# WARRIOR NEWS



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Grandparent's Day . . . What Joy!



Annual Grandparent's Day Celebration-Grandparents are the Roots that Make Our Families Grow

**Fri., Sept. 21, 2018**—Grandparents—grandmothers and grandfathers—arrived by the scores for our yearly Grandparent's Day. We've celebrated our grandparents since the early days of the trailers on the back lot of our campus! How our students love to see them on visit!

We can always count on grandparents to arrive on time, with smiles and much anticipation of seeing their young ones. They bring wisdom, knowledge, optimism, and unconditional love to their grandkids' lives. The hour-long program always entails a song or two by the Voices of Fannie C, a few selections by the Warrior Band and a few words of wisdom from a speaker or two (this year,

staff members and grandmothers Mrs. Obiago and Mrs. Joseph). Those door prizes are always a crowd favorite, along with the refreshments of pastries, juice, and coffee.

The photographer is always present to memorialize the day and if Grandparent's Day happens to occur during the Annual Fall Book Fair (and it usually does), a trip to the Scholastic Book Fair in the library is always a treat!

Thanks to all the grandparents who enrich the lives of our scholars! (more pictures on page 2) ####





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Next **school holiday**, Thanksgiving Week

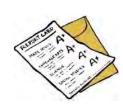
November 19th - 23rd

# FCWCS Grading Scale 2018-2019

Letter Grade	Numerical
A	93-100
В	85-92
C	75-84
D	70-74
F	69 <

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?



Parents & guardians, do you know you can access your child's attendance and grades by going to:

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

## Principal's Message

October 24, 2018 Dear Parents,

You should have received your child's 1st Quarter Report Card or a request for a conference with their teacher by now.

It is important that you stay on top of your child's academic progress as the year moves on. Becoming concerned about low performance should not begin in the 3rd quarter. Now is the time to help your child make the adjustments needed to improve and later move on to the next grade.

We also have students who are doing a great job in the classroom! If you are the parent of one of our honor roll scholars, continue to inspire and motivate them. Your hard work and theirs will pay off in the future.

Please read this newsletter carefully for all the great things going on at our school. Do you see your scholar in a picture or print on one of these pages? Treasure these times with your young ones—their formative years go by so quickly.

Thanks for entrusting your child's education to us at FCWCS. Until the next issue . . .

-Kelly S. Batiste, Principal & CEO

We've had Grandparents' Day & Donuts with Dad . .

## Muffins for Mom in May!

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

October 2018

Dear Warrior Parents/Guardians,

Several weeks ago, we sent home a letter regarding two students at FCWCS who had contracted the mumps. Both of these students had been vaccinated, but still they caught this childhood disease. It is possible to still get the mumps, even if you've been vaccinated. This is especially true if you've had close contact with someone who had the disease. Their bout with it was less severe because of the vaccination.

According to the experts, the vaccine is long-lasting and effective 99% of the time. There are two doses of the vaccine that should be administered to children (known as the MMR vaccine—measles, mumps, and rubella). The first dose at 12 to 15 months of age and

the second dose at 4-6 years of age. Teens and adults should also be up to date on the MMR vaccination.

Making sure all student shot records are up-to-date is one of my major responsibilities as the school nurse. Please make sure your child has had all the necessary vaccinations for their age group. Diseases like the mumps, measles, chickenpox, etc. are easily spread in a school setting. My job is to keep everyone healthy.

Now is also a good time to get your family ready for flu season. Late October is usually when we began to see students fall ill to this respiratory illness. The flu can be a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization or even death in the very young and the elderly. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) says that 80,000 people died from the flu last year. In any given year, 5% to 20% of the population will get the flu. You still have a small chance to get the flu even with being immunized. But the illness will probably not be as severe. It is certainly worth the effort. See your doctor soon. ###



#### 1st Semester

#### Upcoming Campus Events October 2018

- 1-5 ANET Interim 1 (Testing)
- 5 Students v Staff Volleyball Game, 1 pm
- 8-11 1st Quarter Exams
- 12 1st Quarter Ends (44 days)
- 12 FCWCS Goes Pink for Breast Cancer
- 15-17 iReady Progress Monitoring
- 17 World's Finest Chocolate Sale Ends
- 18-22 Fall Break
- 23 School Resumes, 8 am
- 21-26 Red Ribbon Week
- 24 1st Quarter Report Cards Issued
- 26 Donuts with Dads, Time 9 am
- 31 Halloween, Trunk or Treat

#### November 2018

- 2 1st Quarter Awards Assembly
- 6-8 iReady Diagnostic 2, K-8
- 9 Fall Festival, 11 am 2 pm
- 13 High School Night, 8th Graders & Parents
- 14 2nd Qtr. Parent-Teacher Conf., 4-6 pm (NO After School Program)
- 19-23 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 26 School Resumes, 8 am
- 27 2nd SBLC Meetings
- 28 RTI Meetings (Response to Intervention)

#### December 2018

- 3-7 ANET Interim 2
- 6 Pictures with Santa
- 7 Students v Staff Basketball Game, 1 pm
- 17 2nd Quarter Exams
- 17-19 iReady Progress Monitoring
- 19 RTI Meetings
- 20 Holiday Program, Class Parties
- 20 2nd Quarter Ends (41 days)
- 21 Records Day, NO School for Students
- 24-31 Winter Break, NO School

#### January 2019

- 1-4 Winter Break, NO School
- 7 Staff Returns
- 8 Students Return
- 9 2nd Quarter Report Cards Issued
- 10 SELF School Review
- 18 PBIS Experience
- 21 M. L. King, Jr. Day, NO School
- 23 RTI Meetings
- 25 2nd Quarter Awards Assembly

#### Robinson Returns October 1st

Former 4th grade teacher, Ms. R. Robinson has returned to the teaching staff at FCWCS as a member of the Middle School team. Robinson will be instructing 5th and 6th graders this academic year.

Welcome back Ms. Robinson!

###

Are you teaching your child life-long economic lessons like saving money?

### FCWCS & Hancock Whitney Bank Partners in Bank at School Program

Help your scholar develop good money skills early by enrolling them in the Bank at School Program (in conjunction with Hancock Whitney Bank). An application needs to be completed with personal information for both the custodial parent and the minor's (student's) information for participants. The account remains free of service charges until your child turns 18.

Parents wishing to enroll now, who missed the original signing can find the paperwork at the Hancock Whitney Branch at 5775 Read Blvd. (70127) or at FCWCS with Mrs. B. Watson, our school's finance director. A minimum deposit of \$5.00 is needed to open an account.

Once a month, representatives from Whitney's Read branch will come to FCWCS to accept student's deposits, presented by the students themselves. They are instructed how to fill out a deposit slip and count money. Cash deposits will be limited to \$25.00 and coin deposits \$10.00. Checks can be of any amount.

We've already had one visit (at press time). It was a fantastic experience for those students receiving their savings register!

HancockWhitney Banking Days are the following Wednesdays: Sept. 19, Oct. 17 (rescheduled from Oct. 10), Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 3, & May 8.

Great way to teach your Warrior financial skills for life! ###



Two of first depositors (left) conducting business with the representatives from HancockWhitney on Read Blvd. on Wed., Sept. 19th.

The tellers are instructing our students on how to write a deposit slip.

Students will have nine opportunities to "bank" at school this year.

Pictured on right is Ms. R.
Robinson greeting her students
on Monday, October 1st.
Prior to Robertson's return,
the veteran teacher Mrs. L.
Brown conducted the ELA
5th/6th grade classes. The
smooth transition of Brown to
Robinson insured students did
not miss any instructional
time. Thank-you Mrs. Brown
for a job well done (as always).





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## Teaching & Learning Has Many Different Looks-

Sometimes it involves a face-to-face interaction with your teacher; other looks may include being outside in the garden; it can also be a trip to the library; or interacting with a web-based program on a computer; or a fantastic field trip











Hard work brings results in teaching & learning. ibrarian LeBlanc explains the procedure for borrowing books from the library (top left); Middle School students engaged in I-Ready intervention (top right). Ms. Theard's science class outside (left);

Reading intervention with Mrs. Barnett (middle right); Kindergarten field trip to Children's Museum (left); Mrs. Calhoun tutoring one on one; Ms. Blue instructing a cyber safety class (above).



Week of September 17-21, 2018

## **Enchanted Forest Book Fair**

Encouraging students to be enchanted by the power of a good book!





The intended results—students with bags containing books purchased at the Fall Book Fair!

#### FCWCS Goes Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness-October 12th

Once again we went pink for the cause of Breast Cancer Awareness and the American Cancer Society. Faculty and students showed up in their pink attire, paying \$1.00 to wear pink for the day. Pink Lemonade, pink cookies and other sweets were sold, bring our grand total to \$1418.00, topping previous contributions for the last two years.

2018 - \$1418.00

2017 - \$1224.24

2016 - \$233.00

The hope is that one day we can rid the world of this disease that affects women and men alike (yes, men can get breast cancer) Contributions help fund the research to do so!

Unfortunately, this year, we lost a member of the FCWCS family this summer to breast cancer. We are honored to submit this contribution in her name—Angela Edwards. ###

## \$1,268.00

The amount raised by FCWCS Goes Pink for the American Cancer Society . . .

#### +\$150.00

The additional amount contributed by the Keep It Moving Line Dancers, spearheaded by the mother of our beloved teacher, co-worker,

and friend Angela "Angie" Edwards (1970-2018).



Don't forget to get your mammogram . . . it's important!





#### **REPORT CARDS**

were issued on **Wednesday, Oct. 24th** in the Warrior
Folder! Did you see your
child's **1st Quarter Grades**?

#### Report Cards

2018-2019
will be issued in the Warrior Folders on . . .

Wed., Oct. 24th Wed., Jan. 9th Wed., Mar. 27th Wed., May 15th

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## New Orleans' Cyber Safety Day-October 10

Cyber Safety Day was celebrated October 11 at FCWCS. We were chosen to represent elementary schools across the city. Schools and communities joined forces to ensure young scholars receive the tools to become responsible digital citizens.

Third and fourth graders viewed Garfield's Cyber Safety Adventures. Everybody's favorite cat, Garfield, and former Saints RB Deuce McAllister were on hand to help get the lesson over. ###

Does Band Director D. Jones have a twin? Sure is a strong resemblance between Jones and McAllister. What do you think **WN** readers (right)?





Garfield & Deuce received a warm welcome from students in Ms. Blue's class (left).

That's our lead tech person on campus (aka Mrs. C. Lewis) and Principal Batiste accompanying Garfield and Deuce to each 3rd and 4th grade classroom during the Cyber Safety lessons of the day!













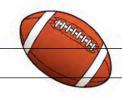


# Cup Cake Social & Warrior Bucks-Wednesday, October 17

We are always looking for ways to reward good student behavior. Warriors who follow the 4Ps (they are prompt, polite, prepared, and productive) and are observed doing good things around campus might find themselves with Warrior currency coming their way—Warrior Bucks!

This grading quarter, 5 Warrior Bucks earned students an invitation to our first Cup Cake Social, an excellent way to start the Fall Break off! Check the pictures out of students enjoying decorating and (of course) eating their creations. Looks like a great time was held by all in attendance. ###





## 2013 2014 **2018**

# Warriors Win Metro Middle School League Championship!

Terry Green has coached the FCW Warriors to their 3rd Flag Football Championship in school history!!!

Championship Game against Arden Cahill Academy on Thurs., October 18th. They were victorious. Team photo and action shot below by Coach Dana Williams.

Our first ever HOME game on Mon., September 24th. Opponent Bishop McManus below. Additional photos by T. Smith.





## The Team

DeShaun Batiste Cedric Dyer Edwin Fefie Ahmad Gaines Ashai Goffner Lawrence Goffner Akiem Horace Devin Leaper Donté Martin Allan Mercadel Shavez Morris Maleek Noah David Norwood Melvin Rayford Tyron Slack Tyree Strowder Laval Sullivan Jaylyn Tyler David Williams Coach: Terry Green



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The Friday before Saturday's Championship Meet, Oct. 19th, team members check in with Coach before heading home. The squad is instructed to be on the levee by 7:00 am! Girls begin their race at 7:30 am., boys at 8:00 am.

The CC team is shown below at the September 22nd meet. Six students comprise the Warrior CC Team. Congratulations to Graciela Nunez, Malik Farria, and Christian Rivera on their fantastic finish at the Championship Meet. Each won an award t-shirt (see pic below right).



## **CC** Completes Productive Season

This season, FWCS's Cross Country Team participated in the Metro Middle School League (MMSL).

The Warriors competed in five meets against a host of elementary and middle school teams within the metro area. Each meet was held at the beautiful Levee Batture across from Jefferson Playground.

Team members completed the season by participating in the MMSL Championship, where runners Graciela Nunez, Malik Farria, and Christian Rivera finished among the top 30 runners and completed the 1.5 mile race in less than 12 minutes. Way to go Warriors!

Congratulations to the CC Team for a successful 2018 season.

-Coach Dana Williams

#### The Team

Reyli Bejarano Malik Farria Graciela Nunez Christian Rivera Robert Taylor Angela Williams

Coach: Dana Williams

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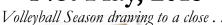






Photo by Coach T. Batiste.
Thank-you!

—The WN

At **WN** press time, the Lady Warriors were 4-5. They are scheduled to play in a the Metro Middle School playoff tourney on Sat., Oct. 27th. We will update you in the next issue.



Athletes, club members, musicians, and marching team members—did you fulfill the academic and behavior requirements of your organization?

Remember, your first responsibility is to your educational pursuits!



#### 1st Quarter Grades Issued

Parents should have received their child's 1st quarter (9 weeks) grades by now.

Please carefully review and note your child's progress or need to improve. Pupils who did not receive their report card were given a Request for Conference by their teacher.

All students who are participants in our athletic program and organizations (such as the band and marching units) are reminded that they must meet Academic Requirements and Behavior Requirements to participate.

Participants must maintain a **2.0 GPA** to be eligible for participation in any athletic team or marching unit group. If grades fall below the 2.0 GPA after the first quarter or any subsequent quarter, the student will be placed on academic probation. The student then has the opportunity to bring their GPA up to the required 2.0 for continued participation.

Students can also be removed because of behavior problems. Deans Sisco and Daigle and the Family Handbook can advise parents of these requirements.

Failure to meet the requirements will result in removal from the extracurricular activity for the remainder of the school year (See Family Handbook for additional information). ###

#### 2018-2019

#### Warriors 8th Grade Boys & Girls Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
11/13/18	Belle Chasse Academy	Away	4 pm
11/16/18	St. Bernard Middle (Boys)	Away	4 pm
11/28/18	Moton Charter	Home	4 pm
11/29/18	Trist Middle	Away	4 pm
12/04/18	South Plaquemines	Home	4:30 pm
12/05/18	Morris Jeff Charter	Home	4 pm
12/06/18	Ben Franklin	Home	4 pm
12/11/18	Belle Chasse Middle	Home	4 pm
12/12/18	Andrew Jackson Middle	Home	4 pm
12/17/18	Moton Charter	Away	4 pm
12/18/18	Andrew Jackson Middle	Away	4 pm
12/20/18	Ben Franklin	Home	4 pm
01/08/19	Trist Middle	Home	4 pm
01/10/19	Belle Chasse Middle	Away	4 pm
01/15/19	St. Bernard Middle	Home	4 pm
01/17/19	Morris Jeff	Away	4 pm
10/18/19	MLK Tourney (Boys)	Country Day	TBA
01/28/19	Phoenix Middle	Home	4 pm
01/31/19	Phoenix Middle	Away	4 pm

\*Girls' Playoffs–January 22nd-25th, Trist Middle School (1 Pirates Cove, Meraux 70075) \*\*Boys' Playoffs–February 4th-7th, Belle Chasse Middle (13476 LA-23, Belle Chasse 70037)

Boys Coach: Terry Green Girls Coach: Tanisha Batiste



The After School Program operates Monday through Thursday from 3:15 pm - 5:15 pm.

# There is NO After School Program on Fridays.

All students are dismissed at 3:15 pm on Friday. Please prepare to receive your child at the bus stop at the appropriate time.

Give the school bus 15 minutes "grace" for morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off. It is possible for the bus to encounter unexpected traffic during their route. The dispatcher for the bus company is able to reach the driver and advise you of their location.

Please call Honors Transportation for your questions or concerns regarding transportation: 504.469.1277. If assistance is needed from FCWCS, please direct questions to Dean Sisco at 504.373.6228. ####

The After School Program is not in session on the following Wednesdays due to Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Sept. 12th Nov. 14th Feb. 6th Apr. 17th Please plan accordingly . . .



### **Mid-term Elections**

Tues., November 6th Polls open 6:00 am - 8:00 pm



### FCWCS has a lending library

for students in grades 1-8. Students can borrow one book for 7 days.

Students are brought to the library with their teacher weekly. Parents must sign to grant permission for their scholar to borrow books from the library.

Students should bring a plastic bag to school to transport books. –Mrs. LeBlanc, Librarian ###



Clean team

member Mr. Morgan and

his new t-shirt.

Show your school-spirit . . . buy a NEW designed Warrior t-shirt and sweatshirt-

#### **T-SHIRTS**

\$10.00 (Youth-1X) (add \$1.00 for each additional X)

#### **SWEATSHIRTS**

\$15.00 (Youth) \$20.00 (Adult)



**HATS** 

\$10.00 See Mrs. Watson for purchases, cash or money orders only

## 3rd Annual Raising Cane's Night

For the third year, the great people at the Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers Store helped our school raise money for those "little extras." Kudos to the restaurant at Chef Menteur and Lousia Streets for their generosity. Also thanks to FCWCS's Mrs. Carla Lewis for spearheading this annual event.

Parents and students who attended we appreciate your participation. Thanks for your extra effort in stopping by on Wed., September 26th.

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Thank-you Warriors! Photos by C. Lewis





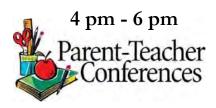
# Fall Festival 2018

## 10th Annual Fall Festival

Fri., November 9th 11 am - 2 pm

Food, Games, Prizes, Music

Additional information coming soon



Need to see your student's teacher(s) regarding their academic progress? The following opportunities are available, 4 pm - 6 pm . . .

#### September 12th November 14th

February 6th April 17th

All days are on a Wednesday. Remember there is no After School Program on these days. All students dismissed at 3:15 pm.



#### The World's Finest Chocolate Candy Sale Has Ended!

All salespersons are asked to turn in their money to Mrs. Watson for the final tally. Each box was \$60.00. FCWCS receives \$30.00 for each box sold. Please pay in cash or money order (no personal checks accepted, thank you). Winners will be announced in the next issue of the WN. Thanks to parents and staff who took part in this annual fund raiser. This year's efforts will support our Marching Band.



From Our Archives–Six Years Ago This Month

### FCWCS Moves Into New Facility

Six years ago this month, we made the trek from the rear of our 16 acre campus to the front acres facing Bullard.

It was October 2012 and we moved into our new "home," a \$24,000,000 school building purchased with funding from FEMA. On Friday, October 12th, there was no school for students. The day before, 550 students and teachers assisted in the move, removing small items from the trailers. We carried books, bulletin boards and rode tricycles (ridden by Pre-K and K students) across the acres. Everything from the trailers to our new state-of-the-art building had to be moved. Furniture and heavy objects were brought over by a moving company composed of men.

Fall Break in 2012 (October 15-19) coincided with moving week. One week of no school for students to get everything set up in the new facility. On Friday, October 19th, we had Tour Day/Open House. After five years in the FEMA trailers, we were definitely excited about our new digs! Our first day in the new building was Monday, October 22nd.

Fannie C. Williams Charter was one of six new school buildings that went up after FEMA awarded the city nearly \$2 billion to rebuild all of its public schools after Hurricane Katrina and the flooding that followed. Yeates & Yeates Architects were the design team. Construction began in December 2010, just as we were granted our charter.

We felt (and still do) that our scholars deserve to be educated in a building such as this—with all the "bells and whistles" for teaching and learning in the 21st century. The 95,000 ft. building was dedicated on November 15, 2012. ###





The original Fannie C. Williams School was a middle school, housing grades 6-8. Built in 1987-89, it was reportedly the largest middle school in Louisiana, educating more than 1200 students. It is pictured above, months after the levee failures of 2005. It was completely demolished to build the present FCWCS. FCWCS was one of the first six schools in NOLA erected to restart public education in New Orleans.

Our first winner of the 2018-2019 school tear was **RYAN SMITH**, **JR**., kindergarten student in Mrs. Vigne's class! Thanks to Ryan's parent for reading the **WARRIOR NEWS!** 

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. 14) 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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# 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. ###



#### Water Purification System Installed in NOPS

In September, these water filters began appearing on the fountains at FCWCS. They have been installed to protect students from any lead coming out the tap. Lead is known to be especially harmful to growing children. They will be installed at every school owned by New Orleans Public Schools.

The last time the system was tested was in 1989. No one is sure if lead is present, but after the crisis in Flint, MI it was thought to be the best solution. The school's kitchen faucets will also be outfitted with the filter system. The cost, \$800,000 for the entire district. Source: NO Advocate ####

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### ENTER YOUR SCHOLAR IN OUR 2ND 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 thin	igs happening at FCWCS! I've read
the October 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		