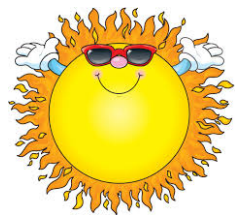


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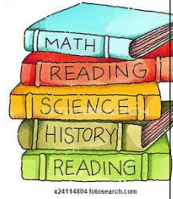
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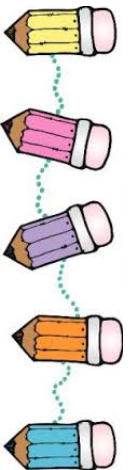
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Summer's Over and
We're **Ready for**
Some **SCHOOL!**



Summer has come and gone. Warriors have returned to Dwyer Road ready for reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, science, music, physical education, art, computer literacy, homework, field trips, book fairs, the fall festival, intervention classes, cross country, flag football, basketball, tennis, volleyball, cheerleading, dance team, majorettes, boy scouts, the marching band, student council, the annual holiday program, HBCU step show, the annual Black History program, STEAM Night, Literacy Night, grandparent's day, donuts with dad, muffins with mom, PBIS experiences, homework, tests, report cards . . . Boy, are we busy at Fannie C., a great place to learn and grow! We're glad you're here!



BACK to SCHOOL



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**Academic Grading Quarters
2017-2018**

1st Quarter	August 15 - October 13 (41 days)
2nd Quarter	October 16 - December 21 (44)
3rd Quarter	January 9 - March 16 (42)
4th Quarter	March 19 - May 16 (37)



**from the desk of
Nurse Robichaux, R.N., B.S.N**

Parents, Guardians: Did you know that . . .

Students who have Doctor's orders and whose parents have completed the Louisiana State policy/protocol for administration of medication in school can only receive their medication by the medication trained staff.

No medications (prescription or over-the-counter) can be given by school personnel until all the requirements of the policy and regulation are met. A parent or guardian may come to the school and administer medication to their child during the school day. Medications can not be accepted by the classroom teacher. If a student brings medication to school, it must be picked up in the front office by a parent. ###

-Cheryl Robichaux, Nurse

Penny Ward, Teacher of the Year

Middle School Social Studies Teacher Penny Ward has been selected as Teacher of the Year for the 2017-2018 academic year.



Ward, chosen by her peers, has been a member of the FCWCS faculty since 2015. Her current assignment is 7th and 8th Grade Social Studies teacher. Mrs. Ward also serves as the advisor for the school's Student Council Organization.

Congrats Ms. Ward on a job well done! ###



*Ms. P. Ward,
Teacher of the Year*



Principal's Message

September 5, 2017

Dear Parents,

Seems like yesterday we were wrapping up our 10th year. The Class of 2021 has left the building! Under the roof today we have more than 575 students to nurture academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.

We have already completed three full weeks. As always, its been busy as we try to get ourselves into the rhythm of teaching and learning at FCWCS.

To the new families, welcome. To our "seasoned" families, thank you for returning. Now, its off to a great year!

-Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO



FCWCS Grading Scale

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



**Could we contact you
in an emergency?**

Please keep your contact information up-to-date. EMS does not like to treat minors if they can verify parental consent. Make sure we have your current home address, cell and landline phone numbers, phone #s of two alternatives/relatives, physician's name and number, and pertinent medical info for your child. ###

FCWCS Family Handbooks Soon

are on the way before the end of September! Be on the lookout your family's copy of the family handbook. When you receive it, you will be asked to send back the accompanying receipt indicating that you have received your family's issue. This book will contain all academic and behavioral expectations for all Warriors—Pre-K through 8th grade. Reading it makes for a great year of understanding. ###



**Parent-Teacher
Conferences**

**1st Progress Reports Conference for
2017-2018**

**Wednesday, September 13th
4-6 pm**

Meet your child's teacher(s) and have an opportunity to discuss their progress! Please make every attempt to attend . . .

*There will be no Afterschool Program on Wed.,
September 13th*

Is your child diabetic, asthmatic, allergic to insects or certain foods? Does your child take prescribed medications? Let us know!

2017-2018 School Holidays for Students

September 4
Labor Day, NO SCHOOL

September 28 -29
Fall Break, NO SCHOOL

October 2
Fall Break NO SCHOOL

November 20 - 24
Thanksgiving Break, NO
SCHOOL

December 22
Staff Records Day, NO
SCHOOL for Students

December 25-29
Holiday Break, NO
SCHOOL

January 8
School Resumes for Staff
and Students

January 15
MLK Holiday, NO
SCHOOL

February 9-16
Mardi Gras Break, NO
SCHOOL

March 30
Good Friday, NO SCHOOL

April 2-6
Spring Break, NO
SCHOOL

May 16
Last Day for Students



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PARENTS

When you finish this issue of the **WARRIOR NEWS** let us know by entering your Warrior in our monthly contest. We appreciate your interest in FCWCS. See pages 5 & 6 for details on how to enter. ###



Read that School Supply List Carefully

Parents,
Please read the School Supply List carefully and avoid purchasing the following items:
mechanical/led pencils, ball point pens, permanent markers, pencil sharpeners to bring to school. These items are often used to deface school property.

Students will need their pencils sharpened, but we ask that the sharpeners remain at home.

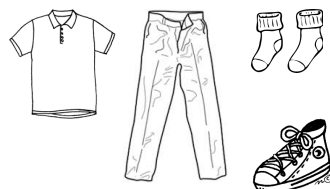
We appreciate your assistance in keeping our campus neat and clean by not purchasing items that are not needed and or problematic.

—The Administration ###

No Change in School Uniform
The school uniform will remain the same as last year, according to Principals Batiste and Williams.

Parents are asked to send students to school daily in full school uniform. Please refer to the

school's website or Family Handbook for specifics. ###



10 Educators Reach 10th Year Mark

If you spot member of the staff with white shirts and an embroidered 10 on the left side, they have served on the staff for one decade!

This school year marks the 11th Anniversary for FCWCS. Conceived by the Recovery School District during the 2007-2008 school year on the site of the former Fannie C. Williams, our school now serves as a Pre-K through 8th grade students.

There are 10 staff members who hail from that original group—housed in white trailers in the back of the present site. Members of the staff

who have reached the decade mark at FCWCS are as follows*:

Kelly S. Batiste (Principal/CEO); **Gretchen Johnson** (Admn. Assistant); **Terry Smith** (Computer Lit, **WN** Editor); **Phillip Britt** (Visual Art); **Bernetta Sisco** (Dean of Students, former Phy. Ed. teacher); **Deidra Barnett** (Reading Interventionist, Test Coordinator); **Janice Watts** (Instructional Coach); **Ashlyn Williams** (1st Grade Teacher); **Sharnell Theard** (1st Grade Teacher and former Paraprofessional); and **Cheryl Robichaux** (School Nurse).

FCWCS. ###

**Mrs. Lynda McCray (Speech Pathologist) was also a member of this group. She retired at the close of 2016-17 school year.*

Great websites for elementary scholars . . . Websites Worth the Visit

www.mathplayground.com
www.funbrain.com
www.xtramath.org
www.coolmath.com
www.tumblebooks.com
www.timeforkids.com/TFK/
www.abcya.com
www.pbskids.org
www.seussville.com
www.sesamestreet.org
www.crayola.com
www.starfall.com
www.howstuffworks.com
www.kids.nationalgeographic.com
www.sikids.com
www.boyslife.org
www.sciencenewsforstudents.org
www.scholastic.com
www.exploratorium.edu
www.loc.gov
www.brainpop.com
www.arkive.org
www.cbc.ca
www.highlightskids.com
www.funology.com
www.whyville.net
nwf.org

Book Contracts Sent Home

Students were given School Book Contracts that are needed to be signed by you and your child.

Parents are asked to ensure that their scholars keep book covers on the textbooks. Covers help to keep the books in good shape.

The average school book can cost more than \$40. to replace.

Avoid this additional expense by reminding your scholars of the importance of keeping up with their books. ###

—The Administration

Have you recently changed your phone number or moved? **We need to know.** Please update your contact info.

Send the current contact information to your child's homeroom teacher or stop by the main office and see Mrs. Johnson or Mrs. B. Lewis. ###



Update your
contact info!

School Enrollment for Fall 2017

As of September 5th, 577 students are enrolled at FCWCS. About 310 families have enrolled here. There are 301 males and 277 female students (577 total). Our students are predominately African American, with Hispanic, Asian, and students of European descent adding to our diverse campus. ###

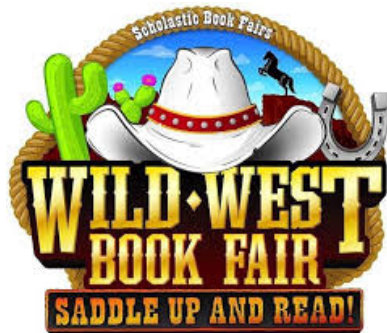


AGENDAS

required for all
Middle School Students
(Grades 5, 6, 7, & 8)

\$5.00

Students will write homework assignments and any other important information daily into these planners. It is our way of teaching organization to our middle schoolers before they leave for high school!



Our Annual Scholastic Fall Book Fair

2017

will take place the week of

September 18-22

9 am – 2:30 pm

Monday–Friday

There's something for everybody . . .
Check the Wild West Book Fair out–
Saddle Up and READ!

**BOOK
FAIR
COMING SOON!**

School Nurse Here Full-Time

School Nurse Cheryl Robichaux will be here five days a week, 8-3 pm. In the past, we shared our awesome nurse with another school. But this year, we will have her all to ourselves.



Whose on board? . . .

FCWCS Board of Directors

The governing board for FCW is known as C.L.A.S.S. (Community Leaders Advocating Student Success). The members of the board are as follows:

Duane Stelly (President), Debra Dean, Al Edwards, Brenda Flint-Minor, Donnyette Love, and Emily Roubion.

Their responsibilities include (but are not limited to) setting school policy, long range planning, evaluating results, and adopting an annual budget. Our school's administration answers to the BOD.

The BOD meets at FCWCS in public meetings held in the school's café at 6 pm, once every two months. Meetings are scheduled for September and November. The school's website and the front doors will usually contain the date of upcoming meetings.

###



BOARD MEETING



Upcoming Campus Events

September 2017

- 13 1st Quarter Conferences, 4-6 pm
(no Afterschool program today)
- 14 Fall School Pictures
- 18-22 Fall Scholastic Book Fair
- 20 1st Literacy Night
- 28-29 Fall Break

October 2017

- 2 Fall Break
- 4 1st Quarter Study Guides Issued
- 9-13 1st Quarter Exam
- 13 End of 1st Quarter; FCWCS Goes Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness
- 25 1st Quarter Report Cards Issued
- 27 Fannie's Scare House
- 31 Trunk or Treat

November 2017

- 3 1st Quarter Awards
- 7 8th Grade High School Night
- 10 Fall Festival
- 15 2nd Quarter Conference, 4-6 pm
- 20-24 Thanksgiving Break

December 2017

- 3-8 Warrior Holiday Store
- 7 Pictures with Santa
- 8 iReady Celebration
- 18-20 2nd Quarter Exams
- 21 Holiday Program/Class Parties
- 22 Staff Record Day, NO School for Students
- 25-29 Holiday Break

January 2018

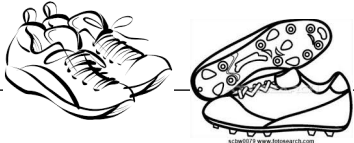
- 1-5 Holiday Break
- 8 Staff Professional Development, NO School for Students
- 9 Students Return
- 10 2nd Quarter Report Cards Issued
- 19 2nd Quarter Awards Program



Louisiana State Law mandates compulsory attendance from ages 7-18 (or once they have enrolled) or until the completion of high school. ###

Our coaches are working hard to guide our cross country, flag football, and volleyball teams to victory!

Athletes do your best in the classroom first and the field and court will take care of itself. ###



AfterSchool Program in Session

All athletes, musicians, dancers, and members of the marching units must enroll in the after school program.

The fee is \$30.00 for the entire school year. See Ms. Sisco for additional information. ###

Attendance Counts

All students can learn—but they must be present to do so!

In order to be eligible for promotion, students will need to be in attendance a minimum of 158 days out of the 163 days in the school year. After the 3rd day absent, your child's teacher will reach out to the parent to discover what the problem is. Teachers will contact the school's social worker Mrs. Aziz if the problem is not resolved. ###

Academic & Behavior Requirements

Parents of students involved in extra-curricular activities—band, athletics, marching units, etc.—should remind their scholars of the requirements needed to remain a member in good standing of these organizations. **Students and parents are reminded that our main purpose is to educate our Warriors.** Extra-curricular activities are that something “extra” that makes school fun. Do your best Warriors to remain a dancer, musician, or athlete. ###

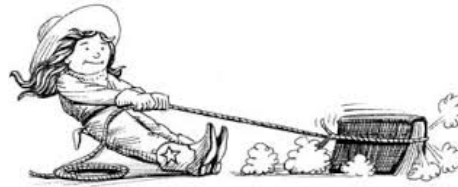
Literacy Night at FCWCS

Our annual celebration of Reading will take place on

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Time: 4 pm - 6 pm

Flyer will be sent home with invite Please return to RSVP so we can get an accurate account of families planning to attend.



Join us for our **1st Reading Rodeo . . .**
See you on Wed., Sept. 20th @ 4 pm

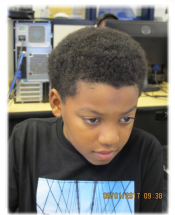
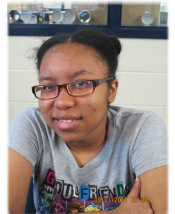
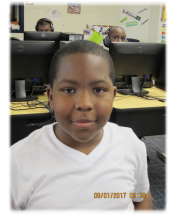
Do you know you can access your child's attendance and grades by going to:

<https://services.edgear.net/progress/>

Back-to-School Dance

Middle School Dance
is scheduled for **Friday, September 8th**
5 - 8 pm

flyers will be sent home with additional information



Did you read this issue of **WARRIORNEWS**? It was prepared especially for the 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 **WN**. The winning Warrior gets to pick a prize out of Mrs. Batiste's treasure chest.

Cut this part of the page, fill out the back as directed (page 6) 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 the upcoming weeks.

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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provides transportation for the Warriors of FCWCS! Questions or concerns? Call 504.469.1277



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\$9.95 per month for qualified families

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- No Contracts
- No Installation Fees
- No Modem Rental Fees

Does My Family Qualify?

- At least one student in grades K-12 lives in your household
- Your household must be participating in one of these govt. assistance programs: free or reduced lunch through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), SNAP, TANF, or Public Housing
- Have not subscribed to Cox High Speed Internet Service in the last 90 days;
- No outstanding Cox bills or unreturned equipment.

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The **4Ps** of exemplary Warrior Behavior are:
Promptness
Politeness
Preparedness and
Productivity! Does your scholar have these qualities? All GREAT Warriors do!



PLEASE SIGN & RETURN

Cut me out and send me back to school within two (2) school days. Save this issue to keep up with the great things happening at FCWCS! I've read the Sept. 2017 issue of the **WARRIOR NEWS**. Please enter my child in the year's first drawing for 2017-2018.

Student's Name (please print) _____ Grade _____ Room No. _____

Parent's or Guardian's Name (please print) _____ Signature _____