

WARRIOR NEWS

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10th

Muffins
with Mom



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pictures can be found on pages
3,4, & 8 of this issue!

Blossoming

with C.L.A.S.S.

Friday, March 22nd





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Principal's Message

March 28, 2019

Dear Parents

Our school calendar informs us that we have completed 75% of the academic school year. The last nine weeks of school are upon us. We are still teaching, students are still learning!

Please continue to send your scholars to school daily and on time. The entire month of April and the first week of May will be filled with the requirement of state testing, LEAP 2025.

The first week of April will be the testing period for our oldest students, grades 7 and 8. Please send them to school every day and on time. See to it that they get a good night's rest and remove all obstacles that may impact their success on this important assessment. The next week, April 8-12, will be testing for students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Third graders will be tested April 29 through May 3.

Once again, we need all students present and on time! Tardy students disrupt the testing climate. Students are not to bring their book bags to school during their testing cycle. Smartphones are not allowed in the classroom during this period. Please remind them to leave them at home or to be sure to check them in with Coach Green.

As always, we appreciate your assistance in making FCWCS a great place for our kids to learn and grow!

Kelly S. Batiste, Principal & CEO
Fannie C. Williams Charter School



3rd Quarter Report Cards

were issued in the Warrior Folder

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Did you see your scholar's?

Please inquire!



2018-2019

Last Parent-Teacher Conference Wednesday, April 17th 4 pm - 6 pm

Remember: There is NO After School Program on Conference Day.

All students are dismissed at 3:15 pm.



2018-2019

After School Program will end on Thursday, April 25th (LAST DAY)

Please begin to prepare for 3:15 pm dismissal from April 26-May 15!

LEAP 2025

State of Louisiana mandated testing will take place the entire month of April and into the 1st week of May—

April 1 - 5

(Grades 7 & 8)

April 8 - 12

(Grades 4, 5 & 6)

April 29-May 3

(Grade 3)

Please make sure your scholar is present and on time! It's important! ###



Hancock Whitney Banking Days @ FCWCS 2018-2019

has one more day for this school year,

Wednesday, May 8th

Cash deposits are limited to \$25.00 and coin deposits \$10.00. Checks of any amount can be made.

The account remains free of service charges until your child reaches the age of 18 years.

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Spring Break

2019

Fri., April 19th - Tues., April 23rd

All classes resume on

Wed., April 24th at 8:00 am

Breakfast served at 7:30 am

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Muffins with Mom

FOR NEWS MARCH/APRIL 2019

Muffins with Mom returned for its 10th year after a hiatus in 2018 (we couldn't fit it into the academic schedule with state testing).

Moms, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers, older sisters, etc., all showed up, filling the gym and looking quite spiffy in their pastel-colored attire.

The Voices of FCWCS sung "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (solo by Warriia Page), counselor Mrs. J. Edmond gave the Welcome Address based on the theme "Blossoming with C.L.A.S.S."

Our Guest Speaker, Dr. Margaret Montgomery-Richard, was introduced by middle school students K. Reese and I. Gayton.

A short play, "Forgiveness of Love," was performed by students G. Leslie, M. Goberando, and A. Butler.

But the morning's show stopper was the "Song for Mama," presented by our own crooners A. Mercadel, D. Leaper, K. Holmes, and S. Washington.

Moms-of-the-Year recipients chosen were Ms. S. Gordon & Ms. T. Pickett.

It was a fantastic morning, especially for the Moms and their children in attendance.
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Thanks Moms!



Muffins with Mom Committee, 2019

(left to right) S. Jordan, D. Williams, D. Barnett, A. Boudreaux, K. Gardner, B. Lewis, T. Green (Chair), C. Lewis, T. Calhoun, L. Kelly, R. Joseph, V. Wimberly, L. Ducros, B. Sisco. Not pictured: K. LeBlanc & P. Britt (our talented resident artists).

Upcoming Campus Events April 2019

- 1 - 5 LEAP, Grades 7 & 8
- 8 - 12 LEAP, Grades 4, 5, & 6
- 8 End-of-Course, Grade 8
- 29 - May 3 LEAP, Grade 3
- 3 - Hancock/Whitney Banking Day
- 5 - Warrior Store Open
- 5 - Spelman College Visit
- 9 - Pre-K Field Trip to Strawberry Patch
- 12 - Warrior Store Open
- 12 - Pre-K Field Trip Street Car Ride/Snowballs
- 17 - 4th Quarter Progress Report Conf.
4 - 6 pm (last one, **no** After School)
- 17 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Cabildo
- 17 - Kiamo's Class Field Trip to Riverwalk
- 18 - 1st & 2nd Grades FT to
Heritage Park
- 18 - C.L.A.S.S. Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 19 - 23 SPRING BREAK
NO SCHOOL
- 24 - School Resumes, 8:00 am
(7:30 am for breakfast)
- 25 - Kiamco's Class FT, Street Car Ride
- 25 - After School Program Last Day**
- 25 - iReady Celebration
- 26 - iReady EOY Award's Program

- 30 - May 1 - 8th Grade Exams
- 30 - Pre-K, Kdg, 8th Grade
Promotion Pictures

May 2019

- 2 - Kiamco's Class FT to City Park
- 3 - Dad's Club Crawfish Boil
- 6 - Kindergarten FT to Chuck E. Cheese
- 7 - Kindergarten Field Day
- 6 - 8 - 4th Quarter Exams, Grades 1-7
- 8 - Hancock/Whitney Banking Day
- 8 - Pre-K End-of-Year Celebration
- 8 - 3rd Grade FT to Global Wildlife
- 8 - 8th Grade Career Day
- 9 - Kindergarten Promotional Exercises
- 9 - 1st & 2nd Grades FT to
Audubon Zoo
- 10 - 8th Grade Promotional Exercises, 9 am
- 15 - Students' Last Day, Report Cards
Issued**
- 16 - C.L.A.S.S. Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 16 - Staff Last Day
- 28 - Extended School Year Program
begins

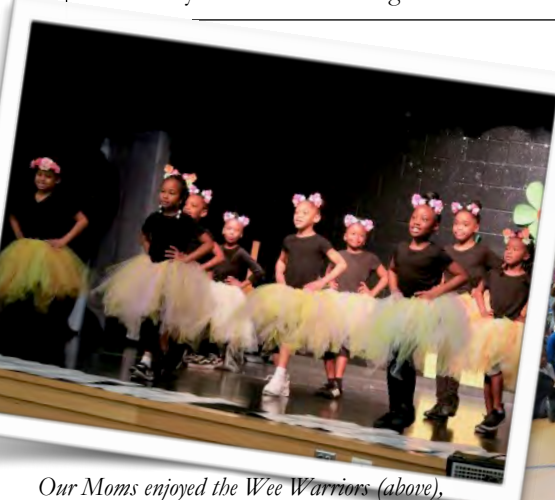


Moms-of-the-Year, 2019

Ms. Stella Mae Gordon (*top pic*) &
Ms. Terry Pickett (*bottom pic*)



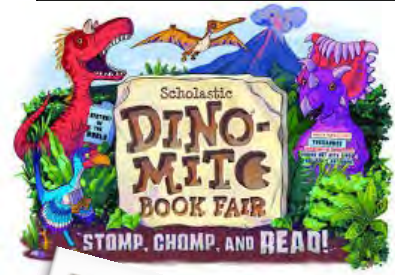
Our budding writers above had the honor of having their mothers celebrated at the March 22nd program. Their inspiring essay- 'How my mom has inspired me to blossom into the person I am' won it for our two authors. Great job Warriors!



Our Moms enjoyed the Wee Warriors (above),
our in-house 2nd floor crooners (right) . . .



and our Dance Team (above). Talent abounds on
our campus!



Our days of hosting a Scholastic Book Fair dates back to the time of white FEMA trailers at the back of the campus and when Librarian Wilson monitored our bookshelves.

It continues today, twice a year–Fall and Spring, with our Book Lady, aka Mrs. K. LeBlanc. Mrs. LeBlanc anxiously awaits the Scholastic announcement of the theme and then proceeds

to turn the hallway and library into her artistic vision of said theme (usually assisted by Ms. S. Jones, Mrs. T. Calhoun, and Mr. P. Britt).

Thank you Mrs. K. LeBlanc for all that you do to encourage the joy of reading in our scholars on campus! ###



Scenes from the Warrior Campus during the week of the Spring Book Fair–March 18th-21st. Clifford, the Red Dog, made an appearance on Friday. Notice the decorations lining the hallway near the Library, all done by Mrs. LeBlanc and friends.



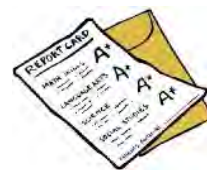
Do you know you can access your child's attendance and grades by going to:
<https://services.edgear.net/progress/>

Parents/Guardians . . . Are you looking for a great website for your younger scholars involving books and reading? Direct them to . . .

storylineonline.net

Last Day of School
Wed., May 15th
Report Cards Issued to Students

Visit our website:
fcwcs.org
See this issue in color!



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?

1st LEAP 2025 March 20th



Parents were invited by Principal Batiste to FCW's first LEAP Information Night on March 20th. Presentations were made by Instructional Coaches and Classroom Teachers, allowing parents to visit the Louisiana Department of Education's website containing tutorials and practice tests. It allowed parents to experience what their scholars would face in April during our month long testing period.

Tips on ensuring that our pupils would be ready physically and mentally during their week-long testing experience were also shared with parents.

Parent Information Night may become an annual event. FCWCS's staff is always looking for ways to help students reach the mastery level in all subjects.

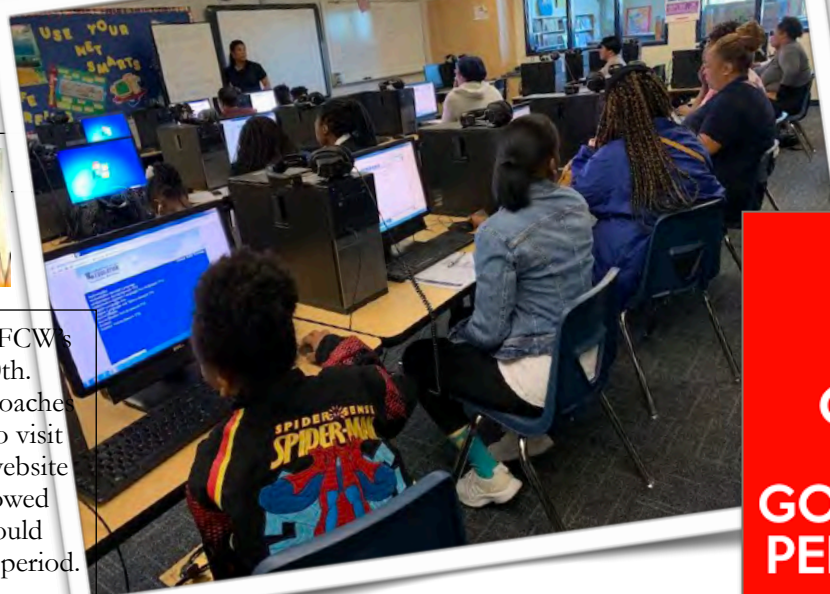
Things parents can do to ensure a successful testing experience (LEAP 2025 & FINALS) for their child . . .

1. Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep.
2. Make sure they eat breakfast each morning.
3. Please ensure they are on time for school (7:30 if eating breakfast at school, 8:00 am for class).
4. Encourage them to do their best. Tell them not to leave anything blank, answer ALL questions.
5. Remind them the tests are important.
6. Try to make their morning pleasant. Do not add to their stress.
7. Remind them to listen carefully to their teacher's instructions and to follow them carefully.
8. Encourage your child to stay focus. Fast and wrong is not a good idea—encourage them to take their time.
9. Visit www.louisianabelieves.org for more info on state testing.

As always, we appreciate your assistance. Remember the school and the home are a team. Educating our children is a team effort!

Kelly S. Batiste
Principal/CEO

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Annual LEAP Pep Rally Motivates

Homerooms, grades 3-8, compete for the Spirit Stick March 29th; Voorhies' homeroom brings the 'Stick' back to the second floor!



Screamin' for that important "Spirit Stick!"



Scenes from this year's LEAP 2025 Pep Rally on Fri., March 29th—getting everyone ready to test and headed to MASTERY!

The judging for the best homeroom was resulted in Ms. G. Voorhies' class taking the honors. Judges were Ms. S. Jordan, Nurse C. Robichaux, and Ms. B. Rosario.

LEAP 2025 Academic Pep Rally Winners
(Spirit Stick)
2019 - G. Voorhies HR (Grade 5)

2018 - N. Simmons HR (Grade 8)
2017 - R. Robinson (Grade 4)
2016 - P. Prillman (Grade 4)





Band Director Jones Heads to Livingston High

Search for replacement is already underway . . .

The **WN** has been informed that Band Director Dedric Jones will be leaving at the end of this year to develop and direct the band of Livingston Collegiate High School on Dwyer Road. Jones has been at the helm of the instrumental music program at FCWCS since replacing Thaddeus Petit in December 2014.

Under Jones' tutelage, the band program has developed, making

FCWCS one of the city's premier middle school programs. This past Carnival Season, the band and its auxiliary marching units, performed in six parades, making it one of its busiest parade seasons ever!

The school's administration has already begun its' search for a replacement and the "new guy" is expected to be on board for the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

Congratulations Mr. Jones on your new assignment.
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Scenes from the LEAP Pep Rally and probably one of Jones' last performances with the Warrior Band (March 29th). The picture

above depicts Mrs. Batiste presenting Jones with a memento of his years at the helm of the Warrior Band. Good job Mr. Jones!

Introducing Beatriz Rosario, Interim English Language Learner (ELL) Teacher

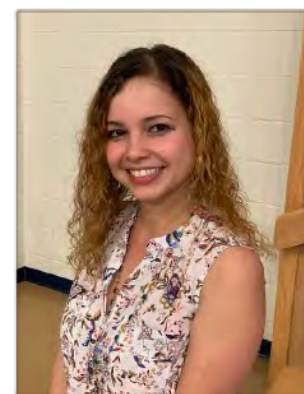
A recent addition to our staff is Ms. Beatriz Rosario. She is our interim replacement for Mrs. Elsa Bellot.

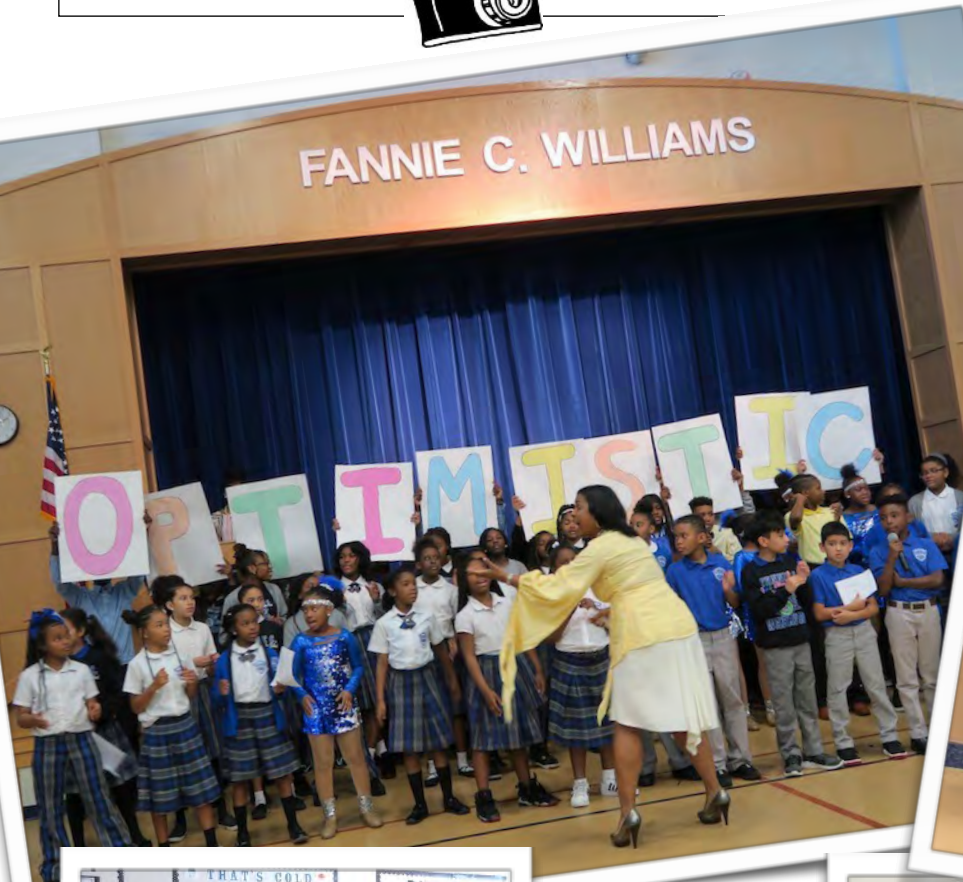
Ms. Rosario is of Puerto Rican heritage. Her family moved to Connecticut and she had to learn English at the age of 8. She is a college grad, with a B.S. degree in Human Services/Sociology. She has been employed many years working with young people who have had many

of life's struggles thrown at them in the form of abuse.

A spiritual person, her work has included helping others through emotional, spiritual, and physical difficulties.

Ms. Rosario states that "I strongly believe education is the greatest gift you can give these children before it's too late . . . I began working at FCWCS a few years ago as a mental health workers and am very grateful and excited to be back and able to work as the interim ESL (ELL) instructor for the Latino community on campus."
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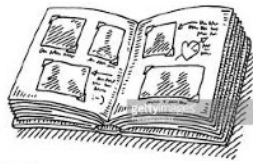
What a rousing performance by the Voices of FCW during the 10th Muffins with Moms on March 22nd (left).

Spelman College of Atl visits to learn lessons regarding education in the city pre and post Katrina, April 5th (below). Welcome ladies.

The last performance by our 8th graders as members of the Auxiliary Marching Units (3rd pic below) takes place during the LEAP Pep Rally on Fri., April 5th.



Former Warrior gives advice about high school.



The Silverback Society has been mentoring to our 8th grade males since 2015. March's speakers included former Warrior Farrell (above), a graduating senior at Easton, and WWL-TV's, Ch. 4 President & General Manager Tod Smith (right).



All kinds of prizes await you if you've been a good Warrior at the PBIS store.



Back in the Swim of Things

By the time you read this Warrior parents, this group of 32 third graders will have learned to navigate the waters of a pool with confidence! This marks the second group of students this academic year that have been instructed in the basis of swimming at Joe Brown Park. Great job Warriors and instructors. What a great way to spend your enrichment time!

Pictures courtesy of Coach D. Williams. Thank you!

FCWCS Tennis Team 2019

Boys

DeShaun Batiste
David Hudson
Aaki Mott
Christian Rivera
Robert Taylor
Brian Turner
Guillermo Vallada (*Alternate*)
Courtney Williams
Justin Williams

Girls

Nya Batiste
Lyric Falkins
Chorpetch Johprakone
Keymani Reese
Cherly Rivera
Marilyn Valentine
Carissa Washington
Angela Williams

Practice Schedule

Monday

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Wednesday

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

All practices will be held at Joe Brown Park. There will be no practice on Tues., April 9, 2019.



Tennis Schedule (Year 3)

Date



Time

4/3/19
4/8/19
4/10/19
4/17/19
4/23/19

3:15 pm
4:00 pm
4:00 pm
4:00 pm
4:00 pm

Match

Lycée Francais (B)
Kehoe France (B)
St. Catherine (G)
St. Catherine (B)
Lycée Francais (G)

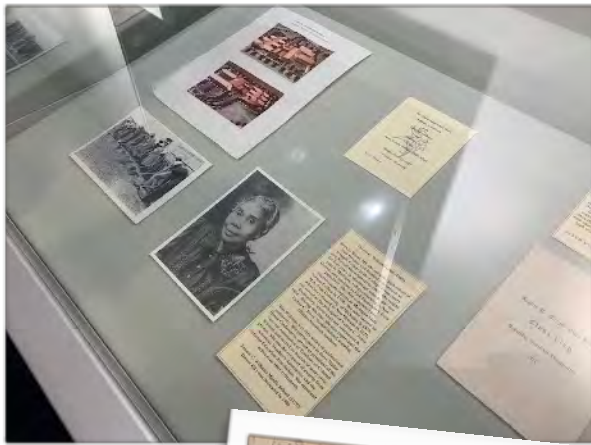
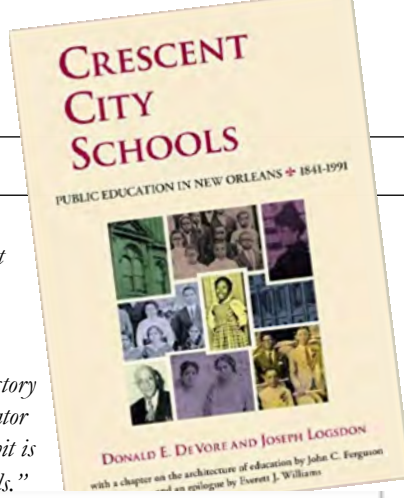
Location

Joe Brown Park
Kehoe France
TBD
TBD
Audubon Park

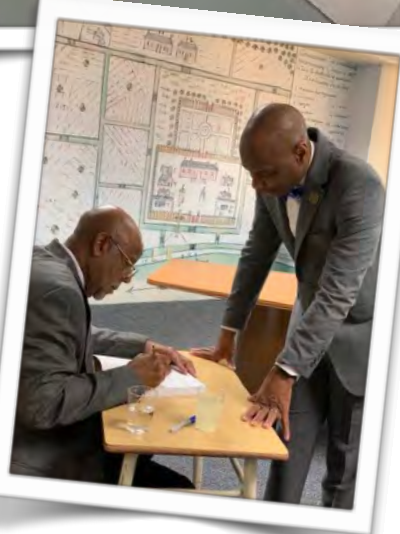
*Tournaments will begin April 29-May 3 for girls; May 6-10 for boys.

Cover of the book, "Crescent City Schools . . ." a complete history of the first 150 years of NOPS (right).

Display case (below) on the 4th floor of UNO's library containing the image and story of Fannie C. Williams, outstanding educator of 20th century New Orleans. The exhibit is entitled "Women in Orleans Parish Schools."



Current Superintendent of New Orleans Public Schools, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr. (right) awaits his autographed copy of "Crescent City Schools . . ." from the author Donald E. DeVore. Dr. Lewis began his tenure as superintendent on March 18, 2015. He is one of New Orleans schools' youngest superintendents ever. Before coming to New Orleans, he was superintendent for East Feliciana Parish. His classroom experience includes seven years as a teacher in St. Bernard Parish Schools.



New Orleans Public Schools, 178 Years & The Legacy of Fannie C. Williams

New Orleans Public School recently celebrated a birthday—its 178th year of existence on Tuesday, March 26th.

A reception and book giveaway was held at the University of New Orleans—Celebrating New Orleans Public Schools: A Reception and Book Give-away took place in the Earl K. Long Library at UNO.

The book giveaway included a copy of the tome, "Crescent City Schools: Public Education in New Orleans, 1841-1991" by Donald E. DeVore and the late Joseph Logsdon. Originally published in 1991, the book tells the history of public school education in New Orleans, among the first in the Deep South.

UNO's Long Library is also the host site of New Orleans Public School archives. It contains hundreds of items that make up the history of New Orleans Public Schools.

No story regarding NOPS can be told without mentioning our namesake—Fannie Cornelia Williams. How fitting that her birthday week coincides with that of NOPS.

Miss Williams was born in Biloxi, Mississippi on Thursday, March 23, 1882. A quest to continue her education brought her to New Orleans to complete high school and attend college. She played a pivotal role in the education and practices of African American children in the city's 7th Ward at Valena C. Jones School and ultimately the entire city of New Orleans. A display commemorating outstanding Women in New Orleans Public Education includes Miss Williams, of course.

On hand at the reception were the past, present, and future of NOPS. Retirees, current teachers and administration, and future teachers in training, were in attendance. Great way to spend an evening! ###

8th Graders Represent FCWCS @ Superintendent's Advisory Council

Congratulations!

The Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) held its inaugural summit on Saturday, April 6th.

The group is being developed to bring student leaders from all over New Orleans to explore the unique educational opportunities here in the city, collaborate with their peers on issues that are essential to their well-being and to discuss matters with the district's top decision makers.

Student leaders in grades 7th-12th convened at the meeting site, McDonogh No. 35 High School on Cadillac Street.

Principal Batiste was asked to identify two student leaders that would represent FCWCS. Representing Fannie C. well were scholars I. Gayton and K. Reese (pictured l to r). Thanks Warriors. ###





Oops! We made a mistake . . .
In our last issue of the **WARRIOR NEWS**, we indicated that **Even our bulletin boards teach**, especially during February! However, we displayed a picture of the wrong 3rd Place Bulletin Board Winner (**Voices of Soul**, 2nd Grade Team: Lindsey, Petty, and Grey). The **WARRIOR NEWS** regrets the error. ###



MARCH/APRIL 2019

LEAPing 4 Mastery! The 4th Grade Team (below) sports their new t-shirts on the first day of testing for their students. Pictured (l to r): Harris, Jones, Kelly, Boudreaux, Joseph, and Toledano.



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

April is Meningitis Awareness Month. What is it? Meningitis is a serious condition that is caused by an infection that leads to the swelling of the membrane surrounding the spinal cord and the brain. Left untreated it can cause death. Most people in the U.S. with the disease were infected through viral, bacteria, parasites, and fungal organisms. Obviously, it has many causes. Bacterial tends to be the most dangerous, with the ability to cause a quick death. The vaccines mentioned below offer protection against this type of meningitis.

Teens and young adults should be vaccinated against this killer. The MenB vaccine is approved for kids over the age of 10. They may receive the MCV4 if they are:

- between 11 and 15 years old, with a booster shot after five years;
- after 16 years, no booster needed, but vaccines are better earlier than later;
- college freshmen who have never been diagnosed or missed their booster shots;
- thought to need extra protection by their doctor because of an immune system disorder or a damaged spleen.

Your doctor can give you more information about this disease and offer you advice for your child's particular circumstances. Visit the website www.healthline.com for additional information. ###



8th Grade Budget Past Due

The 8th Grade Closing Activities Budget final payment should have been submitted to Dean Daigle by March 15th. The **\$125.00** budget takes care of all expenses affiliated with the culminating activities for our 8th Graders (Career Day, Game Day/ Picnic, Bowling, Community Day of Service and the Promotional Exercise on May 10th).

Questions? Call Dean Daigle at 504.373.6228. ###



Myles Scott was last month's winner! Congratulations Myles & Mom!

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. 12) 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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Do you have an 8th grader leaving us or a scholar who has outgrown their FCWCS uniform? We're seeking male & female uniforms . . .

Used Uniform Drive

Kids outgrow uniforms, older students leave, headed to high school or parents move their home to another community. All these examples will produce uniforms that can no longer be used at your child's new school. Our counseling department will gladly take them off your hands and provide them with a new home!

We've had students to lose everything in a house fire, students who have arrived from out-of-town with literally just the clothes

on their backs, kids have "accidents" at school—there are zillions of reasons why we can always use spare uniforms.

As soon as they are not needed, bag them and send them to us (the school nurse, deans, counselors will accept them). We appreciate your kindness and so will the kid who is just trying to "fit in" as a Warrior!

P.S. Please come by and check out the **Lost and Found**—it's growing! ###

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. ###

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Call: 504.469.1277



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

NEEDED!

MYLES SCOTT's Mom read the last issue of the **WARRIOR NEWS**, earning him an entry in the monthly drawing!

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 **March/April 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 _____