## WARRIOR NEWS

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## 119 Scholars Celebrated at 1st Quarter Assembly

43 students attained GPAs of 3.5 or better


GPA 4.0 (Perfect! All As!)
Student
Grade
Allen, Zamar 1 Conley, Rayne 1 Foster, Bentley 1 Gardner, Jayla D. 3 Garrison, Ja'myra 1 Gayton, Istvan A. 8 Hilton, Brandon J. 1 Jourdan, London 2 Murchison, Jeremy L. 1 Quinn, Nakai Sawyer, Joanique K. 1 Sheffield, Kylen T. 1 Tobias, Darrione 1 Weathersby, Wale R. 1 White, Jordyn S.


## "A" Honor Roll

 (GPA 3.5-3.9)Baham, Geor'nae 6
Baham, Novani 1
Bowman, Katelynn 3
Brock, Anthony 7
Brown, Haven 1
Diablo, Rouguiatou 2
Durel, Ny'lai
Duskin, Kerrian Fefie, Ariel Francis, Taraji Gobernado, Minetra 6 Hall, Devin Hickerson, Kyilee 2 Horace, Tramia 1 McKinnis, Reagan 7
Mercadel, Ja'quellian 2
Mitchell, Ja'quellian 2
Norwood, Dakarai 6
Portillo, Jostin 1
Reed, Carl 5
Rochez, Ayanna 3
Rogers, Imani 3
Rooks, Mekai 1
Sanders, Bryce 5
Scott, Myles 1
White, Jelayla 3
Wilkerson, Alexandra 2 Williams, Serenity


## "B" Honor Roll

 (GPA 3.4-3.0) Alexander, Kaylie 5 Anders, A'zaire 1 Barnes, Jlyah 3 Batiste, Amya 3 Blake, Sondrel 3 Brack Malik 1 Brown, Kayden 2 Butler, Autumn 6 Butler, Damon 7 Cains, D'nyri 2Cornelius, Desahwné 5
Crump, Tristan 2
Davis, Cohann 2
Degree, Jermel 2
Devezin, Ramiyah 1
Donaldson, Tyren 5
Durel, Cam'ron 1
Edwards, Aiden 1
Edwards, Mariah 4
Estelle, Kourtney 1
Evans, Maci 4
Farria, Malik 4
Franklin, Demond 5
Hall, Da'rion 5
Harris, Ah'leah 2
Harrison, Percy 1
Hines, Nylania 2
Horton, Cienna 4
Jackson, Sean 2
Jackson, Terrell 2
Johnson, A’myri 3
Jones, Kiersten 3
Kalama, Asante 3
Kendrick, Semaj 2
Kent, Dominick 1
Lazo, Marco 8
Leaper, Devin 8
Leslie, Genayia 6
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"B" Honor Roll (GPA 3.4-3.0) (list continues from pg. 1)

London, Brooklyn 5
Marshall, Daniel 3
Martin, Donté 7
Martin, Ki'yah 2
Matthews, Destiny 2
McKnight, Mekhi 3
Moliere, Treyvon 7
Moore, Deaven 4
Morgan, Leila 2
Nathan, Ah'moid 1
Nolberto, Bryani 2
Norwood, Darron 3
Page, Warria 7
Perkins, Madison 3
Pierre, Jakyia 2
Price, David 1
Raines, Bry 2
Ramirez, Alexander 8
Rayford, Koray 2
Reese, Keymani 8
Richards, Alvin 1
Rivera, Joel 2
Rivera, Jonathan 1
Rivera, Jose 3
Roches, Imany 5
Sanson, Kaniya 4
Singleton, Lawine 3
Thomas, Lionel 2
Toledano, Bradley 3
Turner, Brian 6
Tyler, Jerome 8
Valentin, Marilyn 6
Vaughn, Jozzae 4
Walker, Aaliyah 3
Walker, Derrion 5
Wells, Kanigh 5
Williams, Jaden 5
Williams, Kaliya 2


## Life is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free

October is the month that school counselor Mrs. Edmond is busy with the first award's assembly and Red Ribbon Week.

RRW is an anti-drug and bullying campaign that is commemorated all over the United States, in elementary and high schools alike. Bullying has become a national problem and we always stress to our students to be a "buddy not a bully."

Students who incur bullying on our campus are advised to seek an adult on campus to handle their concerns.

Red Ribbon Month primary concern is assisting young people in leading a life free of drugs-tobacco, alcohol, and drugs.

FCWCS has been taking part in this initiative for 11 years. Thanks Mrs. Edmond. \#\#\#


Since our second year as a school, we've been a part of the national Red Ribbon Week activities. Each October, Mrs. Edmond, our school counselor holds an assembly encouraging our students to lead a drug free life. She also advocates that all Warriors "be a buddy, not a bully."

Below are scenes from this year's assembly beld on October 23rd. As always, Mr. Britt and Mrs. LeBlanc can be seen decorating the stage before the start of the assembly.

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NEW to WN, Student Writers!

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2018-2019

| School Holidays for |
| :--- |
| Students |


| Sept. 3 |
| :---: |
| Labor Day |
| Oct. 1822 | Fall Break $^{2}$

Nor. 1923
Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 21-Jan. 4
Winter Break
Jan. 21
MLK, Jr. BD
March 1-8
Mardi Gras Break
Apr. 19-23
Spring Break
May 15
Last Day of School

## Academic Quarters <br> 2018-2019

1st Q<br>Aug. 13 Oet. 12

(44 days)
2nd Q
Oct. 15 - Dec. 20
(41 days)

## 3rd Q

Jan. 8 - Mar. 14
(42 days)
4th Q
Mar. 18 - May 15
(44 days)
Total days: 171
Students can not miss more than 10 days to ensure promotion to the next grade. Students must be present at least 161 days.
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Need to speak to your child's teacher(s) regarding their academic progress? The quarterly Parent-Teacher Conference Days are the perfect opportunity!

September 12th
November 14th
February 6th
April 17th
4-6 pm
Remember: There is NO After School Program on conference days! \#\#\#

Report Cards will be issued on the following dates for 2018-2019:

Wed., Oct. 12th
Wed., Jan. 9th
Wed., Mar. 27th
Wed., May 15th
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. \#\#\#

> Do you know you can access your cbild's attendance and grades by going to:
https://services.edgear.net/progress/
See this newsletter in color by visiting our website:


November 16, 2018
Dear Parents/Guardians
It's Friday and the excitement of the end of the week and the start of a week off for Thanksgiving has students and staff buzzing with anticipation.

By the time you read this, we will be in the waning days of November, approximately one month before the Winter Break and the end of the 2nd Quarter. We are already nearing the close of the first semester!

This is the perfect time to access your child's progress. Are they working to their full potential or barely getting by. No teacher wants to tell you or your son/daughter that they will have to repeat the academic year in May. I am sure that is also the last thing you want to hear also. Please encourage your child academically-even during the Winter Break. Purchase gifts that will stimulate them intellectually. Remember that the 2nd Quarter Report Cards will be issued upon our return in January (Wed., January 9th). Review it and decide if there is a need for you to confer with your child's teacher(s) now. Make an appointment if the report warrants it to find out what can be done before we get any further into the year.

Got a great scholar? Make sure you praise them to keep up the good work! Keep doing what you're doing-it's working.

> -Principal Kelly s. Batiste

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). \#\#\#

## Attendance is IMPORTANT . . .

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 161 days out of the 171 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. \#\#\#



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## Haley \& Sykes Vie for Top SC Spot

Reminiscent of what's happening in the world of adult politics, two female students competed for the top spot in FCWCS's Student Council Election. This is the year of ladies in politics.

Haley and Sykes were already well-known to middle school scholars, having been students at Fannie since their elementary days. But students in the lower grades, 3 and 4 , were introduced to the pair on the day of the election, Friday, November 2nd. Haley and S. Sykes were both very articulate when explaining why they felt they were the right candidate for the job. Both young ladies are actively involved in extra-curricular activities around the school-Sykes is a seasoned member of
the Marching Warriors and Haley can be found participating on the school's cheerleading squad.

Students were then directed to the "voting boxes," casting their ballots for the candidate of their choice. Each voter was given a "I Voted" sticker to proudly wear the rest of the school day.

The votes were tallied . . . and the winners will be known as the Student Council Leadership Team-Naja Haley, Shayna Sykes, and Nya Batiste. Thanks to all students who care enough to make FCWCS a great place to learn and grow. \#\#\#


In the local races...
The following students have been selected to represent their grade levels as Grade Representatives

4th Grade Rep
Maci Evans
5th Grade Rep
Imany Roches
6th Grade Rep
Genayia Leslie

Student Council
Leadership Team
Naja Haley
Shayna Sykes
Nya Batiste

SC Advisor Ms. P. Jobnson listens attentively as Haley delivers her speech. In the bottom pic, Sylees presents her platform to the student body moments before ballots were casted.


Committee Members DWD-C. Blue, S. Tolliver, N. Simmons., A. Boudreaux, S. Eugene, L. Robinson, D. Barnett, E. Bellot, N. Allen, C. Obiago, R. Joseph, L. Joseph, W. Petty, J. Harris.

GD-P. Britt, C. Lewis, D. Williams, A. Singleton,K. LeBlanc, K. Carter, S. Tolliver, N. Allen, V. Wimberly, W. Petty, d. Barnett, J. Edmond, C. Obiago, E. Lindsey, L. Ducros. V. Kiamco, B. Castille, N. Simmons, T. Andrews, N. Carr, G. Voorhies, R. Hebert, T. Avery, L. Kelly, D. Searcy. Thank you all for your efforts!

## Grandparent's Day \&

 Donuts with Dad Shoutout to the committee members, the staff of FCWCS who made it happen . . . thank-you for your efforts into making our annual activities a memorable one for adults and students alike!

Several of our school's most visible groups include the Marching Warrior Band, majorettes, flag twirlers, letter carriers, cheerleaders, and the dance team. The WN thinks of them as our "Marching Ambassadors." They are definitely an impressive group as they collectively make their way through the streets of New Orleans.

It is mid-November and the Marching Warriors have already taken part in the Krewe of Boo Halloween Parade, two Battle of the Bands, and one high school football game. They have also performed "in house" for Grandparent's Day and Donuts for Dad, always a crowd favorite with Warrior parents and grandparents. No program at FCWCS ends without the band performing and parents' videoing every note from the band.

The Marching Warriors use performances such as those listed above as a "dry run" for their most anticipated performances-the New Orleans Carnival Season slated for February/March 2019. Be on the lookout for the Marching Warriors from the East.
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The quest is on to purchase new band uniforms for the Marching Warriors. This year's World's Finest Chocolate campaign's top seller was the Bruno Family, earning $\$ 200$ cash. A grateful band director Dedric Jones (right) makes the presentation during a morning assembly in October. Mom came to pick up the cash!


There's no band like the Warrior band. The group is pictured below on Fri., Nov. 9th, a few hours before their second Battle of the Band. This one was beld at

Cogbill Elementary. Pizza and a drink was on the menu as the snack before the music blowout in Gentilly Woods.

## Proper Attire Needed in Building

As this WN is being prepared for our learning community, the thermometer is dropping and we have just experienced the coldest night this season, thus far.

Parents are asked to make sure your child has appropriate cold weather clothing on as they come to school. Standing at the bus stop in only a school shirt or light jacket is definitely no fun on a day without sun and a temperature of 38 degrees. Parents are also reminded that inside the building, students must be attired in the school's "Fannie Blue" (Pre-K - 4) or in grey outerwear (5-8). Students wearing outerwear in other colors will have to remove the items once inside the building.

School cardigan sweaters (in blue, 1st floor or grey, 2nd floor students) or wind breakers can be purchased at Young Fashions or Uniforms by Logo Express with the school's logo. FCWCS sells sweatshirts (black with the school's mascot on front) on campus. They are made of cotton/ polyester ( $50 / 50$ ) blend and are perfect to wear in class. Cost: $\$ 15.00$ for youth sizes (small-large); \$20.00 for adult sizes, cash or money orders
 (payable to C.L.A.S.S. or Fannie C. Williams Charter School). We do accept major credit cards presented by the account owner (adults only please). No personal checks accepted. See Mrs. B. Watson for purchases. \#\#\#

Parents \& 8th Graders of Fannie C. \& Moton Gather to Plan for 2019-2020

## 8th Annual High School Night Continues to Grow

The yearly High School Night had a different twist this year. Moton Charter joined forces with FCWCS to sponsor our 8th Annual High School Night on Tues., November 13th in the Warrior Café.

The café was filled with schools hoping to recruit their freshmen class for next year. On hand were 15 high schools: Carver, Livingston, Abramson Sci Academy, Edna Karr, Warren Easton, Sophie B. Wright, J. F. Kennedy, St. Augustine, St. Katherine Drexel, New Harmony, Science, International High School, Rosenwald, Living School, Sci High, and Landry-Walker. Attendees were also given a copy of the OPSB School Guide.

Families were able to speak to recruiting reps from local high schools regarding what their school would have to offer their son or daughter. This allows parents and 8th graders to make informed choices about "what's next?"- the next four years of their academic journey. Parents were given an important pointer on filling out the OneApp-make a list of at least 10-12 high schools in order of preference, to complete the process correctly.

Administration usually encourages parents to fill out the OneApp on High School Night, however this year OneApp is not scheduled to open until Monday, November 19, 2018.

Dean Daigle was also on hand to pass out the information regarding the 8th grade budget for the close of year activities. \#\#\#


Check ENROLLNOLA.ORG for important dates and deadlines.

Applying for High School

1. Use the School Guide to research your high school options. Determine what is important to you (location, courses offered, extra-curricular activities, etc.).
2. Select your top school choices. Once you have determined what
 you want in a school, select your choices in order of preference. Make sure you wouldn't mind attending any of your choices. Remember there is a possibility you may not get your first, second, or third choices. Thousands of 8th graders in the city are making the same decisions just like you! Listing more choices (7 or more) is the best way to get a placement.
3. Submit a OneApp. Go to EnrollNOLA.org and submit an application for next school year. Rank the schools in the order of your choice (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.). Get your application in during the Main Round when schools have the most seats available. OneApp states that it will NOT place you in a school that's not listed on your application, so it's important to list as many choices as possible.
4. Placement results will arrive in April by email. Parents can also receive placement information by using the parent portal, oneappforce.com. The notification will also include info on your next steps to complete registration at your new school.

PLEASE NOTE: You will need a valid email address and your child's OneApp ID to submit an application. The OneApp ID was given to you on the document issued at High School Night.

Counselor J. Edmond can assist you with the OneApp ID if you need help.

OneApp is scheduled to open Monday, November 19, 2018. Be sure to get in on the first round. \#\#\#


Unique opportunities with Coaches Williams \& Green; Teaching Warriors to Swim NOT Your Ordinary 4th Grade Physical Education Class

## Parents of <br> Swímmíng Warriors and 12:30 pm Enrichment Classes O

You are cordially invited to the Graduation Program of our 2nd Quarter 4th Grade Swimming Warriors on
Thursday, November 29, 2018
12:30 pm at the

## Warrior Gym

Fannie C. Williams Charter School 11755 Dwyer Road New Orleans. LA 70128

If you've been a part of the Fannie Family for awhile, you may remember the days of the FEMA trailers on the back of the campus. Twelve white trailers were our school facility. One of those trailers housed our one woman Physical Education Department (Coach Bernetta Sisco), later a two-person team composed of Coaches Green and D'Lon Herbert. Who knew you could convert a FEMA trailer into a gym? We've come a long way ...

Our current Physical Education Department (composed of full-time Coaches Williams \& Green) had a dream late last year-enough money to do unique physical education activities they felt would benefit their students.

This year began with FCWCS having its first " 3 K Fund Run" on Saturday, September 8th. Green and Williams' moonshot idea gave them the seed money needed not to start the year's activities in "a hole" for things like buses, officials, equipment, and league membership.

Thus far the funding has been put to good use. The Flag Football Team has won the Metro Middle School League Championship, the Cross Country Team has completed its season with three runners (out of six) finishing in the Top 30 of a very competitive mass of regional runners. Volleyball completed the season .500 under new coaches Tanisha Batiste and Charline Varnado. What other unique experiences can the department pull out its hat, the WN wondered? Well, the 2nd quarter surprise was exposing two of our three 4th grade classes to swimming lessons at Joe Brown Park.

That 3K "Fund Run" would pay for the bus rides for six weeks each Thursday. Those few students who would not be taking part were placed with other Enrichment teachers on Thursdays. Parents were provided the needed information regarding appropriate swim attire, towels, care of hair, etc. NORDC provided the inside pool at neighboring Joe Brown Park and the four life guards providing the instruction are certified from the YMCA. Approximately 40 Warriors would be given six weeks of 1.5 hours of learning the basics of swimming.

The challenge was met. The coaches were determined that their Warriors would leave their Phys. Ed. class swimmers, in a city where fewer than $40 \%$ of children of color can swim. We are a nation where 3500 accidental drownings a year ( 10 per day) occur-many children. African American kids drown 5.5 times the rate of children of other ethnicities. Those children who profess to know how to swim actually taught themselves ( $12 \%$ ). Historians will tell you that Jim Crow Laws kept AA from pools and safe places to swim. Many of our students never get the choice to swim in a pool, let along take lessons.

What is the best age to teach a child to swim? Most instructors believe about 4 or 5 , but they won't be competent swimmers until ages 6 or 7. Our 4th graders are 9-11 years old, a little behind schedule. But, what if they had never been a part of Physical Education with Terry Green and Dana Williams?

Sources: www.washingtonpost.com; www.bbc.com; www.cdc.gov


## Inclement Weather

School has been closed unexpectedly twice this year, thus far. On September 4th \& 5th, FCWCS was closed due to anticipated bad weather (a tropical storm). Thankfully, we were spared. Recently, November 1st, heavy thunderstorms were anticipated during the hours our Warriors and thousands of other school children in Orleans Parish would have been standing at the bus stops. Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) made the call to push
back the start of the school day to 11:00 am. The information was given out via the school's website (fcwcs.org) and WWL-TV.

All public schools in New Orleans are now under the guidance of OPSB (since July 1). When listening for guidance regarding school closings, always follow the instructions given out by OPSB. When we can, we will try to have our school mentioned by name. But we will always follow the mandates given by OPSB. \#\#\#

## Community Legion \& FCWCS launched their... <br> YES WE CAN CAMPAIGN

October 3, 2018-Our community neighbors, Community Legion of Southeast Louisiana, often work closely with our school. The organization has adopted Fannie C. Williams Charter, believing that improving our school will improve our community.

The group was founded in April 2010 by Roland Douchette Sr. to fill the void of civic involvement in New Orleans East, especially by adult males. These gentlemen are always a welcomed sight on campus. They are a positive male presence on campus. Just recently, they purchased the donuts for the annual Donuts with Dad activity last month. We can often count on them for tutoring middle school students in mathematics in the After School Program.

CL's most recent incentive program at FCWCS was to encourage students to bring in "I Voted Stickers" from their family who were early voters. One dozen Warriors were able to take part in a pizza party on Friday, November 9th due to their participation. Thank you Kyrin, Miles, Zamar, Terrell, Jiyah, Kiersten, Amya, Ebonee, Naja, Nya, and Shayna. \#\#\#



Did you know . . .
-that FCWCS is a polling site for 3 precincts?
-school is usually opened if the Tuesday election is NOT a Presidential Election. You will always be notified ahead of time if school is closed due to an election.
-there is a runoff election on Saturday, December 8, 2018. This will not impact school because it is on a Saturday. This runoff election is needed to finish the job started in November. We will be finalizing the following offices: Secretary of State; Judge, Civil District Court, Div. E. There may two other items of the ballot in NOLA, depending upon your voting site. -early voting will be held Nov. 24 through December 1 (except Sunday, Nov. 24). \#\#\#


Voting Machines the morning after . . . are all packed and ready to be picked up and returned to the voting machine warehouse on 8870 Chef Menteur Hwy. FCWCS is a voting site for aters in the surrounding subdivisions.

The job is not finished yet-vote Dec. 8th!

## Where do you register to vote in Orleans Parish?

There are two sites to register in Orleans Parish:

1. City Hall (1300 Perdido St., Room IW24) Phone: 504.658.8300
2. Algiers Courthouse ( 225 Morgan St., Room 105) Phone: 504.658.8323

## How do you qualify to vote?

To qualify, you must . . .

1. be a U.S. Citizen;
2. be at least 17 years old, but must be 18 years to by the time of the next election;
3. be 16 years old may only register in person at the Registrar of Voters Office or at the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and you will not be able to vote until you are 18 years;
4. not be under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony;
5. not be under a judgment of full interdiction for mental incompetence or partial interdiction with suspension of voting rights; and
6. reside in the state parish in which you seek to register.

Off probation or parole? You can register! Bring documents that indicate you are no longer on probation or parole or under supervision to the registrar's office and a staff member can assistant you.

## REINSTATE VOTING RIGHTS BY CALLING 504.658.8300 FOR INFORMATION

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## Mission Statement of <br> 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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Questions or concerns regarding pick-ups, drop offs, and bus stops . . .

## Call: 504.469.1277



## We Acknowledge Our Scholars Quarterly!

Our daily objective is to educate the young people who enter our doors daily. When they do well, we love to acknowledge their hard work. Each quarter the administration and counseling department award our best and brightest with certificates of achievements, award lapel pins, and this month gift certificates to Raising Cane's! The Principal Honor Roll Scholars also receive a gift certificate to Blaze Pizza Parlor. Well done Warriors.
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## ENTER YOUR STUDENT IN OUR 3RD DRAWING OF THE 2018-2019 SESSION

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 November 2018 issue of the Warrior News. Please enter my child in this month's drawing.
$\qquad$ Grade $\qquad$ Room No. $\qquad$
$\qquad$ Signature


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