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Motivating Students to Learn

If you've been a reader of the **WARRIOR NEWS** for any period of time, you have probably noticed the many fun activities we have on campus.

Take a look at the **WN** archives on the school's website and go back and relive years of festivals, field trips, award programs, classroom parties, school dances, ice cream socials, special meals, academic t-shirts, etc., anything we can think of to inspire our students to **achieve**. Think **incentives**. All of these activities are designed to **motivate, inspire, direct, teach, entertain, and reward** our students. The word **MOTIVATION** should come to mind.

There are students who don't have to be encouraged to learn—it is just part of their DNA. But many have to be **pushed** into realizing the **benefits** of an

education. As parents or guardians, you are probably well aware of what type of scholar you have!

We make every attempt to **stimulate** our pupils to become **excited** about learning. Enthusiastic learners are easier to teach. They become high schoolers who are **driven** to do well, thus preparing themselves for college or post-high school training that will provide them with a life with all the amenities that a good education can offer. We are **working hard** to **prepare** our Warriors for a promising future. Their tomorrow begins here, today at FCWCS.

Malcolm X said it best . . .

“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.” ###

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.” – B. B. King



“Shoot for the moon.
Even if you miss you'll
land among the stars.” – Les Brown

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”
–Benjamin Franklin



Awards for hard work can manifest itself as a Super Math or Super Reader t-shirts (top) for academics or it can mean over 300 meals from Raisin' Canes on an afternoon before the Mardi

Gras holiday! Students who earned 90 or more on their Responsibility Tracker were treated to the special feast. This appears to have been a crowd favorite! –continued on page 2



These activities exist to enhance your classroom activities!

Dancing Warriors



Warrior Cheerleaders



Marching Warriors



Boy's Basketball



Fall Festival, '17



Girl's Basketball



Extracurricular activities (band, auxiliary units, athletics, school festivals, field trips, etc.) are the rewards for doing the right thing as a student! FCWCS first responsibility to all students is an **EDUCATION**. Think of extracurricular activities as *lagniappe*—something you've earned as a gift for all your hard work as a Warrior!

Research has shown that students involved in extracurricular activities do better in the classroom. **Students should realize that the classroom comes first**, and everything else is second. The rules regarding behavior and academics are found on our school's website and in

the family handbook. All students and parents should note that the extra-curricular activities are used to: build self-esteem, friendships and team work, **teach students about commitments**, help students to manage and prioritize their time, and expand their interests. ###

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Keys (2014) Headed to Notre Dame in the Fall

Former FCWCS scholar-athlete lettered at McDonogh No. 35; dynamo on the field recruited by 27 football programs

Alumnus Lawrence Keys ('14) is headed off to Indiana and the University of Notre Dame this Fall!

Lawrence spent his high school years at McDonogh No. 35, playing WR and wearing number 13. He was known as a "big-play receiver," with exceptional speed. Keys played basketball and flag football while enrolled at FCWCS. He was a member of the school's first championship athletic team (8th Grade Flag Football Team, 2013). Keys was coached by Terry Green while playing as a Warrior.

His hard work has paid off—27 offers poured in this recruiting period. A 3.7 GPA sealed the deal.

We wish Lawrence the best of luck on the field and in the classroom. ###

Lawrence and his mother on Signing Day, February 7, 2018. Photo courtesy of CAO Terri Williams-Pryer



Need to speak to your child's teacher(s) regarding their academic progress?

The quarterly **Parent-Teacher Conference Days** are the perfect opportunity! There's one last opportunity for 2017-2018!

Wed., Sept. 13

Wed., Nov. 15

Wed., Feb. 7

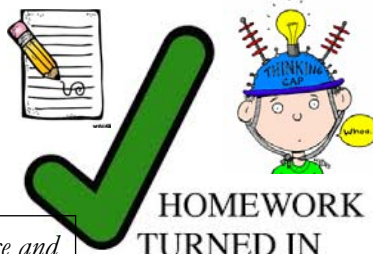
Wed., Apr. 18

4-6 pm

Remember: There is no After School Program on conference days! ###

Reminder . . .

All Pre-K through 3rd graders must be met at the bus stop by an adult in the afternoon, unless they are riding the bus with an older sibling (grades 4-8). ###



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

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



Principal's Message

February 26, 2018

Dear Parents,

We are closing in on the final weeks of the 3rd quarter. Those important state standardized tests will be here soon. Every day is important.

As always, I am advocating for students to be present and on time. All students are capable of learning—but they must be in class and productive to do so.

If at all possible, please schedule dentist and doctor appointments during the week of April 2-6, our Spring Break for this year. Encourage your child to give their classwork their best effort. It will boost their morale, allow the teacher to gauge what needs to be re-taught, and they will actually learn the subject matter. Remember, do stress the importance of homework. Many students do not do homework as prescribed. Students lose 10% of their report card grade when they do not put effort into completing homework assignments. Please encourage the completion of all tasks sent home.

—Kelly S. Batiste, Principal & CEO

This is what we do at FCWCS . . .

motivate - impel - incite - drive - excite - inspire - persuade - arouse - encourage - induce - move - lead - galvanize - spur - fire - impel - trigger - cause - energize - engage - teach . . .

Academic Grading Quarters 2017-2018

164 school days

1st Quarter August 15 – October 13 (41 days)

2nd Quarter October 16 – December 21 (44)

3rd Quarter January 9 - March 16 (42)

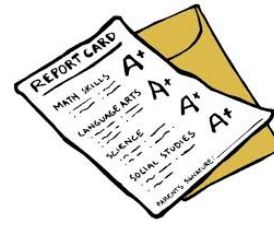
4th Quarter March 19 - May 16 (37)

Did you know . . .

Students who do not complete homework assignments are losing 10% of their report card grade!

The highest score attainable would be a "B" and that is if all other tests, projects, assignments, and class participation are perfect—all A's!

Parents are asked to be a motivator, monitor, provider, and routine establisher for their child regarding homework assignments (*see page 8 of the Family Handbook for additional info*). ###



A Report Card is a student's PAY DAY for their work during the grading period! Is your child well-paid for a job well-done? Are they a motivated learner?

2017-2018 School Holidays for Students

March 30
Good Friday, NO SCHOOL

April 2-6
Spring Break, NO SCHOOL

May 16
Last Day for Students

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.
###



Visit our website:

fcwcs.org



Upcoming Campus Events

February 2018

- 19-21 iReady Progress Monitoring
- 23 HBCU Step Show, 1 pm
- 28 Black History Program (Parents Welcomed) Time: 1 pm

March 2018

- 2 Pelicans Jr. Training Camp, Time: TBA
- 5-8 Interim 3 Testing
- 7 Pictures with the Bunny
- 12-14 3rd Quarter Exams
- 14 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics) Family Night
- 16 End of 3rd Quarter (42 days)
- 19-23 Scholastic Spring Book Fair
- 22 PBIS Experience for Worthy Warriors
- 23 Donuts with Dad; Founder's Day (Educator Fannie C. Williams, Birthday)
- 26-28 iReady Diagnostic 3
- 28 3rd Quarter Report Cards Issued
- 29 Spring Bling (Spring Festival)
- 30 NO SCHOOL—Spring Break

April 2018

- 2-6 Spring Break Holiday
- 9 Students return to school
- 12 iReady Celebration
- 13 LEAP Pep Rally
- 16-20 LEAP (State) Testing, Grades 7 & 8
- 18 4th Quarter Progress Reports Conferences, 4-6 pm; NO After School Program today
- 23-27 LEAP (State) Testing, Grades 5 & 6
- 30 LEAP (State) Testing, Grades 3 & 4

May 2018

- 1-3 LEAP (State) Testing, Grades 3 & 4
- 1-2 8th Grade Final Exams
- 4 Muffins with Moms, Time: TBA
- 7-8 4th Quarter Exams, Grades 1-7; 8th Grade Day of Service
- 9 Pre-K End of Year Celebration; 8th Grade Career Day
- 10 Kindergarten Promotional Ceremony, Time: TBA
- 11 8th Grade EOY Celebration, Time: TBA
- 15 Awards Day, Grades 1-7
- 16 Students Last Day, Report Cards Issued
- 17 Staff Last Day

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Report Cards will be issued on the following dates for this academic year:

Wed., October 25, 2017

Wed., January 10, 2017

Wed., March 28, 2018

Wed., May 16, 2018

Students are issued report cards in the Warrior Folder on the designated dates listed above. Parents are asked to check their child's report cards on the dates listed above. ###



The Responsibility Tracker is sent home every Wednesday for parents to review and sign for pupils in grades 1-8. Behavior Calendars are used for students in Pre-K and K. They are to be returned the next day (Thursday) in the same folder (*see the Family Handbook, pg. 12, for additional information*).

Looking to enroll a student in our Pre-K (4) or Kindergarten class next year? You should apply at

EnrollNOLA.org

We only have 40 seats (2 classes) of Pre-K! Don't know how to handle the OneApp process? Visit one of the 3 Family Resource Centers for help:

Uptown—Lawrence D. Crocker Elementary
2300 Gen Taylor St. 70115

New Orleans East—Livingston Collegiate Academy,
7301 Dwyer Road 70126

Westbank—Orleans Parish School Board
3520 Gen. DeGaulle Drive, Suite 1101, 70114

Open Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am - 4 pm

1.877.343.4773



We love parents who read the WARRIOR NEWS!

Parents who read the monthly issues of the **WN** are near and dear to our hearts. They keep informed of all the great things happening on our campus! Informed parents make our jobs easier. They assist in guiding their children in the rules & regulations of school (aka The 4 Ps).

Thanks to **Ms. Jeniel Bermudez** for reading the January issue of the **WN**. Her daughter, Shamila, was able to search Mrs. Batiste's treasure chest for just the right prize. ###

Are you smarter than a 7th, 6th, or 4th grader?

Our yearly Black History Quiz Bowl took place on Thursday, February 1st. Competition was keen—7th grade versus 8th grade, 5th grade versus 6th grade, and 3rd grade versus 4th grade.

Mrs. Batiste served as moderator this year, with assistance from Mrs. Guy. Classmates made up the audience in a venue that resembled a TV game show studio.

The victors were the teams representing the 7th, 6th, and 4th graders. ###

Scenes from 3rd graders (below right) vs. 4th graders (below left). Moderator Mrs. Batiste assisted by Ms. Guy (right).



Even our bulletin boards teach . . .

Our bulletin boards change monthly and of course February's boards are filled with Black History information. A contest was held this month and the following boards were chosen as winners! Good effort to all participants.

Winners

1st Place - We Shall Overcome (Rm. 1305)

2nd Place - The Pivotal Segregation of Schools Era (Mrs. Searcy)

3rd Place - The Peaceful Protest (Mrs. Tolliver). ###



One application. Many choices.
The new Public School Enrollment Process

Who needs OneApp?

You should submit a One App if your student is:

–**NEW** to New Orleans or new to public schools

–**Seeking to transfer** from their current school to a new school for the 2018-2019 School Year

–**A transitional student**, which means their current school does not offer their expected grade next year (8th graders needing to advance to high school). ###

Congratulations to Middle Schoolers

Kailah Brown & Layona Cain

for designing the winning entry in our Annual Black History T-Shirt Contest! Job well-done ladies!!! (see pic below). ###





There's Nothing Like a Good Book . . .

Adults sometimes forget how much young children enjoy having a book read to them! Our own Mrs. Lynda McCray didn't. Our former speech pathologist came by on February 21st to share a book or two with our youngest scholars. We've got a picture or two of Mrs. McCray with Ms. Ashley Singleton's class.

Mrs. McCray's visit was in conjunction with the RAP (Reading Across the Parishes) program. The program brings Delta Sigma Theta Sorority members to school campuses to read. Mrs. McCray has purchased a book for each Pre-K class.

Thanks Mrs. McCray! Good seeing you on campus again. ###



Cub Scout Troop Formed

Warriors have a new organization on campus in the form of Cub Scouts, a branch of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Cubs Scouts are geared toward boys in grades 1-5. According to the organization's website "Cub Scouts do fun things with other kids!"

Cub Scouting had its beginning in 1916 as the Wolf Cubs as a way of involving young boys in the Boy Scout movement. In 1930, Cub Scouting was formally launched with over 5000 boys registered by the first year.

The day the **WN** attended the after school meeting, the scouts were being taught how to correctly fold an American flag. The Den Mother spoke of upcoming activities that she wished to introduce her scouts to that including learning and using basic tools—hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches, etc. Upcoming events include camping on April 20th and 21st at Joe Brown Park.



FCW's troop meets every Wednesday during the after school program. We are Troop 516, with 21 cubs as members. Our Den Mother is Ms. Joann Brooks. ###

Scout meeting on Wed., January 31st. Cubs learning how to salute (above) and the proper care and folding of the American flag (right) Attentive fellows at work.



We've Got a Awesome Pre-K Program!

There's always something positive going on in the classes of Tolliver/ Allen and Singleton/ Wimberly!

It's hard keeping track of our youngest scholars—they're always on the go! Today it might be Audubon Zoo or the Pumpkin Patch. Tomorrow the New Orleans East Regional Library may be on their agenda. Walk into their classrooms and you might meet our former speech pathologist, Mrs. McCray, reading a story or two as they listen attentively. Want to know when the 100th day of school hits? Ask a Pre-K teacher, she knows and soon will her class. They will celebrate in such a fun way!

These ladies work exceptionally hard preparing our little ones for next year's adventures in kindergarten. ###

The 100th School Day occurred on February 19th! Members of Mrs. Tolliver's class are pictured as they "see" someone 100 years young. The young scholars wearing the headgear (extreme right) they decorated in Ms. Singleton's class also commemorates the 100th Day of instruction. The 100th day is a great opportunity to learn how to count to 100!



Field Trips are always a class pleaser. Our Pre-K students usually travel as a group of 40 students, four teachers, and as many parents as they can muster. Pictured on far left is a trip to Audubon Zoo, photographed under the beautiful Live Oak trees.

If it's the Carnival Season, what better way to learn about the floats than to visit Kern's Mardi Gras World near the river (below left).

*We've got a great neighborhood library, less than mile from campus. A trip to the New Orleans East Regional Library will always result in a great story by one of the city's librarians (left). All field trip photos are by Mrs. S. Tolliver. Thank-you. The **WN** appreciates you keeping us knowledgeable of all the great things happening in the Pre-K classrooms.*



Field Trips Can Be Exceptional!



A trip to the hear the LPO at the Orpheum Theatre in January was one of those out-of-the ordinary trips for the Vocal Music classes!





Warriors Handle Carnival 2018 *with Style* *Jones completes 4th Carnival Season at the Helm*



The Marching Warriors have just completed their Carnival Season. This year's performances included the MLK, Jr. Parade, the Knights of Sparta, Krewes of Carrollton, Muses, Iris, and Proteus. Hats off to D. Jones, T. Newsome, E. Knight, T. Bellvue (Band); A. Jones, I. Hall, N. Simmons, S. Theard, and D. Barnett (auxiliary units) for all your time and efforts into making our

marching units one of the sharpest on our city's streets! Shout out to the scores of FCWCS students who worked so tirelessly to represent our school and themselves so well. We also would like to say thank-you to the many parent volunteers who marched the many miles with our performers.

Good job Warriors! ###



Just a few images from this year's Carnival Season. All photos are courtesy of Mr. T. Newsome and Mrs. A. Jones and are from the collection of Mr. D. Jones.

The WN appreciates your lending us these images to showcase such a great program.



Talented Art Students Decorate Coconuts

Britt and LeBlanc, art teachers, guide students into making Zulu signature throws something to treasure.



Students in middle school art class provided the decorations for about 300 Zulu Coconuts this year. This marks the second season the classes have decorated one of Mardi Gras' most treasured throws. Pictured are students from Mrs. LeBlanc's on the last day before the holiday completing the last coconuts.



Master decorator Antonio (above) with one of his masterpieces!

Field Trips Can Be Exceptional!



Enrollment in Physical Education classes and the following of the 4Ps provided scores of middle schoolers a trip to Tulane's Fogelman



Arena to see Tulane vs. Southern in men's basketball on December 6th. TU won, 95-76. Photos by Coach Dana Williams.

PRIME TIME Family Reading Time

FREE Family Reading Program
Hear Stories
Talk About Books

Families with children ages 6 and older will enjoy discussing children's stories about topics such as fairness, courage and dreams.

TUESDAYS @ 5:30 pm
February 27 - April 3, 2018
East New Orleans Regional Library
(504.596.0200 call to sign up)
5641 Read Blvd., NOLA 70127



Have you ever picked up 300 orders from Raising Cane's? Mrs. I. Hall and Mrs. B. Lewis (background) have. The combos were used to reward students with exceptional Responsibility Trackers! Motivating scholars to do the right thing is at the top of our list.



Did you read this issue of **WARRIOR NEWS**? 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.

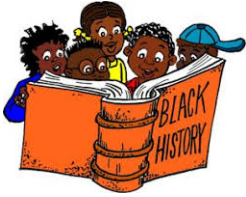
Cut this part of the page, fill out the back as directed (pg. 10) and return it to school to enter the drawing. **SAVE** the rest of the **WN**. Keep the Warrior News on hand to stay abreast of FCW Charter's activities for the upcoming weeks.



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Adults: \$20.

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

The flu season seems to be winding down, but we are still taking precautions here at school.

Please remember to keep sick students home. Doctors advise anyone who has not taken the flu shot to do so. You can still catch it, although it appears to be slowing down. Hospitals have been using the code "SOS" to indicate that they are at capacity in the emergency departments.

Stay safe. Get your flu shot today. **Did you know . . .**

That February is not only the month of Valentine's Day but also American Heart Month? The first

American Heart Month took place in 1964. At that time, more than half the deaths in the U.S.A. were attributed to heart disease.



The medical community advocates getting our cardiovascular systems in shape by making healthy life choices. Modest changes in diet and lifestyle can improve your heart health and lower the chances of you having a stroke or heart attack. Go to the following website

newsroom.heart.org for additional information regarding food choices, cooking healthy, exercises, and wise grocery shopping. ###

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 **February 2018** issue of the **WARRIOR NEWS**. Please enter my child in this month's drawing.

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

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