## - <br> WARRIOR NEWS

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The expression "paddle your own canoe" refers to being independent or self-reliant. Even the founder of the Scouting Movement-Lord Baden-Powell-employed the image of self-reliance in a book he authored. Our 4Ps stress this idea: Warriors are prompt, polite, prepared, and productive. We strive to develop all students into young people who are ready for education and life. We work hard developing skills, habits, and knowledge that will serve them
well throughout life. Even when the going gets tough, they will continue on.

Coaches Dana Williams and Terry Green took the expression literally, bringing 4th graders (and a few adults along for the ride) to expose their students to the joys of canoeing, another form of recreational fun and exercise, all while "learning to paddle their own canoe." \#\#\#

Pennies for Patients Campaign, 2017 FCWCS concluded its 5th year taking part in the Pennies for Patients Campaign. Students and Staff brought in $\$ 1,209.26$ according to Business Manager Watson.

Since 1994, millions of dollars have been raised by school children in Pre-K through 12 schools for the Leukemia \& Lymphoma Society. This year's effort was coordinated by Mrs. I. Hall. Thanks to all Warriors who participated. \#\#\#

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See our May issue of the WARrior NEWS

for coverage of Donuts with Dads, Muffins for Moms, Faculty vs. Students Volleyball, LEAP Pep Rally and anything else we couldn't fit into this issue.


Picture from Our Past This photo may not look too old-check Ms. Sisco out, she looks the same! But if you recognize some of your schoolmates you
realize that two and half years makes quite a difference with those of you under 21! This photo hails from the Fall Book. Fair of September 2014.

## Principal's Message

## April 2017

Dear Parents \& Guardians,
The academic year is drawing to a close, but there are still tasks to be accomplished.

We're in the testing time of year. LEAP testing is keeping us busy for three weeks in April and May. The extended time period is due to the first attempt by the state to have students take mandated testing on computers.

7th \& 8th graders testing went well the week of April 18thApril 21 st. As I write this, our 5th and 6th graders are busy. Next week 3rd \& 4th graders will pick up their pencils and answer sheets (this group will not be using computers for testing).

We need your assistance in the following ways to successfully complete LEAP and final exams in a few weeks:

1. Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep.
2. Make sure they eat breakfast each morning.
3. Please ensure they are prompt to school.
4. Encourage them to do their best. Tell them not to leave anything blank, answer ALL questions.
5. Remind them that the tests are important.
6. Try to make their morning pleasant. Do not add to their stress.
7. Remind them to listen carefully to their teacher's instructions and to follow them.
8. Encourage your scholar to stay focus. Fast and wrong is not a good idea-encourage them to take their time.
9. Visit www.louisianabelieves.org for more info on state testing.

As always, we appreciate your assistance.
Kelly S. Batiste
CEO/Principal


## FINAL

Report Cards will be issued
Wed., May 17th in the Wed. Folder

## The LAST <br> Parent Teacher Progress Report <br> Conference was held on Wed., April 12th!

Thank you to all the parents who came by to check on their scholars! Did you make all four conferences this year?

Teachers, parents, and students are a
TEAM! We must work together for the benefit of our children.


## Academic Grading Quarters 2016-2017

| 1st Quarter | August 15-October 14 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2nd Quarter | October 17- December 23 |
| 3rd Quarter | January 10-March 17 |
| 4th Quarter | March 20- May 19 |

## FCWCS Grading Scale

| $A=93-100$ | $B=85-92$ | $C=75-84$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $D=70-74$ | $F=60-69$ |  |

from the desk of<br>Nurse Robichaux, R.N., B.S.N

Parents, Guardians: Did you know that ...
April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

You may be wondering why the school's nurse is writing about distracted driving this month.

Anything that affects the wellbeing of our students is of concern to me as the school's nurse.

What are drivers doing to be so distracted while operating a machine weighing over 3000 pounds? Handling a cell phone is one the major diversion of their attention today.

Technology has reached the point that no one likes to even leave home without their cell phone. Our phones have become an extension of our hands. Observe the number of people who walk while viewing their cell phone, oblivious to traffic. It is an obvious behavior in pre-teens and teenagers, but adults can also be seen displaying this behavior. Have cell phones become an addiction in our society?

This also occurs with people driving cars and using their phones at the same time. We call this distracted driving. Paying attention is a critical part of how we keep safe on the road. Did you know it is against the law to drive through a school zone while using a cell phone?

Distracted driving is now considered a national safety issue, responsible for 421,000 injuries and more than 3,000 deaths in 2012. Are phones the only reason for these frightening stats? No. The National Safety Council cites a survey of drivers that revealed speeding ( $64 \%$ ), texting ( $47 \%$ ), driving while under the influence of marijuana ( $13 \%$ ) or driving under the influence of too much alcohol ( $10 \%$ ) as being reasons for the injuries and fatalities on the streets and highways of the USA.

What message are we sending our young people? They are often in the car when we exhibit these dangerous behaviors. Will they model their future driving skills based on what you are doing?

Let us make an effort to drive attentively all the time. Avoid driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, reduce your speed and silence that cell phone until you reach your destination. It only takes one accident to change your life forever . . .
-Nurse C. Robichaux \#\#\#

## Upcoming School Events

Mark Your Calendars!

## Apr 11

Silverback VIP Luncheon @ Dooky Chase (8th Grade Boys)

## Apr 12

Progress Report
Conferences, 4-6 pm

## Apr 12

Staff vs. Student Volleyball
Game@1pm
Apr 13-17
Spring Break, NO SCHOOL
Apr 18-21
LEAP Testing (7th \& 8th Grades)

## Apr 24-27

LEAP Testing (5th \& 6th Grades)

## Apr 25

EOC Testing Algebra (8th Grade)

## Apr 26

8th Grade Field Trip to Avery Island, LA

## Apr 27

Last Day of After School Program

## Apr 28

Muffins with Moms, ? pm

## Apr 28

Promotion Pictures, Pre-K/Kindergarten/8th Grades

May 1-4
LEAP Testing (3rd \& 4th)

## May 5

LEAP Science (Grades 3-8)
(calendar continues next column)

## Upcoming School Events <br> Mark. Your Calendars! (cont'd)

May 8-12
Kindergarten and 8th Grade Spirit Week

May 8-9
4th Quarter Exams
May 10
Pre-K End of Year
Celebration

## May 11

Kindergarten Promotional Exercises

May 12
8th Grade Promotional Activity

May 15
7th Grade Field Trip to Global Wildlife

May 17
Awards Assembly

## May 17

Report Cards Issued
May 18
Students' Last Day
May 19
Staff's Last Day

## May 22

4th \& 8th Grade Summer Remediation Begins; Band \& Marching Warriors Camp and FCWCS Art Camp Begins

June 29
Summer Remediation Ends

ONE TEXT OR CALL COULD

Works Cited for Nurse's Column www.huffingtonpost.com www.nsc.org

# 3rd Quarter <br> Principal's Honor Roll 4.0 GPA 

| Scholar's Name | Gr |
| :--- | ---: |
| Mariah A. Edwards | 2 |
| Jayla D. Gardner | 1 |
| Mi'netra R. Gobernado | 4 |
| Byron R. Hall | 8 |
| Donté C. Martin | 5 |
| Warria J. Page | 5 |
| Prince R. Patel | 3 |
| Ayanna Rochez | 1 |
| Diavian A. Taylor | 8 |



## After School Program Ends Thurs., April 27th

Parents with students enrolled in the school's After School
Program should be making plans for their students after the close of the program on Thurs., April 27th.

All students will be dismissed at 3:15 pm beginning Fri., Apr. 28th through the close of the school year-Thurs., May 18th.


Students who are car riders should be picked up at $3: 15 \mathrm{pm}$. Parents of bus riders should prepare to receive their child(ren) according to the schedule presently used on Fridays. \#\#\#


## 4th \& 8th Graders . . .

Will you be ready for the 2017-2018 school year?
Fannie C. Williams Charter School is offering a five week summer enrichment program for current 4th and 8th grade students! Students will be invited based on iReady data and teacher recommendations

- When: Tuesday, May 22nd - Thursday, June 29th 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Classes will be held Monday Thursday, no classes on Fridays)
- FREE breakfast \& lunch will be provided
- Transportation via school bus to \& from FCWCS

Invitations will be sent home soon!

## SUMMER <br> Ant Cam <br> 2017 <br> 4th Annual FCWCS <br> ARTCAMP! <br> LIMITED SEATING

Is your child a kid who likes to draw, paint, or sculpt?
If the answer is yes, then please have them join us this summer in our fourth annual Summer Art Camp @ FCWCS!

- The camp will run from Mon., May 22nd through Thurs., June 29th
- Camp will be held Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am to $\mathbf{1 2 : 3 0} \mathbf{~ p m}$
- Bus transportation will be provided by the school, but you must register immediately to receive bus service
- Registration/enrollment will be on a first come, first served basis (only 20 seats available); preferential seating for students of FCWCS


## - Students must be a least 7 years of age to enroll

## - Breakfast and lunch provided daily

- Registration fee of $\mathbf{\$ 3 0 . 0 0}$ (must accompany enrollment form, no checks please) takes care of the cost of materials/ supplies for all art projects.

Artists (participants) must agree to strictly adhere to the rules and procedures set by the instructors or face dismissal from the Art Camp. Parents will be notified (fee is non-refundable). Additional info needed: Call 504.373.6228 (Mr. Britt or Mrs. LeBlanc).


# Warrior Marching Band Auxiliary Units Members . . . 

The 6th Annual Summer Band and Auxiliary Units Camps (Flag Twirlers, Majorettes, Cheerleaders, Dance Team, Letter Carriers) will start the preparation for the 2017-2018 season.

Band Camp is designed to prepare students for the upcoming marching season.
Musicians will learn music theory, percussion techniques, and marching fundamentals.

Auxiliary Units also perfect their trade with intensive development of their dance skills and precision.

The Band from Warrior Land has become a crowd favorite due to their high profile status during the Carnival Season. Director Jones usually receives more than six requests for the band and auxiliary units to participate in various parades. They've earned a reputation for musical excellence and entertaining performances.

Band Director Dedric Jones states that the camp will take place at FCWCS on ...

## Monday, May 22nd - Thursday, June 29th <br> (no camp on Fridays) <br> 7:30 am - 12:30 pm

Transportation, breakfast, and lunch will be provided

Fees: Director Jones will provide additional information needed regarding cost.


Be on the lookout for more information from the group sponsors. \#\#\#

from the desk of Principal/CEO Kelly S. Batiste April 19, 2017

Hello Fannie Family \& Friends!
The Marching Warriors have launched their most ambitious fundraiser to date and we need your help! Mr. Jones and the Marching Warriors are attempting to raise money to purchase new band uniforms for the 2017-2018 school year!

Please go to gofundme.com and find the link for FCW Marching Band Uniforms. Please share this link with all of your family, friends, church members, neighbors, business associates, and social media networks! Every dollar helps! The entire Fannie Family is asked to consider making a donation too! Each new band uniform will cost between $\$ 475$ - $\$ 600$. Our goal is to purchase 100 new uniforms.

Contact Mr. Jones
(dedric.jones@fcwcs.org) if you have any questions or would like to see a sample of the uniforms. It takes all of us working together to make this effort successful! Thanks in advance for your support! \#\#\#



## Sanai Durel

Who made the correct estimation of candy pieces in a jar during our 3rd Annual S.T.E.A.M. Night in March!

Sanai estimated that there were 52 pieces of candy at the Estimation Station, earning a prize
from Mrs. Batiste's treasure chest. Good job Sanai!


Science | Technology | Engineering | Arts | Mathematics EDUCATION "

We Love Tennis. Boys action at Lakeside Country Club in early April against St. Dominic. Warriors seem to be taking a "shine" to the court and net action. Students are learning how to play the game and the etiquette of tennis. Thanks to Coach Williams for the great picture.


Late Breaking News . . .
Summer Training Camp, Volleyball and Basketball Players

Coach Terry Green has recently announced that a summer training camp will be enacted for members of the volleyball and basketball teams.

Student-Athletes should talk to Coach regarding dates and times. Summer training is expected to occur during the same time period as the art, band, auxiliary units, and academic camps in the building. Logistics were being sought out as the WARRIOR
NEws was going to press.

Stay tuned for further info. \#\#\#

## Athletic Teams @ FCWCS

2016-2017
Girls' Volleyball
Coaches: C. Cormier \& Y. McFarland

Cross Country
Coach: D. Williams

Boys' Flag Football
Coach: T. Green

Girls' Basketball
Coach: R. Hebert

Boys' Basketball
Coach: T. Green

Boys' \& Girls' Tennis
Coach: D. Williams

Thanks coaches for all you do!

## Tennis Inaugural Season@ FCWCS <br> Our Racquet Ball Loving Coacb Williams Brings a New Sport to Campus

Coach Dana Williams decided back in the Fall that FCWCS would have a new sport on campus. That new athletic endeavor would be tennis.

By February, Coach had her racquets and balls. She put out "feelers" for players. FCW would field teams of both male and female students. Students would practice after school at nearby Joe Brown Park.

Coach Williams started making contact with other schools in the area with tennis teams. A schedule developed, marking March 28th as the team's first match at the Lakeside Country Club against St.
Dominic.

Tryouts turned out about 20 would be players. The team would eventually stabilize with 18 players. Impressive for a first year effort. \#\#\#

## 2017 Tennis Team Match Schedule

| Date | Time | Location | Opponent | B or G |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $3 / 28$ | 4 pm | Lakeside CC | St. Dominic |  | x |
| $4 / 4$ | 4 pm | Lakeside CC | St. Dominic | x |  |
| $4 / 10$ | $3: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Jefferson <br> Playground | St. Rita | x | x |
| $4 / 18$ | 4 pm | Kehoe-France | Kehoe-France | x |  |
| $4 / 26$ | 4 pm | Kehoe-France | Kehoe-France |  | x |
| $5 / 1-5 / 5$ | 3 pm | Green Acres <br> $5 / 8-5 / 12$ | CC | Tournament |  |


| 2017 Tennis Team | Simeon | India Davis |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Boys | Washington | Chelsea Simmons |
| Lester Bejarano | Alternates | Carissa Washington |
| Reyli Bejarano | Jakaria O'Conner | Angela Williams |
| Perry Dickens | Courtney Williams | Team Manager |
| Jamaal Simmons | Girls | Jayden Williams |
| Brian Turner | Geor'nae Baham |  |

Lakeside Country Club-1520 Rose Garden Dr., Metairie

Green Acres Country Club 5000 W. Napoleon Ave.,

Metairie

Kehoe-France - 720 Elis Ave., Metairie
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Do you have a NEW student coming to FCWCS next year?

Registration will be held for NEW students only . . .

Mon., May 1st - Thurs., May 4th at FCWCS $10 \mathrm{am}-2 \mathrm{pm}$

Please make sure you have: -the child's birth certificate
-Social Security Card
-Proof of Address
-Shot Records

Registration is not complete until all paper work is completed! \#\#\#


8th Graders, your special culminating activities are fast approaching . . . are you ready?

April 26th
Field Trip to Avery Island, LA
May 8th
Service Day
May 9th
Girl Talk \& Silverback Programs
May 10th
Career Day
May 11th
Sip \& Paint Party May 12th Culminating Exercises @ FCWCS

Parents \& Guardians-
The After School Program ends this Thursday, April 27, 2017!

Beginning Friday, April 28 through close of school,Thurs., May 18, all students will be dismissed at 3:15 pm.

See you next year!
-Ms. Sisco \& the After School Staff


## Parents/Guardians-

Lost \& Found is growing . . .
Please stop by the school's lobby and check the rack and table for your child's missing clothing.

Clothing left at the end of the school year will be given to charity. \#\#\#

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8th Annual Muffins with Mom

Friday, April 28, 2017 9:00 am Warrior Gym

Sorry, no RSVPS will be accepted after
Monday, April 24th

Thank-You . . .
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for providing haircuts to 42 Warriors
(with parental permission, of course) on your day off!

We appreciate your kindness .. . Thank-you Ms. Sisco for all you do!


Pre-K and Kindergarten Spirit Week May 8 - May 11

2017


Easton's Silverbacks Visit Warriors


FFLIC (Families \& Friends of LA's Incarcerated Cbildren) Visit

Founder's Day - March 23rd
Birthday of Fannie C. Williams (b. March 23, 1882 in Biloxi, MS), our school's namesake, does not escape us without a special "shout out" to the exceptional educator. Always music provided by the Warrior Band and a fantastic lunch, courtesy of the Warrior Cafeteria Staff, is on the agenda.

This year, Mrs. Althea DeBose, a former student of Ms. Williams, visited the classes of Ms. Smith and Ms. Robinson to give her first hand account of being a student at Valena C. Jones Elementary School during Williams's tenure in the early 1950s. \#\#\#

Mrs. Althea DeBose (left) talks to Middle School and 4th Grade students regarding her days as a student of Miss Fannie C. Williams during the '50s at Valena C. Jones School in the 7th Ward.


Warren Easton's Silverbacks bring advice and supplies for tornado victims. That's former FCW teacher Mr. Goodly center.

FFLIC brought
Easter baskets to our youngest scholars. Thank you to both groups.

## Honoring Our Top Scholars \& Best School Citizens

3rd Quarter Report Cards Award Celebration (Mar. 31 st); PBS Responsibility Trackers Field Day (Apr. 6th); I-Ready Diagnostic 3 Celebration (Apr. 12tb);

The "Divine 9"-Our Top Scholars, 3rd Quarter Principal's Honor Roll: 4.0 GPA!


Our Best Citizens were honored for achieving a score of 90 points or better on their Responsibility Tracker. They earned an hour and half outside of beautiful weather, enjoying cotton candy, snowballs, nachos, bowling, bounce house, bubbles, and music with great classmates of like minds!


Look for our Top Readers in the bright yellow shirts every Thursday. They enjoyed their snowballs and new shirts on Apr.12th.

Happy Campers Book Fair: S'More Fun with Books! Week of March 20-24 becomes our biggest Book Fair Yet!


Did you read this issue of WARRIOR NEWS? It was prepared especially for parents and friends of FCWCS!
Fill out the back of this form to enter your scholar in our monthly drawing. The drawing takes place 2 school days after the distribution of the $\mathbf{W N}$. The winning Warrior gets to pick a prize out of Mrs. Batiste's treasure chest.

Cut off this part of the page, fill out the back side (pg. 12) and return it to school to enter the drawing. SAVE the rest of the WN.
Keep the WARrior News on hand to stay abreast of FCW Charter's activities for this Spring!

## 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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Update your contact info!

Do you have a new phone number or home address? We need to know. Please update your contact info!

Did you see your child's last
Progress Report? It was issued at the last Progress Report Conference (April 12th) for this school year!

Teachers send important information home in the
Wednesday Folder. Always be on the look out for the Wednesday's Folder for vital info about your child's classroom and school. Please read! \#\#\#

Cut me out and send me back to school within 2 school days. Save this issue to keep up with all the great things happening at FCWCS during final weeks of school. I've read this issue of the WArrior News. Please enter my child in this month's drawing for April 2017.

Student's Name (pleaseprint) $\qquad$ Grade $\qquad$ Room No. $\qquad$
$\qquad$ Parent's Signature $\qquad$

