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Knowing the Past Opens the Door to the Future

The National Museum of African American History & Culture (NMAAHC) uses these profound words as part of their mantra for telling our story. We bring it to the forefront during our month-long celebration at FCWCS!

(This year's victors: 7th/8th grade team over 5th/6th graders; 4th graders were victorious over 3rd graders. Both matches were hotly contested, well-done Warrior Scholars).



Could you be a contestant in our Annual Black History Quiz Bowl?

The following items are examples of questions asked of our students in grades 3-8 during the Quiz Bowl of February 8th. Would you have been a viable contestant?

1. The first working clock in America was built by _.
2. The first African American to dine at the White House was _.
3. The first African American to serve on the Supreme Court was _.
4. The founder of the city of Chicago in 1779 was _.
5. The first African American to practice medicine was _.
6. The inventor of the ironing board was _.
7. Dr. Daniel Hale Williams is credited with performing the first _.
8. What African American family gave us the first father and son to serve as mayors of the city of New Orleans?
9. How many days did the Montgomery Bus Boycott last?
10. What European nation was the first to stop trading the enslaved from Africa to the USA in 1794?
11. What is the estimated % of enslaved Africans who died on the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean?
12. MLK, Jr. attended what Atlanta HBCU at the age of 15?

Answers on page 8



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Hancock Whitney Banking Days @ FCWCS 2018-2019



Wed., Sept. 19
Wed., Oct. 17
Wed., Nov. 14
Wed., Dec. 12
Wed., Jan. 9
Wed., Feb. 13

Wed., Mar. 13

Wed., Apr. 3
Wed. May 8

Cash deposits are limited to \$25.00 and coin deposits \$10.00. Checks can be of any amount. The account remains free of service charges until your child turns 18 years of age. ###

We've got a Dad's Club

(or Grandfather, Uncle, Big Brother) and we're looking for exceptional men to do interesting things for their scholars!

Interested? Let us know. Please consider helping out . . .

Contact Mr. Phillip Britt,
Art Teacher for additional information.

Phone: 504.373.6228
(1:30 pm - 3:00 pm)

Visit our website:
fcwcs.org

February 2019

- 4 - ELPT/LEAP Connect Testing
- 5 - iReading Diagnostic 3
- 6 - 3rd Qtr. Conferences, 4 - 6 pm
- 8 - Black History Quiz Bowl, Grades 3 - 8
- 19 - SBLC Meetings
- 20 - RTI Meetings
- 21 - C.L.A.S.S. Board of Directors Mtg. Scheduled, Time: 6:30 pm FCWCS Campus
- 22 - Marching Warriors, Krewe of Oshu, Uptown 6 pm
- 24 - Krewe of Carrollton, Uptown 12 pm
- 27 - Krewe of Druids, Uptown 6:30 pm
- 28 - StepShow & Black History Program (parents welcomed) Time: TBA
- 28 - Krewe of Muses, Uptown 6:30 pm

March 2019

- 1 - NO SCHOOL, Mardi Gras Break begins
- 4 - 8 - Mardi Gras Break NO SCHOOL
- 11 - School Resumes, 8 am Breakfast served at 7:30 am
- 11 - 15 - 3rd Quarter Exams
- 15 - PBIS Experience; 3rd Q Ends (42 days)
- 18 - Scholastic Spring Book Fair Begins (1 week only)
- 20 - **LEAP Parent's Night, Time: 4 - 6 pm**
- 22 - Muffins for Mom, Time: TBA (don't forget to RSVP)
- 26 - 28 - iReady D4, K - 8th Grades
- 27 - Report Cards Issued to Students (3rd Quarter)
- 29 - LEAP PEP Rally

Principal's Message

February 20, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are closing in on the end of the 3rd Quarter. More than 100 instructional days are behind us.

Are you checking your child's attendance, behavior, and academics daily (J-Pams) or weekly (Warrior Folder). Now is the time to look into potential concerns—in May it's too late.

We are planning a Parents LEAP Night the 20th of March. Please make every effort to be here to receive the information to help prepare your pupil for a successful testing experience in the Spring.

Our Marching Warriors will be out in full force for this Mardi Gras. Check them out in the following parades:

Fri., Feb. 22	Krewe of Oshu	6 pm
Sun., Feb. 24	Krewe of Carrollton	Noon
Wed., Feb. 27	Krewe of Druids	6:30 pm
Thurs., Feb. 28	Krewe of Muses	6:30 pm
Sat., Mar. 2	Krewe of Iris	11:00 am
Mon., Mar. 4	Krewe of Proteus	5:15 pm

All parades will follow the Uptown parade route down St. Charles Avenue. Be sure to give our Warriors a smile and a wave!

Remember, school will be closed from Friday, March 1st through Friday, March 8th. School resumes on Monday, March 11 at 8:00 am. Have a safe and enjoyable Mardi Gras.

-Kelly S. Batiste, Principal & CEO



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

We've had several cases of the flu on campus. Has your child been immunized? The Carnival Season provides an opportune time for the germs to be spread at the parades. It's never too late to get your shot. See your physician or visit your pharmacy.

The measles are making a comeback. They were considered eliminated in the USA in 2000, but in recent years we have had scattered outbreaks. About 270 children from all parts of the USA have been infected (as of Fri., Feb. 15th). Measles are a highly contagious virus. Measles can kill, especially the young. There is no cure for measles, only the vaccine. ###



Pre-K Classes at FCWCS, FANTASTIC!

Visit our two Pre-Kindergarten classes and you understand why the 40 spots are coveted by parents looking for an early childhood educational home for their four year old.

Pre-K is a classroom-based educational setting that prepares little ones for “big school.” Our school’s program is funded by the federal government.

The first pre-kindergarten program in the United States was known as Head Start and premiered in 1967. Its’ goal, then and now, is to attempt to prepare children to succeed in school.

The two Pre-K classes are always the first to fill their 40 seats. Parents wishing to enroll their child in our program should be seeking placement in the OneApp program now.

Visiting our two classes, you understand what a great place to grow and learn they are! Teachers Tolliver and Singleton, along with their assistants Wimberly and Allen, provide their students with experiences—in and out the classroom—to develop them into students ready for kindergarten. Pre-K instruction includes—but is not limited to—learning the alphabet, imaginative and cooperative play, learning colors and shapes, developing their pre-math skills, developing their fine and gross motor skills, perfecting their social skills and independence. Let’s not forget the field trips off campus!

The Urban League’s School Expo provided several parents the opportunity to inquire about our program. Do you have a little one in your family in need of a seat in our Pre-K class next year? Visit enrollnola.org today to begin the One App process. Remember, seats are limited!. ###

Our school year
is 171 days
long . . . we’ve
got 71
more to go in
2018-2019!



Pre-K & Kindergarten Celebrate *the* 100th Day of School

Our youngest scholars dress as centenarians, prepare projects depicting the number 100, and prepare class activities showing the number 100 on February 8th.



Two Kidz in Action

The thoughts & writings of Brooklyn & Carl . . .
This is the third installment of "Two Kidz in Action." This column features the writings of 5th graders Brooklyn London

and Carl Reed, Jr., both students of Ms. R. Robinson. Our young writers provided the title for this column. They take turns writing for the **WARRIOR NEWS**. This month's segment is by Carl.

The Importance of Education

—Carl Reed, Jr.

Hey, it's Carl again! I'm going to get straight to the point. If you're reading this, I want to tell you that joking around with your education is pathetic. You will never amount to anything in life if you don't take your education seriously. Did you know that in Pakistan girls are banned from getting an education? They are often killed when walking to school. In my ELA class, I learned about a girl named Malala who won a Nobel Peace Prize at the age of 17. She wanted an education

so badly that she stood up to the Taliban and would sneak to school. Pakistani girls risk their lives for an education while some students here are not even grateful for the opportunity. Some of my peers at Fannie C. Williams take their education for granted and hate coming to school. We get to go to school without being shot and people still don't like to come. Well, that's on them! I'm going to be somebody one day and that can only happen with an education. I hope you feel the same about yourself. Education is important, kids. Get it while you can. Get it while it's free. ###

Great advise Carl!

—The Editor

1st Place



Even our bulletin boards teach . . .

Once again, our bulletin boards are pressed into service as learning devices. February's boards are filled with Black History, based on the theme—"Celebrating the Arts . . . Letting the Past Inspire Your Creativity." A contest was held, with boards being judged on graphics clarity, originality, relevance, and attractiveness. The winners are listed below: Thanks to all who participated.

Winners

1st Place - All That Jazz (Kiamco, Varnado, Ducros)

2nd Place - Hey Black Child, Pre-K (Tolliver)

3rd Place - Voices of Soul, 2nd Grade (Lindsey)

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2nd Place



3rd Place



**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

**Black History
Month**
Chairpersons

Phillip Britt
Arriane Jones



"We all have dreams. In order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort."

—Jesse Owens, world record-setting Olympic athlete



Guardians Institute Brings Joy of Books

Non-profit provides service through education with the gift of books. All first graders during the Institute's February 1st classroom visit, received a "forever book." Thank you ladies!

Visit www.guardiansinstitute.org



Group picture, guests and the 1st graders in Ms. Theard's class (above).

There's nothing like the expressions of an animated storyteller. Ms. Nelson reads aloud to Ms. Theard's class (right).

Mrs. Nelson personally hands a gift book to each 1st grader along with a word or two of encouragement (far right).



Guardians Institute came bearing the gift of a hardback book for all three classes of our first graders.

Mrs. Herreast J. Harrison, the founder and program director of New Orleans Living Legend, told the first graders of her late husband's, Big Chief Donald Harrison, Sr., love of reading. According to Mrs. Harrison, "he read a book a week". The Institute sponsors a book club that gifts new books to students in K-12 grades.

Mrs. Harrison was accompanied by her daughter, Ms. Cherice Harrison-Nelson, who read part of the gift book, *When Elephant Met Giraffe* by Paul Gude. The **WN** was present in Ms. Theard's class. Students enjoyed the storytelling and books immensely. ###

Original Dukes, Inc. Motivates 5th Graders *with* New Bikes

The Original Dukes Social & Pleasure Club presented words of encouragement and the methods to win one of two new bikes for efforts in FCW's intervention program, I-Ready. Bikes will be awarded for the most improved students in math and reading intervention.

The all male organization shares members with the Silverback Society, the male mentoring group that visits our campus weekly to work with our 8th grade boys. Thank you gentlemen for all you do! ###





Pels Conduct Mini-Training Camp February 11th

Rookie Small Forward Kenrich Williams (#34) Makes Surprise Visit



This year's Pelicans visit was sponsored by our friends at Hancock Whitney Bank. HW provided the t-shirts that are always a hallmark of a Pelicans' visit.

Rookie Kenrich Williams (#34) made a surprise trip to Warrior Land, causing William the Brave, our own mascot, to come out to meet and greet him.

As always, our Mrs. K. LeBlanc made everything happen, coordinating this yearly activity for 150 students.



Thanks Hancock Whitney!



Call goes out for water for the Upcoming Parade Season—grandfather/dad and staff come through!

Hydrating the Marching Warriors

By the time you read this issue of the **WN**, Marching Warriors will have performed in two Mardi Gras Parades. Looking back in our archives, this appears to be one of the busiest seasons for the Marching Warriors in our school's history.

Keeping all participants—about 100—hydrated can be costly to the band's account, so the call went out for contributions. Staff began to bring in a case or two of water and Gatorade. But grandfather/dad Jeff Hines came through in a big way—40 cases of water! Thank you staff and Mr. Hines. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Be on the lookout for the Warriors on this year's parade uptown route. ###



Thoughtful Warrior grandparent/dad, Mr. J. Hines secures the pallets used to transport the 40 cases of water donated to the Marching Warriors.



Mr. P. Britt (top left) and members of the Marching Warriors provide the "muscle" to move the 40 cases of water.

Thank you Officer K. Batiste for reaching out and securing the "hook up."



Annual Urban League of LA Schools Expo 2019

This is how we spend our Saturday (Feb. 16), in a friendly musical battle!

Marching Warriors Battle Behrman



All the schools were present and some were invited to bring their musical ambassadors—their bands and other marching units. FCWCS was present and in good musical form. The gauntlet was thrown and a musical challenge ensued for more

than 45 minutes between Fannie C. and Martin Behrman Charter. Who won? You already know. As quickly as it began, it ended, with the next two bands were up and ready to blow. ###

Parents of 8th Graders . . .

The school year is drawing to a close. Have you completed the **OneApp** for the 2019-2020 school year? The first round ended on Friday, February 22nd.

Also, the final due date is fast approaching for the **8th Grade Student Budget of \$125.00**. A payment plan was set up back in the fall. It is as follows:

Dec. 14	\$31.25
Jan. 18	\$31.25
Feb. 16	\$31.25
Mar. 15	\$31.25

This budget takes care of all expenses affiliated (class shirt, lunch, picnic, etc.) with the closing activities for 8th graders in May.

8th Graders Closing Activities May 2019

Career Day

Game Day/Picnic on the Green

Bowling/Golden Corral

Community Day of Service

Promotional Exercise
May 10th
9:00 am

Questions? Call me at FCWCS at 504.373.6228.

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



Wednesday,
March 27th

Scenes from 8th Grade Career Day & Promotional Exercises, 2017-2018



Black History Quiz Bowl Answers from page 1

1. Benjamin Banneker
2. Booker T. Washington
3. Thurgood Marshall
4. Jean Baptiste Point du Sable
5. James Derham
6. Sarah Boone
7. first successful open heart surgery
8. Morial Family (Dutch & Marc)
9. 381 days
10. France
11. 15%
12. Morehouse College

C.L.A.S.S.

(Community Leaders Advocating Student Success)

The governing body of FCWCS is scheduled to hold a public meeting on

**Thursday, March 21st
6:30 pm**

on the school's campus. Parents, staff, and community members are invited to attend. ###

The After School Program is NOT in session on the following **Wednesdays** due to Parent-Teacher Conferences:
Sept. 12th Nov. 11th
Feb. 6th Apr. 17th
Please plan for your child accordingly. . .
Conferences are held from 4-6 pm. ###



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

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



"All great achievements require time." –Maya Angelou

Article below reprinted from the WTN of March 2018. All info still applies.

Be on the lookout for dinosaurs with books!

Annual Spring Scholastic Book Fair

March 18 - 22

1 week only

Hours: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

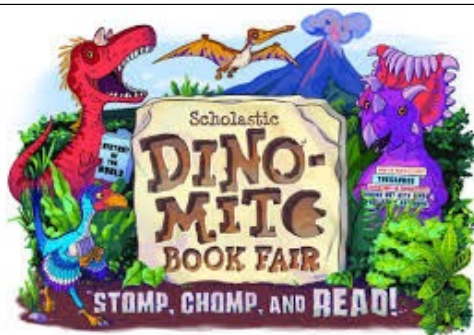
Parents welcomed!

All purchases benefit our school!

We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover & Cash

Sorry, no personal checks

See you at the Book Fair!!!



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 Sisco of behavior incidents. The school will act on behalf of the safety and well-being of all aboard. **Parents who have concerns should not confront the bus driver. Allow Dean Sisco or Honors 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.

Honors Transportation 504.469.1277
Dean Sisco 504.373.6228. Thank you for your cooperation. ###



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 2019-2020 School Year

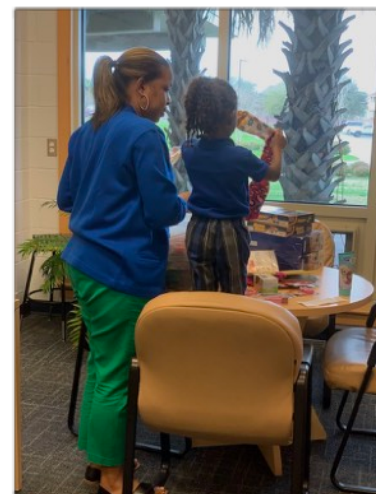
–**A transitional student**, which means their current school does not offer their expected grade next year (8th graders needing to advance to high school). ###

THE WARRIOR NEWS

is prepared for our parents/guardians and friends of our school!

Carley's mother read the **WARRIOR NEWS** for December/January, earning Carley a visit to Mrs. Batiste's fabulous treasure chest. There's all kinds of items to choose from. Carley found a pair of pink leopard-skin socks!

Enter your scholar by reading and signing the back of this page. Return it to school for the drawing. –*The Editor*



Parents/Guardians, 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 for this month only will take place on Tues., Mar. 12th (after the Mardi Gras Break).** 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.

Send your form above back to compete in the drawing on **Tues., 3/12/19**. Don't forget to fill out the back of the entry. Will your student win the next drawing?



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See the Marching Warriors in Krewe of Oshun (2/22); Krewe of Carrollton (2/24); Krewe of Druids (2/27); Krewe of Muses (2/28); Krewe of Iris (3/2); Krewe of Proteus (3/4).

FCWCS has room for additional scholars for the 2019-2020 school year! Do you know of a family trying to place their child in a nurturing school setting?

Tell their parents to visit

enrollnola.org

to begin the process!

Do they need assistance? There are 3 **Family Resource Centers** in New Orleans to help—

Hours: 8:30 am - 4 pm, Monday-Friday (*hours subject to change*)

Phone: 1-877-343-4773

NO East: 7301 Dwyer Rd. (Livingston High)

Uptown: 2300 Gen. Taylor St. (Crocker Elementary)

Westbank: 2401 Westbend Pkwy. (OPSB Central Office)

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

Honors Transportation

Questions or concerns regarding pickups, drop offs, and bus stops . . .



Call: 504.469.1277



Recognize this exceptional educator? This is our own **Fannie C. Williams**

(1882-1980)

A native of Biloxi, Mississippi who ultimately made New Orleans her home.

It's no wonder Orleans Parish built a middle school in 1989 bearing her name. Her innovations in the educating of African American children were numerous and bold for the era known as Jim Crow.

When we became a charter in December 2010, we had the option of changing the school's name, but the staff opted to stay with Fannie C. Williams, becoming Fannie C. Williams Charter School. Many illustrious names appeared above the school buildings of New Orleans. We are proud to continue this legacy by bearing the name of Fannie Cornelia Williams at our school. Her awesome efforts continue with us. ###

Mrs. Bridget Lewis entered her daughter in last month's drawing . . .

ENTER YOUR WARRIOR IN OUR 5TH DRAWING FOR 2018-2019

Cut me out and send me back to school for the drawing on Tues., March 12th. Save this issue to keep up with the great things happening at FCWCS! I've read the February 2019 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 _____