

# WARRIOR NEWS



Thurs., October 17th -  
Mon., October 21st!  
Classes resume on Tues.,  
October 22nd @ 8 am!

## FANNIE C. WILLIAMS CHARTER SCHOOL

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Annual Fall Book Fair—Sept. 30-Oct. 4



## Selling The Joy of Books & Reading

Every Fall (and Spring) you can anticipate our librarian, Mrs. LeBlanc, turning FCWCS's Library into a haven for book lovers of all ages.

The Scholastic truck rolls onto campus and unloads this year's treasure trove of books. Mrs. LeBlanc (with help from an assortment of co-workers, usually Ms. Dent, Mr. Britt and Mrs. Johnson) begin to turn the library and the hallway into something magical involving this year's theme.

The first day of the Book Fair you will always find adults on campus in costume (kudos to Mrs. C. Lewis who never misses an opportunity to appear in costume)—anything to pique the interest of our students into finding joy in the pages of books!

Mrs. LeBlanc has a special talent for selling the joy of books and reading to all Warriors. Thank you Mrs. LeBlanc. Awww reading, one of life's great pleasures and an investment in the future. ###



October 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of our Board of Directors (C.L.A.S.S.) and the school's administration efforts to keep you informed, my message this month is in regards to the charter renewal process for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Our school, Fannie C. Williams Charter, will be in the renewal cycle in two years (2021-2022).** NOLA Public Schools will also reach out to you soon to notify you of this important item on our upcoming calendar.

When we first started as a charter, we were governed by the Recovery School District. As of July 1, 2018, all charter schools are under NOLA Public Schools (OPSB). As part of our New Orleans Public School System, all charter schools participate in a routine evaluation process during the last year of their charter operating agreement, which is usually referred to as "renewal." The operating agreement is between the school's charter governing board (C.L.A.S.S.) and the Orleans Parish School Board.

The OPSB will use the Charter School Accountability Framework as the foundation to make its decision regarding our renewal. There will also be a review as to how well we have compiled with federal, state, local laws and policy. Our school performance score (SPS-56.2, D) will also be paramount in this renewal effort.

Parents can get additional information about OPSB's renewal standards at the link listed below:

<https://opsb.us/schools/charter-school-performance-framework/>.

This link belongs to the Charter School Accountability Framework (see pages 5-8).

As always, we appreciate your entrusting your child(ren) with us. We will continue to collaborate with parents and the community to make FCWCS a positive place to learn and grow for all children in our care.

—Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO

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**Saturday,  
November 16,  
2019**  
**FINISH the  
job!**



### Upcoming Parent-Teacher Conference

2nd Conference:

**Wed., November 13th, 4-6 pm**

(NO After Care or After School Program on this day because of conference). ###

### Attendance Counts

All students can learn—but they must be present to do so!

In order to be eligible for promotion, students will need to be in attendance a minimum of 159 days out of the 169 days in the school year. After the 3rd absence, your child's teacher will reach out to you to discover what the problem is. Teachers will contact the school's social worker Mrs. Aziz if the problem is not resolved.  
###

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS**

*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 grades are perfect—all A's!

Parents are asked to be a motivator, monitor, provider, and routine establisher for their child regarding homework assignments. ###

### 2019-2020 Report Cards Issued Days

(Cards issued to students in the Warrior Folder)

1st Q – Mon., **October 28th**

2nd Q – Mon., **January 13th**

3rd Q – Mon., **March 23rd**

4th Q – Thurs., **May 21st** (last day of school)

### Academic Quarters

1st Q – Aug. 12th - Oct. 11 (42 days)

2nd Q – Oct. 14 - Dec. 19 (41)

3rd Q – Jan. 7 - Mar. 13 (42)

4th Q – Mar. 16 - May 21 (44) = 169 days

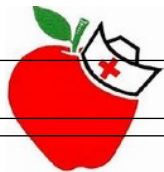
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*Did you know you can access your child's attendance and grades by going to:*

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







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

Dear Warrior Parents

It's that time of year when you should be making plans to have your family immunized for the flu.

I know there are many who proudly profess each year that they do not get flu shots. That's quite a gamble. The flu is a disease that infects the respiratory tract. In the US, we have more than 3 million cases per year. It is transmitted through the air, but can be prevented by the vaccine. So your chances of being infected are great.

You will never forget the seven days or so you will spend with the flu! Your case may be mild to severe. The flu can cause death—especially in the very young and the elderly (*continues on page 9*).

### FCWCS Grading Scales (Grades 1-8)

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	GPA Range
A	93-100	3.5-4.0
B	85-92	2.5-3.4
C	75-84	1.5-2.4
D	70-74	1.0-1.4
F	60-69	Below 1.0

**After Care  
Program @  
FCWCS**  
**\$30.00 per week, per  
child (Monday-Friday),  
3:00 pm - 5:15 pm.**

**Transportation is  
provided Monday -  
Thursday; parent  
pick-up on Fridays.**

Light, healthy snacks  
provided.

Must be pre-registered  
and fees paid before  
staying (cash or mo).

Call Dean Sisco for  
further info  
(504.373.6228). ###



### Upcoming Campus Events October

- 10 Pre-K Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch
- 10 Volleyball Game vs. Morris Jeff, 4 pm @ Warrior Gym
- 11 1st Quarter Ends (42 days)
- 12 Cross Country Meet, City Park, 8 am
- 14-17 Flag Football Championship Games @ St. Mary Magdalen, Metairie, 4 pm
- 15 Immunization Bus on Campus
- 16 FCWCS Goes Pink Volleyball Game for Cancer
- 17-21 Fall Break, NO SCHOOL
- 21-25 Red Ribbon Week (Saying NO to Drugs and Bullying)
- 22 School Resumes Today, Breakfast Served at 7:20-7:50 am
- 23 Club Day
- 24 8th Grade Field Trip to Whitney Plantation
- 24 Pre-K Field Trip to Sugar Roots Farm
- 24 C.L.A.S.S. Board Mtg., 6:30 pm, FCWCS Campus
- 25-26 Volleyball Playoffs, Site: TBD
- 26 Cross Country Meet, City Park
- 28 1st Quarter Report Cards Issued to Students in Warrior Folder
- 29 6th Grade Field Trip to Laser Tag
- 30 7th Grade Field Trip to Audubon Aquarium
- 31 Trunk or Treat/Boo Fest

### November

- 1 First Quarter Awards Assembly, Time: TBA
- 12 9th Annual High School Night, 8th Graders and Parents, Time: TBA
- 13 2nd Quarter Progress Report Parent & Teacher Conferences., Time: 4-6 pm (*no aftercare today*)
- 20 LEAP Parent Meeting, 9:00 am
- 22 World's Finest Chocolate Sale Ends
- 25-29 Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL

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### Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education has helped our school raise more than \$3000 in the last six years. Each coupon is worth .10 for the school's coffers.

Parents, please look for these coupons on products you buy and send them to your child's homeroom teacher. They will forward them to Mrs. LeBlanc, the librarian, who's at the helm of this endeavor. Thank you! ###

*All Warriors Should Follow the 4Ps Daily—*

**Our students are always: PROMPT, POLITE,  
PREPARED & PRODUCTIVE** on campus,  
on the bus, and at home! ###

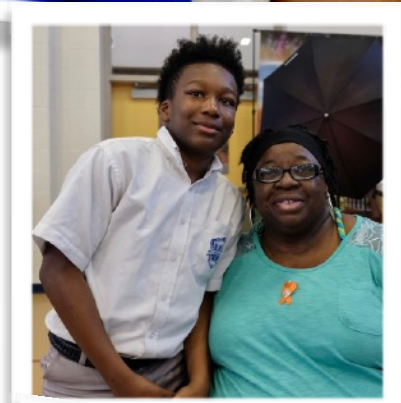






Grandparents' Day—October 4, 2019

## We Are Many Branches of One Tree!



A Grandparent is . . .  
A little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and  
a little bit Best Friend!.

—Ronald Smith, Grade 6

Dear Grandma,

I love you so much. I love every time I come  
by your house and we watch *Lifetime Movies*  
and cook lunch and dinner for Grandpa.  
Though you have other grandchildren and I  
get jealous and upset, I still love you from  
the moon and back. Happy Grandparent's  
Day!

Love,

Sanai Durel, Grade 6

Grandparents' Day is always a  
happy morning activity on our  
campus.

In the Warrior Café, scores of  
Warriors await the arrival of some  
of their favorite people in the  
world—their grandparents!

This year's audience of  
“seasoned” visitors was about 180  
strong. As always, we appreciate  
you coming to visit and expect to  
see you again next year. ###



*A student favorite since 2015!*



**We're working hard to make our 5th Annual Trunk or Treat bigger and better! Boo Fest has been added this year to our festivities on October 31st.**

**We need parent/guardian volunteers to decorate their cars and hand out candy.** There will be prizes for the best decorated cars. If you are unable to participate with your vehicle, please consider donating a bag of candy to make this event a success! Flyers were sent home in the Warrior Folder. **Did you return your copy with your yes or no response?**

Trunk or Treat is **FREE** for Pre-K through 5th graders to enjoy!

**Boo Fest guests will need a wristband** (provides students with **UNLIMITED** rides and attractions—wristband do not include food purchases).



**A HAUNTINGLY Great Time**  
for ALL WARRIORS: **PRE-K - 8TH**  
Thursday, October 31st

**Wristbands \$8.00** (if purchased by Thursday, Oct. 25; **\$10.00** if purchased on October 31st) **CASH ONLY**  
**UNLIMITED RIDES or ATTRACTIONS** with the Wristband Purchase!

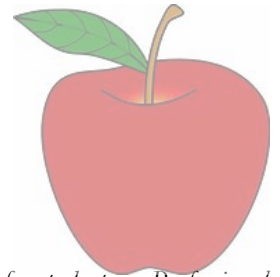
**Concessions will be sold** (not included in the wristband purchase)  
Cotton Candy—Hot Dogs—Nachos—  
Chips—Candy—Pickles—Drinks



## Professional Development Days (PDs) 2019-2020

Friday, August 30th  
Friday, September 27th  
Friday, December 20th  
Friday, January 31st  
Friday, February 21st  
Friday, March 27th

*(Remember: there is NO SCHOOL for students on Professional Development Days. Classes resume the following Monday).*



## Candy Sale Ends

**Friday, November 22nd**

*Each \$60.00 box nets \$30.00 for FCWCS*  
Thanks to all the salespeople helping us!



**School Holidays**  
2019-2020

*Parents, mark your calendars—the following days are school holidays, no classes will be in session!*

**September 2—Labor Day**

**October 17-21 - Fall Break**

**November 25-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday**

**December 20-January 3 - Winter Break**

**January 20 - MLK, Jr. Birthday**

**February 21-28 - Mardi Gras Break**

**April 9-14 - Spring Break**

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2nd Annual Athletic Department/Saturday, October 5, 2019

## 3K "Bubble" Fund Run/Walk

Thanks to our sponsors for making it happen . . .

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WN's  
editor.*





2nd Annual Athletic Department/Saturday, October 5, 2019

## 3K "Bubble" Fund Run/Walk

Fannie's 2nd Annual Fund Run/Walk happened on a humid, hot Saturday morning. The temperature would eventually reach 91° by late morning. Not exactly race weather!

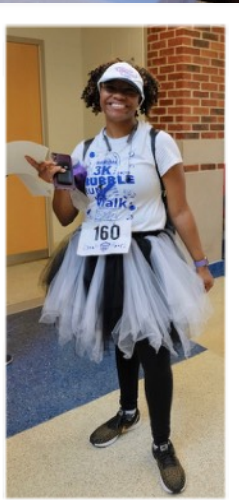
Race organizers—Coaches Batiste and Green, and their plethora of helpers—were out bright and early, getting shirts, race bibs, fruit, water, and finishing certificates ready. Of course, the men of Community Legion were on hand stressing the importance of registering to vote.

Tents went up for our sponsors—Rich Girl Collective, Walgreens, and Community Legion. NOPD on cycles were in place and the Warrior Band played a tune or two and the race was on.

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The 1.86 miles had our best runners returning in about 20-25 minutes. The top runners were:  
1. Dominic (#1 in first race last year); 2. Akiem; 3. Jaylen; 4. Graciela (pictured below right).

Thanks to all who contributed to this event—you helped to support our athletic teams—volleyball, cross country, flag football, and basketball. ###



Scenes from the 2nd Annual 3K Fund Run, pages 6 & 7.

We appreciate candidate for House District 99, Adonis Exposé pg. 6, bottom right) and his team for stopping by.

Also, our District E Councilwoman Cyndi Nguyen came by to give her support.

Mrs. Batiste, Coach Green and friends (right).



FCWCS's Webmaster L. Smith III and family confer with Councilwoman Nguyen on right.





Thurs., October 10, 2019—Ms. Penny Johnson, Teacher

## 8th Grade Louisiana History Cultural Research Presentation

As the 1st quarter came to a close, students in Ms. Ward's Social Studies class zeroed in on completing their research project in Louisiana History, A Cultural Presentation.

Researchers in both 8th grade classes, studied the cultural diversity in the metro New Orleans area. Students spent several weeks studying the history and contributions of African Americans, Vietnamese, Italians, Creoles, Germans, and the Islenos.

Oral presentations, accompanied by a PowerPoint, and Q & A sessions were presented to invited staff members. Students also served refreshments with Louisiana roots—root beer (sweetened with Louisiana cane sugar), poor boy sandwiches, Zapp's Potato Chips, and homemade pralines. What a great way to finish off a grading period.

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*All learning doesn't take place in the classroom . . .*

## Green Thumbs Abound in Room 1305



The **WN** discovered these budding gardeners outside surveying their pumpkin plants.

Under the direction of Ms. C. Varnado, the team was spotted moving their plants to a spot with more favorable sunlight. Evidently, they had the right combination of sunlight, soil, and nutrients. Louisiana soil is not known for being overly favorable to pumpkin seeds—too much moisture. But don't tell these future farmers, they seem to know what they are doing! Good job guys!!!

###







Jordan and 4th graders (above) are all smiles for the WTN lens on September 10th. Pre-K students (right) arrive for their Physical Ed. class and recognized Jordan as he exists the gym. Everyone got a dap.



## New Orleans Saints Cam Jordan (#94) Visits Sept. 10

If you visit our website ([fcwcs.org](http://fcwcs.org)), you know that we had the privilege of welcoming Saints player Cam Jordan to campus.

C.L.A.S.S. Board Member Brenda Minor had the “hookup” and brought him here “bright and early” the day after that awesome Monday night thriller against the Texans (30-28).

Motivational speaker Jordan did a great job bringing a message regarding education to our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. The message was not about football, but about the importance of reading, doing homework, and preparing for the future.

He kept about 100 Warriors spell-bound! Not an easy task, but Jordan at 6’4” is hard to miss!

Thank you Mr. Jordan and Board Member Brenda Minor. We appreciate your efforts regarding our Warriors. ###

Great Field Trips—Our students are never too young to learn the joys of books & reading...  
Tolliver & Singleton Classes Visit the Children’s Resource Center Library



**There’s nothing like a great teacher**—especially your first teacher ever! It lays the perfect foundation for the next 13 years.

We’ve got two educators on staff that ‘fit that bill’—Mrs. Tolliver and Ms. Singleton. **Primary educators extraordinaire.**

Their students always receive a **great start** for next year’s kindergarten class.

They are often exposed to the classroom—an educational setting—for the first time.

In this **nurturing environment**, they are also getting accustomed to interacting with their classmates—socialization skills are being developed.

Thanks ladies for all you do . . .

Photos by Ms. A. Singleton, Thank you! ###





FLU  
SHOT

from the desk of Nurse Robichaux

(continued from page 3)

**How will you know you have the flu?** You will begin to feel bad rather quickly, instead of gradually like a cold. You will probably have a high fever, headache, muscle aches, coughing, a sore throat, and extreme fatigue. Some individuals will even experience nausea or vomiting, a stuffy nose and the chills. Expect this to last at least five days. It will take your body several weeks to feel normal again.

**Is it possible to get the flu after taking the shot?** Yes, but it is often not as severe as it would be if you had not been immunized at all. There are many strains of the flu. Doctors immunize according to which version they think will be the most prevalent for this flu season. So you can have been inoculated for a version that was not part of this year's vaccine. But remember, your odds are that you will not suffer as severely if you had the flu shot.

#### Why is winter considered the flu season?

We spend more time in close quarters (inside) with each other during colder months. The flu can be spread by being near someone coughing or sneezing and sending virus-filled droplets into the air you breathe. You can also touch something—door handles, computers, chairs, etc. that someone who has the disease touched. You then put your hands into your nose, eyes or mouth and now you got it! That is why we stress the importance of washing hands and/or sanitizing hands to our Warriors on campus.

Let's keep everybody healthy this season. Take the entire family to the drug store or the doctor and get them immunized. The shots are free with insurance (private or SNAP). Healthy children learn better!

Source: webmd.com

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*Dad Jamaal Amadee (left), father of two Warriors, recruits fathers (uncles, older brothers, grandfathers—father figures—) for our Dad's Club during this year's Annual Grandparents' Day Celebration. We're looking for a few good men!*

#### Dad's Club Seeking A Few Good Men . . .

#### Men of Substance, We Know You're Out There!

Too often men-of-color get a bad rap about not being in their child's life. However, we see dads, uncles, grandfathers, teachers, community leaders and even older brothers step up to the plate. They're part of the 'village' that protects our young ones. I call them 'men of substance' and they can be found often on our campus, taking part in the activities of our school family.

We are asking these guys to formally join our **Dad's Club**. You can even pick the activity or two that you can volunteer for—we know you're busy. How do you join? Mr. Phillip Britt, the art teacher can give you all the information you need.

You can reach him at 504.373.6228 and leave a message. A 'man of substance' himself, he will call you back when he's not instructing our Warriors in the joys of Visual Art. ###



#### No more searching for the **WARRIOR NEWS** in child's book bag!

Parents/Guardians you can now read the

**WARRIOR NEWS** on your smartphone, home computer, or tablet!

All we need is your e-mail address!

If you've been a reader of the **WN** previously, you know the back of the newsletter always encouraged you to enter your child in a contest. All you had to do was to **read** the **WN**, sign this slip and return it to school. We've simplified the process this year! Make sure FCWCS has a **valid e-mail** address for you and Principal Batiste will automatically e-mail you a digital copy of this newsletter each month. **The first parent to read the WN (we can tell), son/daughter will be that month's winner!** Simple? We think so! Don't forget to read the entire **WN**. It's our way of keeping you in touch with all the positive things going on in Warrior Land! ###

School news  
at your fingertips







### 2019 Marching Warriors, Krewe of Boo

The Marching Warriors, under the direction of Mr. Dedrick Bray, will make their debut in the Krewe of Boo on Saturday, October 16, 2019.

The parade begins at 6:30 pm and will start on Elysian Fields in the Marigny and proceed through the French Quarter, passing N. Peters and Decatur Streets to Jackson Square. It continues through the Warehouse District to the Convention Center. ###



### Songbird Jordan Continues Development of 'Voices' of FCWCS

In September 2011, the music program was revitalized by the school's administration. Thaddeus Petit and the late Kitty Wright came on board to lead our music program.

Wright passed away in August 2015 and the hunt was on to find a replacement. Ms. Stephanie Jordan, a gifted singer from a musical family, has taken on the mantle to develop the young voices of FCWCS into a choir and nurture an appreciation of the human voice as an instrument.



If you attend any program at Fannie, you are guaranteed a song or two by the **Voices of Fannie C.** Grandparents' Day, Donuts for Dad, Muffins for Mom, Celebration in the Oaks and the Audubon Zoo Lights are just a few of their annual gigs.

Her classes usually attend professional musical events, such as symphonic concerts. A trip last year to the city's Jazz Museum proved to also be very popular with students who attended.

Thanks Ms. Jordan for all your efforts developing our future songbirds. ###

### Enrichment Team Spends Saturday with Who D'art and Artistic Warriors

Members of the Enrichment Team—Britt, LeBlanc, Jordan, and Bray—dedicated a Saturday to a field trip. With a bus load of kids, the group attended the Who D'art Event, sponsored by attorney Juan LaFonta at Mardi Gras World. More than 500 students from the metro area took part in the event. The session took place Saturday, September 21st.

The group toured the massive facility of Blaine Kern, float builders. They were instructed by world renowned artist Richard Thomas. Did some art work (some of it was quite good). Had an opportunity to do a little bounce dancing and was treated to a BBQ lunch from Crescent City BBQ.

Great job Enrichment Team and artists. ###



Photo by Phillip Britt. Thanks!





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*Cooler weather coming soon . . .*

**Buy your scholar an official  
FCWCS Sweatshirt:**

**Youth sizes: \$15.00**

**Adult sizes: \$20.00**

**T-Shirts are also available  
for \$10.00.** Students can wear  
t-shirts on Friday for School  
Spirit Day (*cash or money orders  
only—no checks!*)

See Mrs. B. Watson (main office)  
to make your purchase!

**DON'T FORGET TO PLACE  
YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON  
THE LABEL! ###**



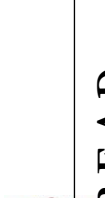
Send all of these valuable  
coupons to our librarian, Mrs.  
LeBlanc.

Each one is worth **10 cents** for our  
school's treasury. We have collected  
more than \$3000. of these since  
the inception of this endeavor!  
Thank-you! ###

## 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. ###



**READ . . .  
IT DOES A MIND GOOD!**

**FCWCS is a  
POSITIVE PLACE  
TO  
LEARN & GROW**

*Thank you for entrusting your  
child(ren) with the professional  
educators on our campus!*

*"The more you read  
the more things you know.  
The more that you learn  
the more places you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss*



*Warrior Sweatshirts, perfect for those  
cool Fall mornings and air-conditioned  
classrooms!*

## Our School Year

2019-2020

Monday, **August 15**, 2019

through

Wednesday, **May 21**, 2020

**169 days**

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**B & L**

## Transportation

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

**Call: 504.444.1063 or  
504.373.6228** (Dean Sisco)

## The 4 Ps

Our Warriors are always—  
**PROMPT, POLITE,  
PREPARED and  
PRODUCTIVE!**



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reading in your scholar—  
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