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Happy Birthday
Fannie C. Williams
March 23, 1882



Fannie Staffers—Mrs. L. Brown (far left), Ms. K. Gardner and Mrs. G. Johnson are among the first on campus to take the first round of the vaccination when offered. They will all return 21 days later to take the final dose.



IT'S ABOUT
STOPPING THE
CORONAVIRUS



Warrior Staff part of the first educators in NOLA to receive vax

Principal Batiste scheduled more than 45 staff members for vaccinations in conjunction with Children's Hospital Thrive Kids Project—while several staff members had already made arrangements through Walgreen's Drug Store!

11755 Dwyer Road, FCW Campus

More than half of our school's staff has taken advantage of New Orleans Public Schools and Children's Hospital vaccination initiative as of mid-March.

Principal Batiste set up times for staff to go and get their shots at the uptown campus of Children's Hospital. The Warrior Staff was among the first in the city to be scheduled by winning a lottery. Our neighbors, Lake Forest Charter were shown on local news the day before being inoculated in their school's library through the efforts of New Orleans East Hospital.

Our own Cheryl Robichaux, Fannie's school nurse, was first on campus to roll up her sleeve to take the Pfizer vaccine. Several staff members had already started the process, using chain pharmacy Walgreens as their source for the vaccination.

As of today (March 15), New Orleanians as young as 16 can receive the Pfizer vaccine with at least one of health conditions noted on the state's website (e.g. asthma, cancer, chronic kidney disease, Down syndrome, obesity, etc. *See the state's website for the complete list*).

<https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/subhome/61>

Individuals taking Pfizer or Moderna vaccinations are reminded that they must commit to a 2nd shot (21 and 28 days later, respectively). Johnson & Johnson's shot is a one shot effort. You **can't decide** which shot you wish—you must take whatever is being given at the inoculation site.

The CVS Pharmacies are now offering FREE shots in select stores. Go to the website below to schedule an appointment

<https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>

—WN Editor

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Principal's Message

March 15, 2021

Parents and Guardians,

State testing (LEAP 2025) is fast approaching. We have been mandated by the state to administer testing during the following periods:

April 26-30

LEAP Testing for Grades 6-8

May 3-7

LEAP Testing for Grades 3-5

Parents are asked to please bring your child's Chromebook *and* charger to school for a software update on the following **Tuesdays in March, from 8 am - 1:00 pm** for the statewide testing listed above. **The update takes about 10 minutes.**

Tues., March 9th

Tues., March 16th

Tues., March 23rd

Tues., March 30

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail techsupport@fcwcs.org.

Also, when you bring in the Chromebook for updating, don't forget to **pick up your child's learning packet (instructional materials) needed for the 4th Quarter. This pick-up is for students who are taking part in distance (virtual) learning.** All students learning from home (Pre-K - 8) will have a packet. Please come to the **front entrance, 8 am-2 pm** and security (Officer Brown) or Mrs. Johnson (in the main office) will help you. If you are sending someone to pick these materials up for you, please make sure they know the child(ren)'s full name and grade level.

Thanks . . . *Kelly S. Batiste, Principal/CEO*

Professional Development Days

(no virtual or in-school instruction)

Friday, Aug. 28th

Friday, Sept. 25th

Friday, Dec. 18th

Friday, Jan. 29th

Friday, Mar. 26th

Need to call the school? Our phone number is 504.373.6228

Mrs. G. Johnson is our school's administrative assistant and will probably be the lady pleasantly answering your question. Thank-you Mrs. Johnson for all you do!

Questions or Concerns?
I've got the answers (or can find them out)!
info@fcwcs.org

—Mrs. K. Batiste,
Principal/CEO



Got homework problems?

Homework Assistance
(State of Louisiana)

<http://homeworkla.org>



Homework
and Study
Help

Upcoming Campus Events

March 8 - 12	3rd Quarter Exams
March 12	3rd Quarter Ends
March 14	Daylight Savings Time
March 15	4th Quarter Begins

March 15 *In-person instruction for students in grades 5-8 will be everyday, 5 days a week!*

March 22	Report Cards Issued
March 23	Fannie C. Williams Birthday
March 26	Professional Development Day (NO SCHOOL for students)
April 1-6	Spring Break
April 26-May 7	LEAP Testing, Grades 3-8



Grading Quarters 2020-2021

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

1st Quarter — August 10 — October 8
(41 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

Breakfast Served (in classroom)

7:30 am - 7:55 am, M-F

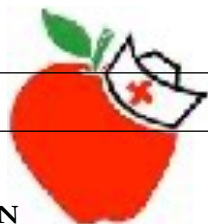


Hybrid Schedule (NEW, BEGINNING 3/15)
(Grades 5-8)

Students whose parents signed up, will be able to attend school 5 days per week!

Breakfast and lunch provided for the days **not present** via **Grab 'n Go**

Questions? Call the school for info @ 504.373.6228



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

Quarantine vs. Isolation, is there a difference? YES!

What's the difference between quarantine and isolation?

1. If you have been exposed to COVID-19, you should stay home. This is called **quarantine**.
2. Quarantine keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others. It helps prevent the spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others and monitor their health, and follow the directions from the health authorities of the state and city.
3. You should **isolate**, if you have COVID-19, whether you have symptoms or not.
4. **Isolation separates people who are infected** with the virus from others, even those in their home.
5. If you are in **isolation**, you should stay in a specific room ("sick room") or area of the house and use a separate bathroom (if available).
6. **Avoid contact** with other members of the family, including pets.
7. Don't share personal household items, like cups, towels, and eating utensils.
8. **Wear a mask** when around other people, if you are able to do so.

Who needs to isolate?

1. People who have symptoms of COVID-19 and are able to recover at home.
2. People who don't have symptoms but have tested positive for COVID-19.
3. Stay home **except** to get medical care.
4. Monitor your symptoms.

How long do you need to stay home during quarantine measures?

1. Stay home for 10 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.
2. Watch for a fever (100.5 F), cough, shortness of breath or other symptoms (*see diagram on right*).
3. If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

Questions or concerns? Call Nurse Robichaux @
504.373.6228

Practice these things to keep you, your family, and others safe:

1. Wear your **mask** properly (cover mouth and nose);
2. Practice **social distancing** (6 feet away whenever possible);
3. **Wash your hands** frequently.



COVID-19 SYMPTOMS vs. Flu, Cold & Allergies

2021

	COVID-19	FLU	COLD	ALLERGIES
COUGH	●	●	●	●
FEVER	●	●	●	●
BREATHLESSNESS	●	○	○	●
BODY ACHES	●	●	●	○
HEADACHE	●	●	●	●
FATIGUE	●	●	●	●
SORE THROAT	●	●	●	○
DIARRHEA	●	●	○	○
RUNNY NOSE	○	●	●	●
SNEEZING	○	○	●	●
WATERY EYES	○	○	○	●

● Frequently ● Sometimes ● Little ● Rarely ○ None

Sources: WHO, CDC

www.co.carver.mn.us/covid-19

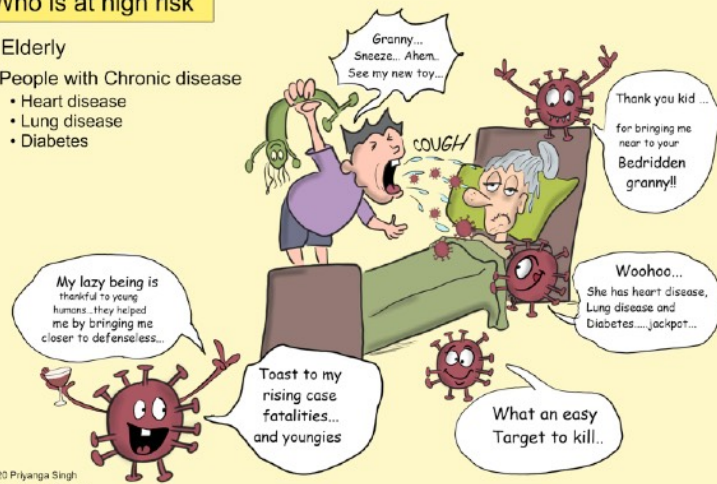


Who is at high risk

Elderly

People with Chronic disease

- Heart disease
- Lung disease
- Diabetes



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Creative-Med-Doses



That's Resource Teacher Ms. T. Taylor under the mask in the school's Serenity Room for staff. Life is pulling us all in many directions. So this room has been devised as a place to breathe and reflect, move away from the computer for a moment, give your brain a break, do a little yoga, or just meditate. Thanks counselors!



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 placed alone in 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 has had a fever, were coughing, etc., (hopefully, the answer will be no). **If it is still high, 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.

(That's Mrs. C. Lewis, Mr. D. Bray, Officer Brown and Ms. T. Bonden checking temperatures in the morn car pool line). ###

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Need to talk to someone about your child's academic, mental or emotional issues?

Mrs. Vanessa Batiste-Leal:
 504.330.0706
 jacqueline.edmond@fcwcs.org
 monique.aziz@fcwcs.org
 School Phone #: 504.373.6228



No child should go hungry . . .
Free Grab 'n Go Meals

for all Fannie C. Williams
 Charter School

students are attending
 school

VIRTUALLY!

Time: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
at the rear campus parking lot
 Each **Monday**, parents can come by and receive breakfast and lunch for **5 days** for each student registered at FCWCS who are receiving their education via Google Chromebook!
 Meals will be issued on Mondays until further notice . . .

Questions? 504.373.6228



WARRIOR NEWS MARCH 2021

Counselor's Corner

Counselor's Corner for March

For Coalition Partners/Supporters:

The pandemic has caused a mental health crisis in children. If you are a parent and notice warning signs that your child may not be well, seek help. You are not alone.

To read more on the pandemic and the mental health crisis in children go to:

https://khn.org/news/article/childrens-hospitals-grapple-with-wave-of-mental-illness/?fbclid=IwAR2y60_L-ypVWk75KBIF5wqzDqnAvkEV9vWwtkWMIS06TD9KCoNYW_Az3Pb8

To listen an NPR article on the pandemic and mental health crisis in children go to:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/01/18/953581851/ive-tried-everything-pandemic-has-cut-options-for-kids-with-mental-illness>

Resources for Parents:

NAMI:

https://www.nami.org/Your-Journey/Family-Members-and-Caregivers/Learning-to-Help-Your-Child-and-Your-Family?fbclid=IwAR31HIF1fr1_KjAG2BHOtCwYN84HSdmnM8QgHMIY-T2Cd5_Rdfjj1-NXow

The National Parent Helpline:

The National Parent Helpline® is here for you and is open to parents and caregivers of children and youth of all ages.

1-855- 4A PARENT (1-855-427-2736)

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday through Friday

10:00 AM PST to 7:00 PM PST

National Federation of Families:

<https://www.ffcmh.org/resources-websitelinks>

Children's Hospital New Orleans:

<https://www.chnola.org/our.../the-parenting-center/NAMI>

You can contact us

at lamentalhealthcoalition@gmail.com

—The Counselors of FCWCS—
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Google Chromebook Repair Costs

2020-2021

Remember these devices belong to the school, they must be returned in

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
Dropped Chromebook	\$50.00
Lost, stolen, or willful damage to Chromebook	\$150.00

just a reminder:

Friendly reminder . . . Students are using Google Chromebooks that belong to the school—they are loaned to students, with parents being responsible for them. We will collect them at the end of the year! Make sure you keep up with the chargers. See the cost of repairing or replacing a device in the chart above!

You've got Chromebook issues? Check out . . .

Chromebook Tech Support



Monday-Friday
7:30 am - 3 pm

techsupport@fcwcs.org

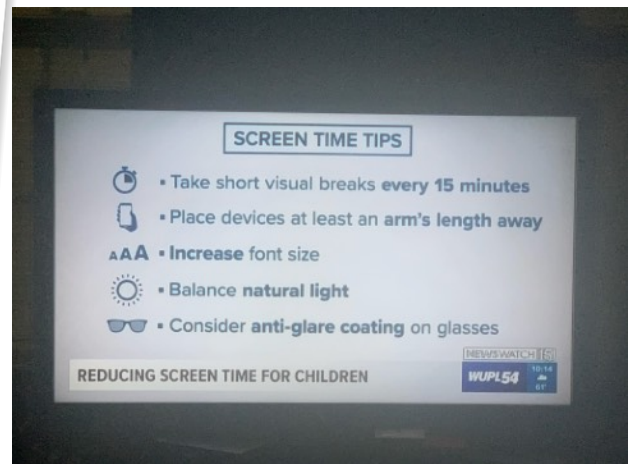


That's our Mrs. C. Lewis loading Google Chromebooks in need of repairs that are handled off campus. Please remind your scholars to be gentle with their devices, we need them to remain in good working condition for the entire year. Use the e-mail above to contact Mrs. Lewis with any concerns or questions.



A second grade scholar, in Mrs. Grey's class, using a traditional hard copy workbook and his Google Chromebook to access the day's science lesson on the ecosystem. Mrs. Grey is also instructing students virtually (at home)

while delivering the lesson to the students on-campus. Challenging? Yes, but faculty and students are pushing on to keep the lessons flowing and productive.



The above is a screen shot taken from the editor's home tv from WWL-TV. These are some great suggestions for keeping our Warriors eyes in great shape. Mrs. Lewis monitors student activity on

the weekend and find that many of our kids are using You Tube during their off hours. Maybe parents should limit after-school access if students are not completing assignments.



The early childhood hallway was buzzing the week of March 1-5! Two of their favorite days were back-to-back, 'The 100th Day of School' was on the 2nd, followed by children's writer Dr. Seuss followed on the 3rd.

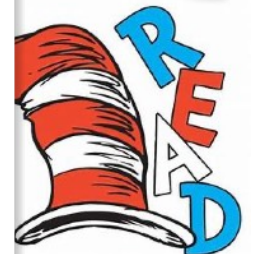
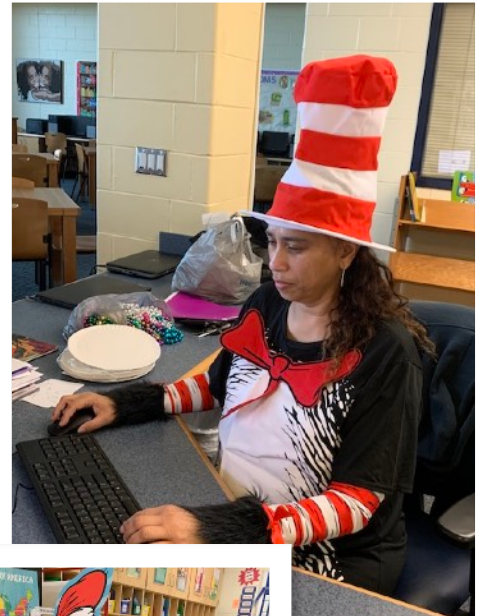
There were Seuss' hats (and costumes—far right is Mrs. LeBlanc) and cookies (thanks Mrs. C. Lewis). Everybody seems to enjoy the birthday, masks and all! Love your t-shirt (above) Mrs. Harrell. It speaks volumes.

Campus Sightings @ 11755 Dwyer Rd.



It's Tuesday at dismissal—raining, cold and windy. Your prized Zulu umbrella decides to leave you in a lurch. That's Mrs. Andrews making the best of a bad situation!

Photo by Mrs. B. Lewis



Students pictured above are our dear Pre-K and 1st Grade students.

Campus Sightings @ 11755 Dwyer Rd.



We are always soooooo busy in our classes—we flow from ELA, math, science, and social studies as our core subjects! Then for a little change of pace, we have Enrichment Classes (visual art, vocal and instrumental music, computer literacy and physical education).

It takes a serious team—teachers, paraprofessionals, instructional coaches, counselors, and resource teachers to pull together educating 520 children—in school and virtual during a pandemic.

As always thanks parents for entrusting your youngsters to us.

The pictures above are from the classes of T. Sanchez (top left); Para L. Robinson assisting in Z. Bercy's class; H. Grey's science class (bottom right) and line dancing with T. Green (Mrs. Harrell's class).



Who's in the Classroom?

Faculty Members to Know

This column hopes to be the first in a series of the educators who man the classrooms of FCWCS . . .

Want Ad—Band Director

Dedrick Bray is seeking musicians to begin preparing for next year as he resurrects the Warrior Band.

Director Bray is especially interested in students in **grades 3-6** and a few leaders in the **7th grade class**.

Current (last year) and anyone who wants to be part of one of the best marching bands in the city, should **get in touch with Mr. Bray, Dean Sisco, or Dean Daigle** through Google Classroom.

You will be given the class code to meet the class virtually.

—Director D. Bray

Our School Day

Arrival Time, Breakfast

7:30 am

Lunch (½ hr. per class)

11:30-12:30

Dismissal Begins

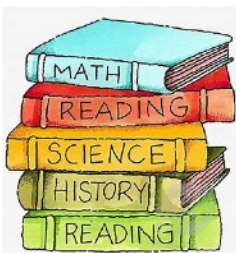
2:45 pm

Grading Procedures for K-8

2020-2021

40% of grade comes from Quarterly/
Final Exam/
Special Projects

25% comes from Weekly Quizzes



Earning the Grade

2020-2021

A = 93-100

B = 85-92

C = 75-84

D = 70-74

F = 0-69

Shawn Tolliver, Pre-K Educator

For about four years, the Pre-K Program at FCW has received recognition for its Pre-K classroom organization and emotional support for its early childhood program. Several years of the assessment as being PROFICIENT by the Louisiana Department of Education has made it the desired place for Pre-K (4) education in the New Orleans Public Schools offerings.

This is due to the two women Tolliver and Ashley Singleton guiding the young scholars in the 40 seats.

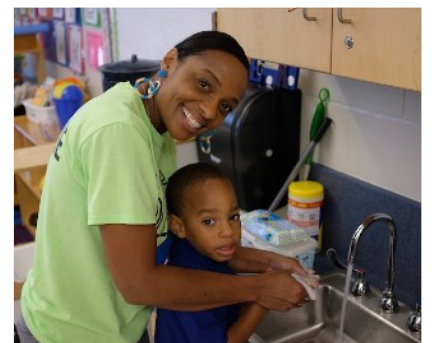
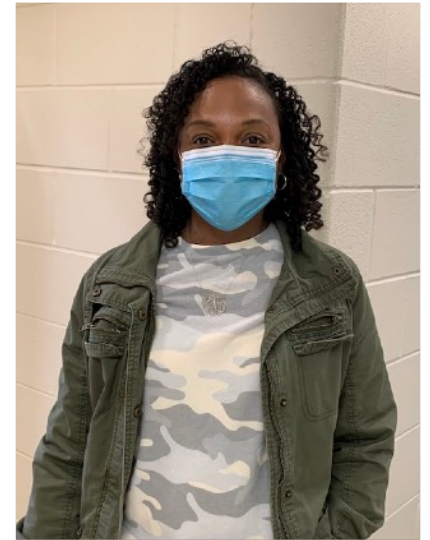
Tolliver has been an early childhood educator for 19 years. Her family has been in the business of education in New Orleans for decades. She has a great-great aunt, Anita Johnson, who was the city's first black librarian.

Tolliver did not began her collegiate career as an educator major. She attended Xavier University, completing her degree in the science. Eventually the "family business" called and she obtained a Bachelor's in Education at Southern University at New Orleans and a Master's of Art in Teaching from XU.

Her first teaching job was at neighboring Mildred Osborne in 2002 as a kindergarten and first grade teacher until Hurricane Katrina in '05. While in exile in Texas, she continued her teaching career.

Tolliver came back to New Orleans for the 2006-2007 school year, teaching kindergarten at Alice Harte. She later worked at Sarah T. Reed before coming to FCWCS in 2011 as a Pre-K educator.

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Our Mrs. Tolliver is pictured above doing "her." Thanks Mrs. T for making our Pre-K classroom extraordinary for all who study there! Photos from the Fannie Archives!

Campus Sightings @ 11755 Dwyer Rd.



Reading is Essential to Learning

Sometimes You Need A Little Extra Help!

First grader Emmanuel gets some additional assistance from master teacher, paraprofessional L. Robinson away from his peers.

Emmanule and Mrs. Robinson are going over phonetic sounds needed to enhance his reading fluency. A quiet spot in the Teacher's Lounge (not in use this year) is just the spot.

There are 44 phonics sounds students should master to become proficient readers.

Coach Green Tackles Distance & In-Person Learners (and tricycles) . . .

That's Terry Green with the laptop and his Pre-K in person class lining up under the breezeway. His distance learners are on the laptop listening in on the

day's activity. Today's surprise, riding the school's tricycle. After properly sanitizing them, Dean Sisco had them parked and ready for the 15 or so riders. A good time was definitely held by all getting their exercise on a beautiful Friday morning in mid-March.



These tricycles were properly sanitized before and after use to keep our Warriors safe!





Our bus service is provided by **B & L Transportation.**

Our busses this year are 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!

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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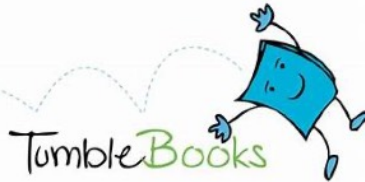
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We're A TumbleBook School!

Have your Warrior (Pre-K through 8) spend about 20 minutes of their day reading/listening at tumblebooklibrary.org.

Access it from the "splash page" of the Google Chromebook (first page that appears when you log on). You will not need to input a username or password from this location or device. If you are using a device other the school's Chromebook, you will need to input the username and password. We can't print it here because the **WN** appears on the

school's website. The subscription is about \$800. per year and we are not willing to share it with anyone who happens upon this newsletter!

Reach out to your child's teacher or tech support for this information. ###



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

No child needs to be hungry . . . A Fannie parent comes to get weekly meals for his scholars with our Grab 'N Go Program. Each Monday, 8 am - 1pm, meals are available at the rear of the campus. Questions? Call 373.6228, ask for Dean Sisco or Mrs. Watson.

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?
thehotline.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
504-821-222

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

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