S. Reynolds, has a son who also takes part in these festivities. Parents of young Indians are responsible, of course, for the expense and work that goes into constructing a suit.

It was feared that the custom would die out after the floods of 2005. But, just the opposite has happened. Super Sunday in Central City on St. Joseph's Day (March 19) was a testimony to that fact. Thousands of spectators lined the streets to witness the annual celebration.

What a great history lesson for our students to experience in their own hometown. ###



Mr. Rayford and his daughter, a member of our student body, in front of last year's suit



Cut me out and **send me back to school within 2 school days**. Save this issue to keep abreast of all the great things happening at Fannie C. Williams Charter School.

**I've read the February/March '17 issue of WARRIOR NEWS . . .
PLEASE ENTER MY CHILD IN THIS MONTH'S DRAWING!**

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

please write legibly

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____





The Sports Scene

Basketball Season Ends Early for Warriors

Coach Terry Green has reported the season's final results to the **WN** for 2016-2017. 8th Grade Boys Basketball ended with a 7-7 record for the season. The 8th Grade team was a talented group, but could not get pass the first game of the playoffs.

Green's teams have produced championships in the past and is expected to again, next season, with some "tweaking."

The Girls Team recorded no wins this season. Coach Willie Gray resigned early in the season and was replaced by Coach Rynika Hebert.

Three Warrior teams (Girls, 8th Grade Boys, and 6th Grade Boys) compete in the **Metro Middle School League (MMSL)**.

Coach Dana Williams has recently added Tennis to our athletic choices for students.

Big Shout Out To All Marching Warriors Chaperones & Sponsors !!!

Thanks to all the parents/grandparents who unselfishly gave their time and energy to assist sponsors during this Mardi Gras Parade Season.

Administration also wants to thank the staff who sponsored organizations that perform in the 5 parades that made our Carnival Season this year (Sparta, Alla, Muses, Morpheus, and Proteus).

Sponsors for this school year are:
Band – D. Jones (Band Director), T. Newsome, & A. Grimes;
Letter Carriers – A. Jones, I. Hall;
Dancing Warriors – S. Theard;
Flag Twirlers – A. Jones, I. Hall;
Cheerleaders – D. Barnett;
Majorettes – S. Dyer, N. Simmons and last but not least, the official **"Door Opener"** – B. Sisco.

Thanks to all of you!

–Administration
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Upcoming Campus Events

4th Quarter Begins
 Mon., Mar 20

8th Annual Donuts with Dad
 Fri., March 24 @ 9 am

Last Progress Report Conference
 Wed., Apr. 12 @ 4-6 pm

Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
 Thurs., Apr. 13 *through*
 Mon., Apr. 17

School Resumes on
 Tues., Apr. 18 at 8:00 am

Afterschool Program Ends
 Thurs., April 27, 2017 (last day)

State-Mandated Testing
 Begins Apr. 18 Grades 7 & 8

Begins Apr. 25 Grades 5 & 6

Apr. 25 EOC, Algebra I

Week of May 1 Grades 3 & 4

Tornado in New Orleans East Puts Disaster Plan to the Test

Tuesday, February 7 was predicted by meteorologists to be a less than stellar weather day.

It proved to be just that and more for our eastern community. By late morning, rain and wind were the precursor to what would ultimately be categorized as an EF-2 tornado, packing winds of 111 to 135 mph. It is the most powerful tornado to ever hit New Orleans.

Our school's action plan went into effect. Students on the second floor were brought downstairs and classes were moved into the windowless hallways. Students were even served lunch in the hallways, away from windows.

Unfortunately, our school neighbor, Schaumburg Elementary, received a direct hit. The students and staff of Schaumburg will be housed in Gaudet's old building until repairs are completed by next year. No injuries were reported. CAO Terri Williams congratulated

the staff on behalf of the leadership team. She stated in an e-mail that night, "you all are amazing! Today we hunkered down and prepared for the unexpected . . . Every staff member remained vigilant, alert, and compassionate. Thank you all for going above and beyond to ensure that our students were safe and calm . . ."



It is important that we have current contact information for all students enrolled. Parents were notified by an automated call that the school's bus service was unavailable due to the condition of Chef Menteur Hwy. **We appreciate the cooperation of those parents who understood and were able to quickly come to school and pick up their kids.** There were streets that we did not know the condition of the homes of our students and could not risk dropping them at a house where the tornado had hit. Several of our students were victims of this unusual weather condition for New Orleans.

Please keep your numbers current in our system. It's very important. ###



3rd Annual S.T.E.A.M Night—March 15th
It was another exceptional turnout of students and parents for our 3rd S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) on Wed., March 15th.

It is the hope of educational leaders that these areas of study will gain significant following by students and the economy in 21st century USA.

The night provided 16 stations that engaged more than 175 scholars and parents. Dinner and door prizes were also provided for all in attendance.

Kudos to Mrs. C. Lewis and the members of her team for a great evening. ###





Pelicans Jr. Training Camp – January 26th

More than 200 students took part in this physical activity that stressed the importance of being active, physically and mentally.

Thanks Mrs. K. LeBlanc for making the necessary arrangements. Also, kudos to the Enrichment Team for providing the “man power” and supervision.

####

100 Days of School Celebration, Pre-K & K – February 3rd

100 Days of Instruction flies by when you are busy learning!

Our youngest Warriors and their teachers celebrated this event so on the Friday closest to this special day, February 3rd.

See if you can figure out the reasons for the costumes and art work. Remember the number 100! ####

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Annual Black History Quiz Bowl – February 10th

Students in grades 3-8 took part in our yearly Black History Quiz Bowl. This year had a new set of updated questions that included a few current historical items.

The winners were as follows:

4th Grade over 3rd Grade (25 to 21);

5th Grade defeated the 6th Grade (25 to 21);

7th Grade was victorious over the 8th Grade (25 to 16).

Good job to all who participated! ###



HBCU Step Show – February 22nd

Historically Black Colleges & Universities are known for their active Greek Life—fraternities and sororities that provide a social life for like-minded individuals.

Stepping or step-dancing is a form of percussive dancing that is practiced by HBCUs Greeks. It became popular in the later half of the 20th century.

It has become an annual competitive event of our middle school and elementary students each year in celebration of Black History Month. ###



1st Place Winners (on left)— 7th Grade Homeroom of Mr. T. Avery with assistance from Ms. L. Burke.

1st Graders doing their thing (top picture).



10th Annual Black History Program—February 23rd
**From Slavery to Freedom:
The Perseverance of the
Negro** (see page 1).



NBA & WNBA Visit FCWCS –

February 16th

Retired and current NBA & WNBA stars made a trip to Fannie on February 16th as part of the NBA All-Star Fit Celebration.

The roundballers included Gary Payton, Langston Galloway, Swin Cash, and second-liner Dikembe Mutombo (pictured with Warrior Band).

The visit was the start of the NBA All-Star game weekend activities in the city. It was meant to encourage physical fitness in school kids.

Warrior favorite seems to have been Supersonics point guard Gary Payton. ###



Are you planning on moving?

Please advise us after your move so that we can arrange transportation changes for your child.

Come in to the ISC (main office) and fill out a change of address form for your child. **We will need your new address and current phone number.** See Mrs. B. Lewis or Ms. B. Sisco for the necessary form and to answer any other questions you may have. ###



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One application. Many choices.

Need additional information regarding the One App process? Go to . . .

enrollnola.org

It's not too early to plan for next year . . .

First round One App ended on Friday, February 24th.

Results will be available the week of April 10th.

All 8th graders should have submitted a One App for next school year. Once you have received your placement results, you

must accept your seat by May 12, 2017. Failure to accept your spot may result in your losing it!

Round 2 One App opens on April 17, 2017. Early Window Deadline is May 12, 2017. The final deadline is May 26, 2017.

Students in Pre-K -7 who submit a Round 2 application and receive a place will lose their Main Round placement and/or seat at their current school. ###



C.L.A.S.S. Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 21st
6:00 p.m.
FCWCS Campus

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. ###



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

Wells Transportation

504.469.1277

Provides transportation for the Warriors of FCWCS!
Questions or concerns can be answered by calling

504.469.1277



**KEEP
CALM
AND
RAISE
YOUR CHILDREN**