

One Week Only! March 19th-23rd 9 am - 2:30 pm

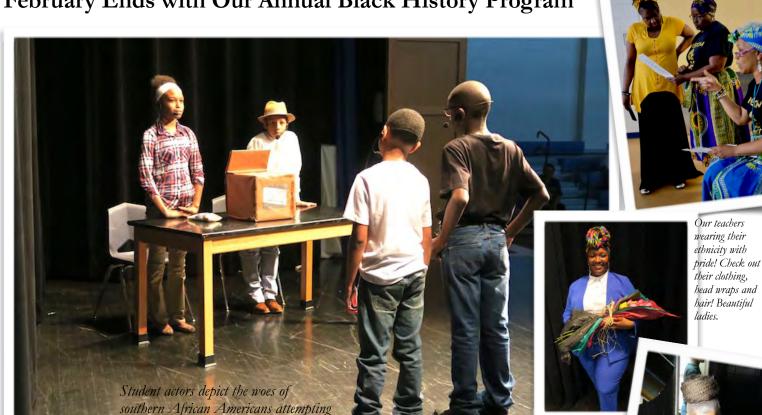
## WARRIOR NEWS

## FANNIE C. WILLIAMS **CHARTER SCHOOL**

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A lot of history is told in our yearly one-hour drama  $\dots$  Warriors are YOU listening?

### February Ends with Our Annual Black History Program



## Freedom Ain't Free-The 1960s, A Pivotal Era in History

to vote during the Jim Crow Era.

February once again culminated with our Annual Black History Program. The production was written and directed by 4th grade teacher Ms. R. Robinson. This is Ms. Robinson's second time at the helm of the yearly program.

This year's production told the story of the mid 20th century Civil Rights Movement-The 1960s, A Pivotal Era in History. The production brought us back to the '60s through the musical icons of Aretha Franklin, Sam & Dave, and James Brown. We witnessed the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Bloody Sunday in Selma, the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. in Memphis, and the voting woes of Black Americans in the South. (cont'd on pg. 2)

Mesdames Lindsey (left), Bellot (center), and Prillman (top photo); Director and Producer Regina Robinson (center); Lighting & Sounds Director Tanisha Batiste (bottom photo). February 28, 2018

#### Freedom Ain't Free . . . (cont'd from pg. 1)

A team of middle school students served as stage hands. There was Ms. Watts (Instructional Coach) on the curtains and Ms. T. Batiste (Middle School Para) and friend Jared handling sound and lighting.

All props were developed by visual art teachers Philip Britt and Karen LeBlanc. Even Principal Batiste and Band Director

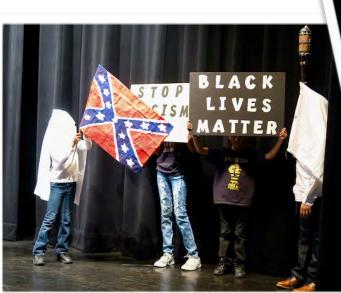
Jones had a bit part in a scene depicting family life in 1960's America.

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The time and effort that was put into this production was well-worth it and quite apparent. A full-house–students, parents and grandparents–were on hand to witness our live theatre "Fannie C." style. ###



The Cast
A'Miracle Williams
Amirius Lazard
Mya Batiste
Amyrie Jarreau
Brian Lindsey Jr.
Brian Turner
Brooklyn London
Bryce Sanders
Mrs. Carla Lewis
Cherly Rivera
Christian Rivera
Courtney Williams

Coy Marshall

Mr Dedric Jones Dylan Davis Mrs. Eliria Knox Ms. Elsa Bellot Geornae Baham Geriah Bell Genayia Leslie Imany Roches Jada Morris Jaden Hayes Jaden Williams Jamal Wilson Jasiah Joseph Jeremy Murchison Mrs. Jerri Harris

Kamia Kinnard
Kanigh Wells
Mrs. Kelly Batiste
KourtneyEstelle
Lloydell Ferrand
Mrs. Loretta Brown
Lyric Falkins
Makayiah Evans
Malik Brack
Mekia Rooks
Minetra Gobernado
My'sha Dainkeh
Nya Batiste
Oumou Diallo

Pierre Heath
Camarillo
Precious Johnson
Prince Patel
Reylie Berrejano
Ronald Smith
Sanai Durel
Shaina Lacayo
Trinitee Moliere
Mr. Tony Washington
Mrs. Torey Calhoun
Tye Soublet
Tyrin Batiste



All sets (props)
were developed and
executed by our art
teachers, Phillip
Britt and Karen
LeBlanc. Excellent
job, it added to the
production!



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Can you identify this lady?
There's a school named after
her on Dnyer & Bullard.
Yes, she is our own
Fannie C. Williams! Read all
about her in this issue. It's her
birthday March 23rd. We
celebrate Founder's Day each
year on her birthday.



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. ###

## Academic Grading Quarters 2017-2018

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

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

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

# Thanks to all the parents who take the time to read the WARRIOR NEWS!

The administration and the editor of this newsletter are very appreciative of those parents/guardians who take the time to read the notices appearing on these pages! You are near and dear to our hearts, making all our efforts worthwhile.

It is our goal to ensure that you are well-informed regarding what is happening on our campus.

Thanks to **Ms. Monique Johnson** for reading the February issue of the **wn**. Her children, Mariah and Simmuel, were able to check Mrs. Batiste's treasure chest for just the right gift. ###

#### Principal's Message

March 12, 2018 Dear Parents,

On today, I had to send out a letter to parents regarding an incident at our school that deeply troubled me. In case you did not receive your copy, it contained the following message . . .

"Dear Fannie Family,

I wanted to make you aware of an incident that took place around noon today. A student at Fannie C. Williams made a violent threat. Immediate action was taken and the local authorities were contacted. No one was in immediate danger and classes were not interrupted.

Please use this opportunity to remind your child that all threats have to be taken seriously and should not occur at ALL.

We understand that students may not mean the words they say, but we are required by law to report all threats.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Kelly S. Batiste Principal/CEO"

This offers the opportune time to stress to your children the importance of being mindful of what they say—verbally and electronically on social media. Students should be aware that social media—Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, YouTube, etc. is monitored by law enforcement. Anything you put on the Internet can be found and nothing can truly be throw away.

As parents, it is always a good idea to monitor your child's Internet activities, whether it is through a smartphone or a computer. Computers are wonderful devices, but they are also objects whose use by minors should be carefully watched.

We live in complex times that dictate we advise our kids continually of what should and should not be done.

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

-Kelly S. Batiste, Principal & CEO

#### 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. ###

#### 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., 8:30am - 4pm

1.877.343.4773



## Upcoming Campus Events

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 PBIS Experience for Worthy Warriors 22

23 Donuts with Dad; Founder's Day (Educator Fannie C. Williams,

Birthday)

26-28 iReady Diagnostic 3

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29 Spring Bling (Spring Festival) NO SCHOOL-Spring Break 30

#### 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
26	AfterSchool Program ENDS
30	LEAP (State) Testing, Grades 3 & 4

#### May 2018

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

Issued

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).

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

All students must be properly immunized to remain in school.

The Immunization Bus will be on campus Tuesday, March 20th. Immunizations are FREE.



If you choose to take your child to your family doctor, please send a copy of their immunization records so that I may update their files.

The "shot bus" will also be in New Orleans East at the Bullard Wal-Mart on Wednesday, March 28th from 2-6 pm.

Nurse C. Robichaux.



We follow the 4Ps . . . We are PROMPT, POLITE, **PREPARED** and **PRODUCTIVE** 

#### Some of our favorite people on campus work hard daily in Room 1305!





A child who reads will be an adult who thinks.

-unknown



#### 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

- -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). ###



## 8th Graders (and parents)

Have you taken care of your responsibilities regarding your school for next year? Time is getting short. Make sure you've put your oneApp in. Results will be given April 2018 for those who were part of Round One. ###



will be coming to a close in April!

## LAST DAY of FCWCS's AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM is Thursday, April 26, 2018.

Beginning Friday, April 27 to the close of school ALL students will be dismissed at 3:15 pm. Please prepare to receive your students on the 3:15 pm bus after Thursday, April 26th each day. ###



enrollnola.org

to enroll for the 2018-2019 school year.

#### Pennies for Patients Drive Underway

4th Drive will extend March 5th - March 29th

It's been a while, but FCWCS is once again taking part in the annual Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients Drive. This money goes to the research needed to cure blood cancer.

More than 15 BILLION pennies have been donated since 1994.

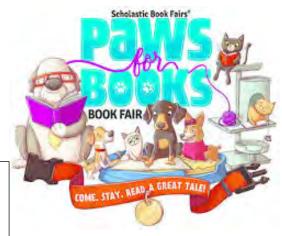
Millions of dollars have been raised by more than 10 million school children in grades Pre-K through 12 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Back in 2015, FCWCS raised \$1,832.79. Can we top that this year?



Each year we undertake this endeavor in memory of our beloved student, Vernell Morgan. Vernell was a 5th grader during the 2011-2012 school year.

We raise money in hopes that this disease can one day be cured. Please help your student with their efforts. Thanks.

Mrs. I. Hall, Coordinator



#### The Scholastic Book Fair

for Spring '18
is happening now at
FCWCS (Mon., March 19 to
Fri., March 23rd)
Allow your child to shop
9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Can't shop in person? Visit our online
Book Fair at
scholastic.com/fair
(available March 11-24)
All purchases benefit our school!

#### **WARRIOR NEWS MARCH 2018**



Freedom Ain't Free . . . (cont'd from pg. 2)

#### **Production Team**

Ms. Carla Obiago

Ms. Cheryl Robichaux

Ms. Dominique Searcy

Elijah Sigure

Mrs. June Banks

Mrs. Karen LeBlanc

Ms. Sheila Gaskins

Ms. Janice Watts

Ms. Pamela Prillman

Mr. Phillip Britt

Ms. Tanisha Batiste

#### Written & Directed By:

Ms. Regina Robinson



#### Students-of-the-Month

#### January '18

Erinesha Carey
Cristian Riverea
Kanisha Sanson
Kerrian Duskin
Dontrell Crawford
Darnell Henderson
Paul Reddick
Leon Hayes
JaQuellian Mitchell
Michael Armstrong
Jessica Morris
Damani Thomas
Ronell Wilson
Jontae Touro

#### February '18

Amari Perkins Mayala Rayford JaTasia Wilson Symaj Even Jalaya Wells Gabriel Williams Tramia Horace Kiyah Martin Dominer Davis Shealyn Washington Armondo Vera Mikale Gobernado Dakarai Norwood Tristan Crump Ivaisha Jefferson Ta'i Hardges Robin Hulitt Sincere Davis



We honor the memory of our ancestors when we do what is expected of us in the classroom. Remember the hard work of those who sacrificed—sometimes their lives—so that you could learn to read and write, live in decent housing, sit where you wish on public transportation, go to the library, eat in a restaurant, visit a public park, take part in statewide athletics, and one day vote!

Are YOU taking care of business in the classroom?







## Looking for Dads

(or Grandfathers, Uncles, Big Brothers) to become a part of Fannie C. Williams History . . .

We are looking for men interested in being a part of our FIRST EVER

#### DAD's CLUB

Interested? Let us know at the 9th Annual Donuts with Dad on Friday and we'll sign you up!

Please think about all those special talents, hobbies, or interests that you maybe able to share with our school community

(carpentry, barber, seafood boiler, mechanic, cook, etc.) ###



#### Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, Big Brothers . . .

Don't forget our **9th Annual Donuts** with Dad is this Friday, March 23rd at 9 am in the Warrior Gym.

Did you remember to RSVP to let us know to expect you?

See you Friday!



#### Fannie Cornelia Williams (March 23, 1882 - June 12, 1980)

"Our school's namesake was a trailblazer, humanitarian, civic leader, and the ultimate educator," so states the cover story for the March 2016 issue of the Warrior

Every so often we like to revisit Miss Williams and her legacy so that all can be made aware of her pioneering efforts to education for African American children in New Orleans Public Schools.

Let's look at highlights from her life:

News.

- •Fannie C. Williams was born in Biloxi, MS on March 23, 1882. She was one of seven children:
- •She came to New Orleans to attend high school at the teacher prep program of Straight University (now DU); •She began teaching on the Gulf Coast and eventually returned to New Orleans and was assigned to Fisk Elementary;
- •In 1912 she transferred to the Miro School at the request of the principal Hattie V. Feger;
- •She became the interm principal and the school's name was changed to Valena C. Jones during her tenure;
- •She earned a B.A. degree and a Bachelors of Pedagogy from Michigan State Normal School (later Eastern Michigan University) in 1920;
- •She became the principal of Jones School in April of
- •She was a pioneer in education, putting unique programs into place for the children of Jones School in the 7th Ward. Jones School had a kindergarten program, nursery classes, annual health day, the first African American Girl School Troop (Troop 99) in the city, parenting classes, quality testing with -con't in next column





A Pioneer in Education Fannie C. Williams (1882-1980)

(cont'd from column 2) Fannie Cornelia Williams help from NOPS, she motivated students to eat healthy, she encouraged field trips off campus-Baton Rouge, Tuskegee, the Gulf Coast, and Audubon Park. Remember, Miss Williams were advocating for her kids when Jim Crow Laws were being enforced in the South;

- •She retired in 1954 from Jones School but continued her work with disabled children, adult reading classes and with teaching Hispanics to read and write English;
- •She also volunteered in an adult education program sponsored by the Council of Jewish Women;
- •Miss Williams loved to travel, seeing Mexico, Europe and parts of the United States;
- •She won several awards for the American Teachers' Association (ATA) and the National Teachers' Association (NTA);
- •U.S. Presidents Hoover, Roosevelt, and Truman requested her counsel in matters regarding the black community;
- •Dillard University (DU) opened a female dormitory bearing her name on their Gentilly Blvd. campus in 1946;
- •Miss Williams served on the Board of Directors for Dillard Univ. & Flint-Goodridge Hospital;
- •She died on June 12, 1980, at the age of 98;
- •One of the state's largest middle schools was named in her honor on the site we presently reside. Built between 1987-89, FCW Middle School had at one time more than 1200 students;
- •Her legacy lives on today as Fannie C. Williams Charter School. ###

#### WARRIOR NEWS MARCH 2018

#### Tennis Season Has Begun

The tennis season has begun with the boys' telliplaying their first set on Tuesday, March 13th. This marks FCWCS's second season participating in this sport.

The following Warriors are members of this year's squads. Good luck to the team and Coach D. Williams. Coach Tanisha Batiste will serve as assistant coach.

#### **Tennis Roster**

2018

#### Boys' Team

Alexander Ramirez

Christian Rivera

Lester Bejarano

Simeon Washington

Brian Turner (Alternate)

Coy Marshall

Robert Taylor

Courtney Williams

Perry Dickens

#### Girls' Team

Jamyree Reid

Kennedi Reese

Alvionce Jones

Angela Williams

Cherly Rivera

Carissa Washington

Marilyn Valentin

Nya Batiste (Alternate)

Could the next Arthur Ashe be here, on our campus? You never know! These great pictures were taken by Coach Dana Williams. Thanks Coach!











#### Pre-K is a Blast!

Sometimes I wish I could hang out with this group . . .

My phone bings. I already know it's going to be the latest image from the crew on the early elementary hall. No telling where they are today. The Zoo, a Pumpkin Patch, The Aquarium or right in their classrooms having a good time learning all the things they need to know to be successful next year in Kindergarten.

As always, thanks Mrs. S. Tolliver for the images. A picture is worth a thousand words!

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#### 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). ###

## YOUTH Sizes & Adult Small Sisco of behavior incidents. The school will act on behalf

#### Rowdy Behavior on Bus Can Cause You to Lose Your Ride

Dean Sisco has informed the WN that she is concerned about an uptick in behavioral issues on the school bus.

Students and parents are reminded that students who do not follow all rules and regulations regarding behavior on the school bus will be subjected to losing their ride to and from school. It then becomes the parent's obligations to drop and pick up their child from school. Loss of bus privileges can range from mandatory parental conferences, to one day suspension, or dismissal from the bus for the rest of the school year. Riders and their parents are reminded that the bus service is a privilege and not a right.

The driver is responsible for the safe transportation of all students. Students who misbehave on the bus are a distraction for the driver. Bus drivers are adults and should always be respected. The driver will notify Dean

of the safety and well-being of all aboard.

FCWCS T-Shirts Close Out SALE

\$5.00

Limited Size Selection Available

Parents who have concerns should not confront the bus driver. Allow Dean Sisco or Wells Transportation the opportunity to investigate. Report your concerns to them immediately. Do not approach the driver.

Students and parents signed a Warrior Way Contract stating that they understood all the rules and regulations regarding the school bus. Please review that document (Family Handbook, pg. 13 or the school's website electronic copy) and make sure your child understands the consequences of their actions on the school bus.

Wells Transportation 504.469.1277

Dean Sisco

504.373.6228. Thank you for your cooperation ###



## 4th Annual S.T.E.A.M. Family Night Wed., March 14th









## Congratulations Courtney Williams

for correctly estimating the amount of candies in the jar during our **4th Annual S.T.E.A.M. Family Night** on March 14th

Courtney estimated that there were **209** pieces of candy in the Mason jar at the Estimation Station. The correct number was **219.** Our talented Warrior received a reward from

Mrs. C. Lewis. Co-Chairs: C. Lewis & T. Avery



S.T.E.A.M. is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding students to inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

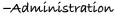
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#### **EARRINGS** are NOT allowed for male students at FCWCS

Please refer to the Family Handbook (page 15) for additional information regarding this rule.

Boys don't wear earrings at FCWCS!





EARRINGS may be worn by female students only at FCWCS They should be studs or nickel-sized hoops only. Please refer to the Family Handbook (page 15) for additional information. -Administration

Be a part of our Art Band Choir (ABC) Program . . . Here's your opportunity to join one of our fantastic auxiliary marching units-Cheerleaders, Dance Team, Majorettes, Flag Team, and Letter Carriers!

We encourage all girls with an interest to audition for the team of their choice. However, the requirements to audition include:

- At least a 2.0 GPA (with NO F's);
- A 75 average on their Responsibility Tracker;
- Favorable recommendations from her teachers.

Students selected to participate will be required to pay a participation fee (NON-REFUNDABLE). The exact cost is being finalized as we decide upon uniforms, equipment, etc. for 2018-2019. Parents will be notified ASAP. Costs will be keep at a minimal. We do hold fundraisers through the year to assist families of participants.

Auditions practices will be held Monday, March 19th through Thursday, March 22nd from 3:15 pm - 5:00 pm. All interested students must attend this 4-day practice. Students will be taught a routine that they will perform during the auditions. The schedule for tryouts is below:

Cheerleaders Auditions-Tues., March 27th Dance Team Auditions-Tues., March 27th Majorettes Auditions-Wed., March 28th Flag Team Auditions-Wed., March 28th Letter Carrier Auditions-Thurs., March 29th

Selections to participate in next year's teams will be announced on Thurs., March 29th. Thanks for your support.

Group Sponsors ###



Friday, March 30, 2018 through Friday, April 6, 2018

All students and staff will return to school on Monday, April 9th.

Breakfast is served at 7:30 am Classes will begin at 8:00 am

Dismissal at 3:15 pm for students NOT in the After School Program

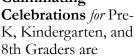
> After School Dismissal at 5:00 pm

> > ###

You're

INVITED

## End of Year Culminating



scheduled as follows:

Pre-K

Wed., May 9th

Kindergarten

Thurs., May 10th

8th Grade

Fri., May 11th

Times: TBA

(additional details coming soon)









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. 11) 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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BLOWOUT SALE!
eep your scholar comfortable!Buy a FCWCS sweatshire

Our **Step Show Team** premiered at this year's Black History Program. Fantastic job middle school steppers and sponsors teachers Avery & Gardner.

## 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. ###

Transportation to and from our campus provided by

## Wells Transportation

Questions or concerns regarding pick-ups, drop offs, and bus stops . . .



Call 504.469.1277





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Cut me out and send me back to school within tw	o (2) school days. Save this issue to keep up	o with the great things hap	opening at FCWCS! I've read
the March 2018 issue of the WARRIOR NEWS.	Please enter my child in this month's drawin	ng.	

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