



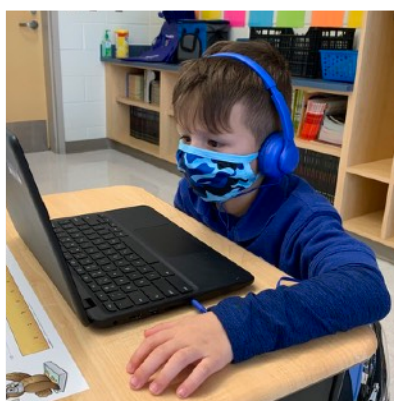
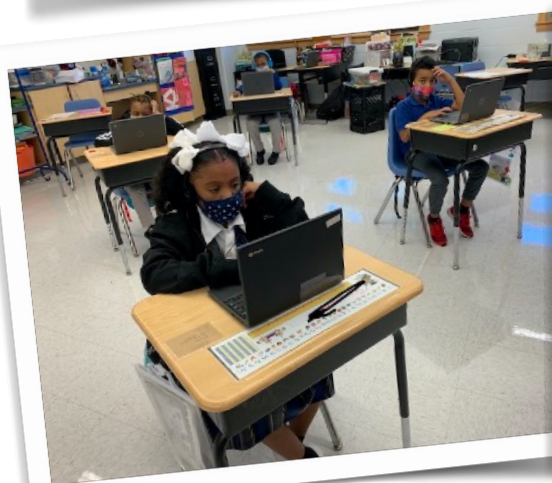
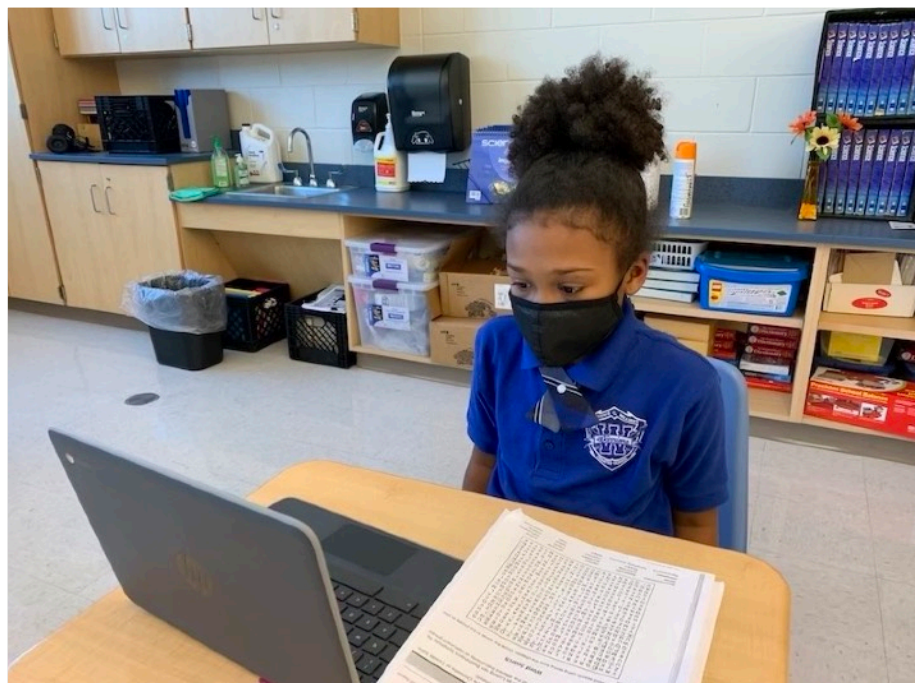
WARRIOR NEWS

**FANNIE C. WILLIAMS
CHARTER SCHOOL**

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Election Day is Tues., November 3rd.
6 am - 8 pm



2020-2021

Fannie C. Williams Charter School Chromebook Repair Costs

Repair Needed	Cost for Repair
Replace keys on the keyboard (not a keyboard replacement)	\$10.00
Headphones broke off in jack (if motherboard isn't damaged)	\$20.00
Damage cord	\$10.00
Lost Cord	\$10.00
Broken LCD screen	\$40.00
Body/Hinge replacement	\$50.00
Keyboard replacement	\$30.00
Dropped Chromebook	\$50.00
Lost, stolen or willful damage to Chromebook	\$150.00

What is a Chromebook? A Chromebook is an affordable laptop computer that has become an essential tool for schools in this era of distant learning. It uses the Chrome Operating System.

What an undertaking, providing more than 500 students with Chromebooks so that they could access their distant learning instruction in the Spring of 2020.

Our Technology Coordinator, Carla Lewis, was able to secure enough devices and hotspots so that students could finish the 4th quarter of 2019-2020. That proved gratuitous, because Chromebooks became the in demand devices all over the Metro area.

Our school now has 1:1 access of Chromebooks for our students. That means every student enrolled has their own personal device. Please help your child to understand the importance of keeping their device clean and in good working order.

On the top of this page is a list illustrating the cost of repairing or replacing the Chromebook. It is important that we keep the Chromebooks in good working order. We need them! ###

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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Principal's Message

October 16, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are into our 2nd Quarter of learning, 1/4 of the year has flown by. I have a few items that I would like to mention to you. They are as follows:

1. **Car riders should not leave your car until a staff member takes their temperature** (see pg. 3 of this newsletter).
2. **We cannot have kids entering the building before 7:30 am.** Staff arrives at 7:20 am.
3. **Dismissal begins at 2:45 pm.** Please be prompt to pick your child up here or at the bus stop.
4. Impress upon your child the importance of the **mask, clean hands, and social distancing.**
5. **Chromebooks are important tools for learning** on campus and especially at home, keep them in good working condition. Avoid having students drinking and eating while using them. They are not toys.
6. **It is important to get the flu shot this year.** COVID-19 and the flu have many of the same symptoms. Eliminate all guess work of what your illness may be.
7. **Keep abreast of what's happening** by reading the **WN**, accessing the website (fcwcs.org), reading Class DoJo, taking part in school surveys. Thanks for entrusting your child(ren) with us.

—Mrs. K. Batiste, Principal/ CEO

Upcoming Campus Events

October

- 14 2nd Quarter Begins;** Hybrid (virtual and in person) begins today for Middle School. Welcome 7th Graders!
- 23** FCWCS Goes Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- 26-30** LEAP 360/Study Island Interim #1

November

- 3 Election Day** (NO instruction today, virtual or in-school!)
- 16** iReady/DIBELS Progress Monitoring
- 18 Immunization Day @ FCWCS,** Flu Shots offered to Staff (with insurance) and to students (with or without insurance). Parental consent will be needed.
- 23-27** Thanksgiving Break; Classes resume on November 30



Questions & Concerns?
email me @

info@fcwcs.org

—Mrs. K. Batiste, Principal



Breakfast is served in your child's classroom each morning 7:30 - 7:55 am. Students arriving late may miss out on this important meal of the day! **Instruction begins at 8:00 am!**



Is your child a finicky eater? Check the **menu for breakfast and lunch** for the month at fcwcs.org

Important info for Fannie Families . . .

School website
fcwcs.org

Changing your contact info
(home address, phone, e-mail)
enrollment@fcwcs.org

Questions & Concerns
info@fcwcs.org

School Office Phone
504.373.6228

School Fax #
504. 245.2796

Bus Concerns (Dean Sisco)
504.444.1063

Chromebook Tech Support

techsupport@fcwcs.org
7:30 am - 3 pm (M-F)

See: fcwcs.org for additional info on Chromebook Issues

Monthly Breakfast/Lunch Menu

fcwcs.org (HOME Page)

Professional Development Days

(no virtual or in-school instruction)

Friday, Aug. 28th
Friday, Sept. 25
Friday, Jan. 29th
Friday, Feb. 12th
Friday, Mar. 26th

Homework Assistance (State of Louisiana)

<http://homeworkla.org>

Breakfast Served

(in classroom)
7:20 am - 7:50 am

Early Dismissal Ends @ 2:15 pm
Regular Dismissal Times
Pre-K - 8th Grades
2:45 pm
Please be on time!

Hybrid Schedule (Grades 5-8)
Mon., Grade 5; Tues., Grade 6; Wed., Grade 7; Thurs., Grade 8
Middle School students will be on campus ONLY on the days above (one day per w/e). The other four days are at home, virtual instructions.

Grading Quarters 2020-2021

The 2020-2021 school year is divided into four (4) academic quarters:

- 1st Quarter** - August 10 - October 8 (44 days)
- 2nd Quarter** - October 14 - Dec. 17 (44 days)
- 3rd Quarter** - January 4 - March 12 (42 days)
- 4th Quarter** - March 12 - May 21 (45 days)
- Instructional Day (Mon. - Fri.)**
Virtual & In-school
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Attendance Requirements 2020-2021
Must be present **159 of 169 days** in the school year (State of Louisiana requirement for virtual and in-school instruction).

New Orleans Public Schools
504.365.8730

Visit NOLA Public Schools for additional information . . .
<https://nolapublicschools.com/covidtracker>



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



October 16, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

There are a few things we need to advise you of in dealing with **COVID-19** and kids attending school.

1. Sick children **cannot** come to school.
2. Be on the lookout for COVID-19 symptoms. They include, but are not limited to:

- fever greater of 100.4 F
- shortness of breath
- chest pain
- dry cough
- body aches
- diarrhea, nausea
- loss of taste/smell
- other flu or cold like symptoms.

Seek medical attention immediately.

In case of emergency, dial 9-1-1.

3. Close contacts will be notified immediately with instructions on how to proceed. Next steps are evaluated on a case by case basis.

4. Symptoms for children may appear as the following:

- fever
- fatigue
- headache
- myalgia (muscle pain)
- cough
- nasal congestion or running nose
- shortness breath or difficult in breathing
- abdominal pain
- diarrhea
- nausea or vomiting
- poor appetite or poor tasting

Students who do not show these symptoms but have been in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a total of 15 minutes or more) with a person with lab confirmed COVID or probable infection must remain home for 10 days. **There will be no academic penalties for missing days. You will need to communicate information to the school staff regarding the missed days** (talk to us before sending your child to school).

5. NOTICE these symptoms mirror the annual FLU! How will you know the difference? Flu shots are very important

this year! The State of Louisiana will provide them to us on November 18.

They will be offered to our staff (insurance card needed) and to students (with *or* without insurance). **Parental consent will be needed. I will send the necessary information to you at a later date.**

6. Please remember to continue all immunizations and well-child care.

Healthcare workers will work with you to keep children up to date with all recommended vaccinations, especially with influenza (flu) vaccination for the 2020-2021 season (see #5).

7. Parents, don't forget yourself!

Mammograms, Pap Smears, **your** flu shots, A1C checkups, etc. should all continue, even during a pandemic.

8. Check New Orleans Public Schools websites for COVID-19 in our schools, updated every Thursday @ 4 pm:

<https://nolapublicschools.com/covidtracker>

Please call me, **Nurse Robichaux**, (9 am-2:30 pm) with your concerns or questions. Phone: 504.373.6228 ###



Did you know public water fountains (like those at schools) have been turned off during the global pandemic?

Please send your scholar to school with a bottle or two of water each day. If more is needed, we have a limited supply on hand.

Every person—adults and students— must wear a mask while in the building. We are following the protocols as set by the Center for Disease Control to combat COVID-19. Before your child leaves home each morning, make sure they have their mask!



Parents of car riders are asked to wait with your child in the car if you arrive before 7:30 am. Faculty is scheduled to arrive at 7:20 am and need time to get into place before kids enter the building. Remember, staff will come to your car to take your child's temperature. We appreciate you not sending sick kids to school. We're working hard to keep all safe!

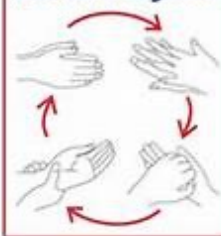
STEP 1

Apply one squirt



STEP 2

Rub hands together



STEP 3

Rub until dry



FYI (for your information) . . .

What body temperature will warrant a student or adult's removal from school?

Any student or adult entering the building must have their temperature taken. Anyone having a temperature of 100.4° will not be allowed on campus.

Employees will return home. Car riders will return home with their parents (that's why their temps are taken before their parents leave the campus).

Bus riders temps are taken upon entering the building. If the temperature is 100.4° or greater, **they are escorted to the isolation room** and the temperature is retaken in 30 minutes with another type of device. They will be asked if they have been in contact with anyone who has had a fever, were coughing, etc., (hopefully, the answer will be no). **If it is still elevated, parents will be notified and they will have to come and pick them up immediately.** Students will have to remain home until the fever subsides. ###

*These are trying times for all of us!
Sometimes we may need a little help from our friends . . .*

HELP may only be a phone call away!
Reach out if you need it . . .

*Always dial 9-1-1 if any of these numbers
cannot be reached immediately in an emergency!*

**Useful websites and contact numbers
during COVID-19 pandemic**
cdc.gov/COVID19
louisiana.gov
ready.nola.gov
nolapublicschools.com

University of Holy Cross
*Counseling by doctoral and master's
degree candidates on the Westbank
(Algiers, LA). 504.398.2168 (M-Th, 10
am - 8 pm); HIPAA compliant*

Keep Calm Thru Covid Hotline
1-866-310-7977

National Domestic Violence
*Are you in a domestic violence
situation?*
the hotline.org/help
Hotline 1-800-799-7233
1-8007873224 (TTY)
En Español

Veteran's Crisis Line
Are you active-duty or a veteran?
1-800-273-8255
Press "1" or text 838255 from your
mobile phone to chat, 24 hours, 7 days a
week (24/7)

Mental Health Information
nigh.nih.gov

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
*Are you suicidal, professional
counselors here waiting to talk?*
1-800-273-8255, 24/7 (all day, every day
at all times the phones are manned)

National Drug Helpline
*Are you struggling with substance abuse
or an addiction involving drug or
alcohol issues?* 1-888-633-6239

National Child Abuse Hotline
*Children, parents, and anyone
concerned about the well-being of a
child should call this number, available
24/7!*
1-800-422-4453

YWCA Rape Crisis Hotline
504-483-8888

Local Child/Elder Abuse Hotline
504-680-9000

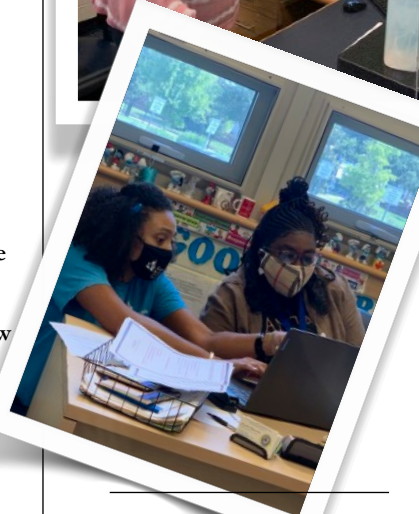
Poison Control Center
800-523-2222

**Fire, Police, Ambulance, City of
New Orleans** 9-1-1

Non-emergency NOPD Assistance
504-821-2222

**Quality of Life Issues (City of New
Orleans)** 3-1-1

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*School Personnel are
front line workers!
It takes scores of
dedicated employees
to keep our school
running for the
children of
FCWCS.*

*Pictured are members of the
cafeteria staff, Ms. A. Edwards &
Ms. S. Elzy, taking inventory
(top); our front desk Warrior, since
the beginning of our school in
2007, is Mrs. G. Johnson
(middle); counselors for mental
health and academic concerns confer
even during a pandemic to address
the needs of the scholars of
FCWCS. They are Mrs. Batiste-
Leal & Mrs. J. Edmond (bottom).*

Have you moved or changed your e-mail, home address or phone number?

Update your contact information to receive your child's
grades, surveys from the principal, this newsletter, bus info,
and other important information about our school
community! Contact Data Manager B. Lewis @
enrollment@fcwcs.org



Cooler weather is coming! Make sure your Warrior is comfortable!!!
Buy your scholar an official FCWCS Sweatshirt:
Youth sizes: \$15.00
Adult sizes: \$20.00

**Cash or Money Orders (made out to the school) only! No checks
please.**

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

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

**Louisiana In-person
Early Voting**

**Fri., Oct. 16 - Tues., Oct. 27
(excluding Sundays)**

**8 am - 7 pm
504.658.8300
5 locations (see pg. 7)**



FCWCS Pre-K Program Continues to Excel

Teachers Tolliver, Singleton & Paraprofessionals Wimberly & Allen, Wow Ladies! . . .

If you are lucky, no blessed, to have your scholar enrolled in our Pre-Kindergarten Program, consider yourself enlightened for making such a wise choice.

The state's report card for 2019-2020 overall performance is in and these four professional educators—Tolliver, Singleton, Wimberly, and Allen— have done it again. **Fannie's Program has been rated HIGH PROFICIENT (5.65 out of 7)** an increase from the previous assessment.

The assessment is based on classroom observations of teacher-child interactions. They find our educators' interactions supportive, organized, and promoting of your child's learning and development.

Let's take a look at what the state observed that has made our school's administration very proud of this program . . .

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

6.13 Excellent

State Average 5.96

Network Avg. 5.85

CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION

6.48 Excellent

State Average 5.72

Network Avg. 5.60

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

3.96 Approaching Proficient

State Average 3.93

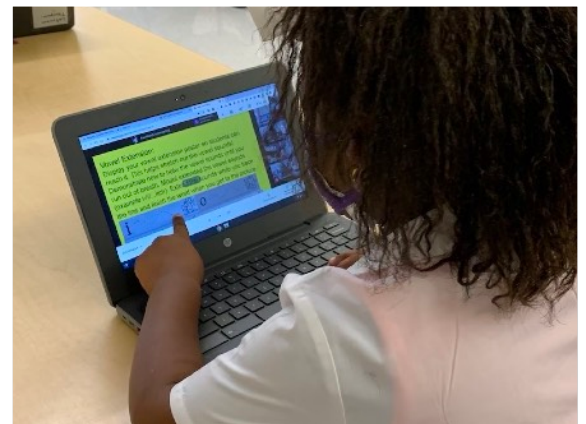
Network Average 3.42

Teacher Certification 100%

Bachelor's Degree 50%

Masters + 50%

Visit www.louisianaschools.com for more information.



Scenes from Thursday, October 15th in the educational worlds of Tolliver and Singleton. Great job ladies and students. Hard work always pays off!



Campus Sightings @ 11755 Dwyer Road

Preparing for our students keeps us all busy . . . our efforts are always worth it to us! When life gives you lemons, make lemonade! This is definitely an unusual year . . .

We work hard at Fannie!

That's Data Manager B. Lewis with the very unusual mask. Kinda' scary Mrs. Lewis!

NOPS Superintendent Henderson Lewis drops by to see how things are progressing. He is conferring with Principal Batiste (photo courtesy of NOPS).

Good hygiene keeps everybody safe. We do mask, social distancing, and hand washing as illustrated by this young man in Mrs. Tolliver's class.

Mrs. Grey's 2nd Graders (below right) have fallen in love with TumbleBooks during their Computer Lit Enrichment Class. There are over 1100 ebooks on line to read! Thanks Librarian LeBlanc.

Sometimes it takes everybody to get students into class on time. Principal Batiste on "thermometer duty" (right).

First day for Middle Schoolers and you're greeted by the Principal! Mrs. Batiste's talks to a 7th Grade student on how we are handling safety protocols on campus (below).



This 3rd grader has a creative mom . . . use a small weekend suitcase to bring your books and most importantly, your Chromebook, back and forth to school in one piece.

Chromebooks have become our #1 educational tool, definitely needed to be treasured and well-cared for by all Warriors. Thanks mom for thinking "out the box!"

**2020-2021
Enrollment**

**520 Students
Pre-K - 8**

**Total Bldg.
Learners, 2nd Q
315**

**Total Virtual
Learners, 2nd Q
205**

*See page 1 of this issue of the **WARRIOR NEWS** for the costs involved in repairing Chromebooks.*



Our bus service is provided by
B & L Transportation.

This vendor was our provider during the 2019-2020 school year. Our busses this year will be marked C.L.A.S.S. (Community Leaders Advocating for Student Success). Ms. Sisco will field questions regarding any transportation concerns @ 504.444.1063. ###



Our school culture teaches that ALL Warriors are: PROMPT, POLITE, PREPARED, and PRODUCTIVE! We call these the 4Ps!!! Please encourage this behavior at your home!

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Do your homework . . . **there's more on that ballot than the presidential race.** We're voting for: Senators, U.S. Reps, LA Supreme Court Assoc. Justices, Judges for Civil District Court, Judges for Domestic and Criminal Court, District Attorney, Juvenile Court Judge, Traffic Court Judge, School Board Members, Amendments to the State of Louisiana Constitution.

Don't skip these important races. They impact your life here in New Orleans and Louisiana. ###

Early Voting Sites Orleans Parish

- City Hall, 1300 Perdido St., #1W24
- Algiers Courthouse, 225 Morgan St., Rm. #105
- Voting Machine Warehouse, 8870 Chef Menteur Hwy.
- Lake Vista Community Center, 6500 Spanish Fort Blvd., 2nd Floor Meeting Rm.
- Smoothie King Center, 1501 Dave Dixon Drive

Oct. 16-Tues., Oct. 27
(NO Sundays); 8 am - 7 pm

Bring your picture ID!

Add'l info: 504.658.8300

Counselor's Corner



Now is the time more than ever to take care of yourself and others around you. The month of November reminds of us of the many great ways we can participate in self-care.

November 4th – #Stress Awareness Day

Everyone has stress. Some stress is good for us. It helps us to respond to changes in life. Stress is our body's way protecting itself from harm; however, too much stress causes harm to our health and relationships.

- Develop a routine to help you lessen your tension
- Go for a walk or do some deep breathing
- Get some exercise or engage in some relaxing activity you enjoy

November 13th – World Kindness Week 1 in 4 children in the U.S. experience bullying at school on a regular basis. Teaching kids to be kind to everyone, even if they're different, and to stand up to bullying when they see it, turns them into brave and kind adults.

- Commit at least three random acts of kindness today
- Show gratitude to someone today
- Show yourself grace today

November 18th - #EducationSupportProfessionalsDay

The day honors a long list of professionals who keep schools running smoothly. They include all secretaries, classroom aides, cafeteria workers, maintenance workers, bus drivers and the others that support educators, school leadership, and the students, too. These professionals do their part in making public schools great for every child so they can be safe, learn, grow and achieve.

- Give them a shout out and show them you appreciate all they do for your school and the students.
- Organize an event recognizing their achievements.
- Does your student have a favorite classroom aid or cafeteria worker? Send an extra special "thank you" their way on Class Dojo or Google Classroom.

For School Mental Health Services Please Contact:

Mrs. Vanessa Batiste-Leal: 504-330-0706
Mrs. J. Edmond: Jacqueline.edmond@fcwcs.org
Mrs. M. Aziz: Monique.aziz@fcwcs.org

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FCWCS has a Tumblebook Library subscription!

Look for this symbol on your child's "splash" page as they



log into their Chromebooks. It will take you immediately to the site. AWESOME content for kids—encourages **reading, the FUNDAMENTAL tool needed for learning.** You can also access it from tumblebooklibrary.com. Username and password will be required if you log on this way (reach out to your tech team, classroom teacher, or info@fcwcs.org for the username and password that is just for our Warriors!

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