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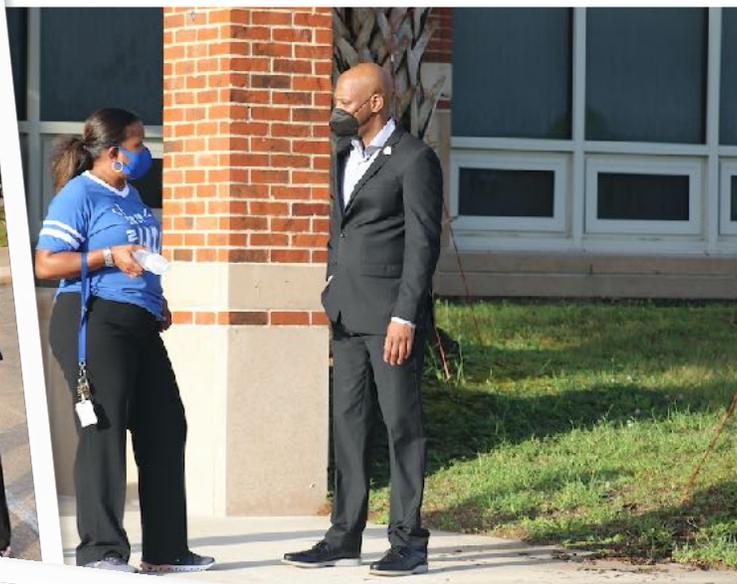
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CHARTER SCHOOL

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Ida causes major academic disruption, minimal damage to building and the repeat of the ...

First Day of School (v. 2.0), September 16th



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After Hurricane Ida tore through southeast Louisiana, NOLA-PS (New Orleans Louisiana Public Schools) found itself in the unusual predicament of having to restart the school year again.

After the initial opening of school on August 9th, Warrior leaders found themselves having to do it all over again on September 16th. Superintendent Henderson Lewis also honored our campus with the local media (WWL-TV, WDSU-TV, WVUE-TV and *The Advocate* Newspaper) to illustrate new 'opening' day.

As all schools reopened, COVID-19 safety still remains important across the District. FCWCS has testing each Tuesday for students and staff, hoping to keep the pandemic off our campus. **Parents are asked to have students 12 and over vaccinated.** Testing is opened to all students—Pre-K through 8, vaccinated are not.

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Scenes from Thursday, September 16th: Opening Day of School, version 2.0). That's Principal Batiste being interviewed by a reporter from WWL-TV (top left); Principal Batiste and Dr. Lewis discuss opening day (top right); A visit to a

middle school ELA has Dr. Lewis surveying the day's lesson with a student.

Photos by T. Smith & The Advocate/nola.com.



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Fannie has gone digital so you can be a parent in the know!

Stay on top of your child's daily attendance, assignments, and grades by accessing

Student Progress Center
<https://services.edgear.net/progress>

It's easy . . .

1. Open your Internet browser (Google Chrome, Safari, etc.) on your device and type in

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

2. The Student Progress Center login screen will be shown.

- If you are a first time user, click **Register a New User**.
- If your account has already been created, type your **Username** and **Password**, and then click Sign In.

Need to Create a New Account?

Enter the requested information:

1. **Relationship** (*this is most likely parent or guardian*);
2. Enter **first name** and **last name** (*should be the parent's or guardian's first and last names*);
3. Enter **PSN Number** (*Student Portal #*). This is a **five digit number** used by the system to verify a parent. You will see the number on the **Student Information Form** sent home by the school;
4. If the information provided in #s1, 2, & 3 above is correct, you will be allowed to create a **login (6-20 characters)** and **password (6-20 characters)**. Fill in the required information. It is strongly suggested you write your login/username and password down and keep it in a secure it in a place to access it if you should forget this information. FCWCS does not have access to your password;
5. You will be asked to answer 2 "secret questions" to help you get into the SPC if you forget your login and password. Good idea to write these down also;
6. Click **SUBMIT** when done. ###

Important info for Fannie Families

School website
fcwcs.org

Family Handbook
fcwcs.org

Changing your contact info (*home address, phone, e-mail*) or questions about the **Student Progress Center**
enrollment@fcwcs.org

Questions & Concerns (*answered by our Principal*)
info@fcwcs.org

School Office Phone
 504.373.6228

School Fax #
 504.245.2796

New Orleans Public Schools
 504.365.8730

Bus Concerns (*Dean Sisco*)
 504.444.1063 (*cell*)
 504.373.6228 (*main office*)

Chromebook Tech Support (*Mrs. C. Lewis*)
techsupport@fcwcs.org
 8:00 am - 2:30 pm
 M-F

Monthly Breakfast/ Lunch Menu
fcwcs.org (*HOME Page*)

Breakfast Served (*in classrooms*)
 7:20 am - 7:50 am
Homework Assistance (State of Louisiana)
<http://homeworkla.org>

School Day
 8:00 am - 3:15 pm

Grading Quarters 2021-2022*
1st Quarter
 August 9 - October 7

2nd Quarter
 October 13 - December 17

3rd Quarter
 January 4 - March 18

4th Quarter
 March 21 - May 20

School Holidays
 Sept. 6/Labor Day
 Oct. 8 - 11/ Fall Break
 Nov. 22 - 26/Thanksgiving
 Dec. 20 - 31/Winter Break
 Jan. 17/MLK, Jr. Birthday
 Feb. 28 - Mar. 4/Mardi Gras
 Apr. 15-19 - Spring Break
**subject to change*

Wednesday Warrior Folder
Is sent home weekly (on a Wednesday, of course). Please check your child's book bag for it. Review tests, assignments, correspondence from the school or classroom teacher. Please return the next day (Thursday).

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Questions or concerns? Contact our **Data Manager B. Lewis** for any questions or concerns regarding accessing the Student Progress Center @ enrollment@fcwcs.org

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Have you signed up for Class DoJo? We need a current email address!

Principal's Message

October 3, 2021

Dear Fannie Family,

Hope this message finds you well.

It's been quite an opening to the current school year. We've had the opportunity to do it twice—August 9th and then again on September 16th!

I am hoping that your family did not suffer too much due to Ida. If you did, our hope is that you have the resources and are able to handle the the stress that this disaster has brought to southeast Louisiana. There are several members of our Warrior Staff who are enduring the same problems. We are praying for them and you.

Our building took on minimal damage, mostly water leaks from the roof and a little wind damage. Various spots in the buildings we are replacing ceiling tiles and correcting the damage from the roof that caused this need.

Our original school calendar had six emergency (surplus) days. Unfortunately, we have exhausted those days and then some. The Leadership Team has altered the calendar to reflect the need to make up those missed days.

Therefore, the following days will be **full instructional days for students:**

Fri., Sept. 24th

Thurs., Oct. 7th

Tues., Oct. 12th

Fri., Feb. 25th

Fri., March 25th

Thurs., April 14th

Additional days have also been taken from taken from the Fall Break, Mardi Gras, and Spring Break—all to provide

our Warriors with as much time with their classroom teachers as possible.

NOLA-PS (New Orleans Louisiana Public Schools) have determined that this year we would go back to the more traditional school setting—students in the classroom—would be the best option for our children. This is basically the opinion of experts all over the US. All over the country, kids have fallen behind academically.

There are students who did quite well learning from home. However, many others simply failed to log in and to actively take part in class. Grades fell all over the country. Last year was trying for students, parents, and educators.

Children suffered emotionally also. The isolation of virtual schooling also brings problems. Nothing can take the place of the traditional school setting—classroom learning, socialization with classmates, interacting with teachers and staff. Getting up and dressed, breakfast, lunch, and returning home at the end of a productive day.

Let's give our Warriors the best possible year possible under all the problems. Keep their "burdens" as light as possible, keeping them kids and allow them to have a childhood, with adults shouldering the adult problems.

We're here at Dwyer and Bullard because we're on a mission—providing the best possible education for all Warriors through the hard work of staff, parents, and community.

This year's motto is **'In It to Win It.'** Join us to win an academically and emotionally prosperous year for our children.

Kelly S. Batiste,
Principal & CEO

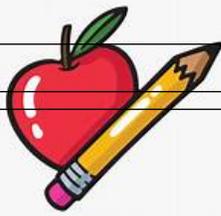


(Above) That's paraprofessional S. Eugene helping a young Warrior learn how to properly hold a pencil.

The Leadership Team (right) helps to make decisions regarding the running FCW.



Leadership Team (seated, l to r): B. Sisco, K. Gardner, S. Allen; (standing) R. Joseph, A. Jones, K. Batiste, T. Daigle, T. Andrews (missing J. Watts).



Who's in the Classroom?

Faculty Members to Know

This column is the fifth in a series about the educators who man the classrooms of FCWCS . . .

Theresa Sanchez 2nd Grade Classroom Teacher

Under that mask is a very pleasant face. The eyes 'smile' back at you and more importantly, to her 7 and 8 year old students. Apparently her students find it a joy to be in Mrs. Sanchez's class.

Ms. Sanchez came to FCW during a pandemic, no less. She jumped right in and made herself an indispensable part of the teaching staff. But 'Fannie' is not her first experience as a teacher. A veteran teacher, Sanchez is in her 7th year as an educator.

Ms. Sanchez grew up in New Orleans East. She attended Eleanor McMMain Secondary School on S. Claiborne Avenue. After her years at McMMain, she attended the University of New Orleans (UNO), earning a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications. A Master of Science was earned later from the prestigious John Hopkins University.

As a student, Ms. Sanchez not only kept busy in her studies but also in the Golden Key Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Phi Beta Delta Honor Society, and the sorority Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc.

Fannie Family, did you know Sanchez is an avid runner? She enjoys road races with distances ranging from 2K to 10Ks. She hopes to begin training soon for her first half-marathon (13 miles). Wow! How did she get involved with road races? About five years ago, she volunteered and subsequently became a coach with the organization **Girls on the Run**. The national non-profit organization is geared towards girls in grades 3 through 8, developing them socially, emotionally, and physically. It helps to develop behavioral skills that will allow them to successfully navigate life's experiences. This chance involvement has turned Ms. Sanchez into the healthy lifestyle of a runner.

Where did the inspiration come from to become an educator? Both of her parents and two aunts were all teachers at various times in their careers. Inspiration was also derived from her sorority. It is known for its sisterhood and empowerment of its members. Education, health awareness, and leadership development are trademarks of Sigma Gamma Rho.

Theresa Sanchez has learned the lessons well, excelling in education, health awareness, and leadership. Thank you Ms. Sanchez. Your presence has made our campus a better place!

** Theresa Sanchez and Deidra Barnet were chosen Teacher and Staff Member of the Year for the 2020-2021 school year. Once again, congratulations ladies on this vote of confidence from your peers. Next month's feature: Arianne Boudreaux. ###*



Ms. Sanchez (top picture) displays her newly received 'Teacher-of-the-Year' t-shirt; Head shot of Ms. Sanchez sans mask (middle); Sanchez interacting with 2nd grade students.



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



It's Time for Your Flu Shot!

Its flu season (October to May) in New Orleans.

Don't let your guard down, flu can be deadly. In fact at the start of the 20th century, the world experienced a flu pandemic, beginning with soldiers during World War I (1918). It is known to history as the Great Influenza epidemic or the 1918 influenza pandemic. Caused by the H1N1 influenza A virus. It is estimated that 500 million people all over the world caught the flu (50 million deaths). It is the most severe pandemic in recent history.



School Nurse Robichaux

Deaths were high in people younger than 5 years old, 20-40 years old, and 65 years and older. Sounds familiar? COVID-19 seems to mirror this virus.

We can protect ourselves with a yearly flu shot. **October is the best time to take the shot.** Taking the shot in October provides protection the entire season—October through May. New versions of the flu shot are developed twice a year, as the influenza virus rapidly changes. This also explains why vaccine manufacturers were able to develop COVID-19 so quickly—they are always working ahead of the next virus.

Pharmacies and doctor offices are all prepared to distribute this vaccine. But be aware that the flu shot does not protect you on its own. You will still need to be diligent about hand washing, covering your mouth (especially when coughing or sneezing), not touching your eyes, nose or mouth and isolating yourself from others when feeling ill.

Visit your doctor or pharmacy soon to get this season's flu shot. It's one less thing to worry about.

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Are flu vaccines safe?

Yes, they have a good safety record, with hundreds of millions of Americans taking them yearly. We have been taking flu vaccines for the past 50 years. Extensive research indicates the safety of flu vaccines.

Can I get the flu from the flu vaccine?

No, the flu vaccine cannot cause the flu. The vaccines contain either inactivated virus (meaning the viruses are no longer infectious) or a particle designed to look like a flu virus to your immune system.

Do flu vaccines cause any side effects?

Most medical products can cause side effects (be sure to listen to the commercials on TV explaining possible side effects of medical products). They are usually mild and will go away on their own within a few days.

*Common side effects from the flu **MIGHT** include:*

- soreness, redness, and/or swelling from the shot
- headache
- fever
- nausea
- muscle aches

Are there some people who should not receive a flu vaccine?

- children younger than 6 months, since they are too young to get a flu shot.
- individuals with severe, life-threatening allergies to flu vaccine or any ingredient(s) in the vaccine.
- individuals with a severe allergy to eggs or any of the ingredients in the vaccine
- have had Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS).
- are not feeling well.

Can pregnant women receive a flu vaccine?

Yes, pregnant women should get a flu shot, it protects mom and the unborn developing babies.

FAQ provided by the website:

www.cdc.gov

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Available at your doctor's office or
your pharmacy,
GET ONE SOON!

Nurse Robichaux can be reached at 504.373.6228 (ext. 22825) for all health concerns on campus.

We've Got Pre-K(4) Seats Available!



Do you know a family looking for a awesome Pre-K(4) spot? Let them know we've got seats available at FCWCS!

Our outstanding Pre-K Program has seats available for that little scholar needing a head start on their educational journey.

What will they need to get started?

We are a OneApp School and they should proceed to one of the **Family Resource Centers** to get started. Currently they are open for in-person services **8:30 am - 3:00 pm** at the following Orleans Parish locations:

- 1) NOLA-PS Central Office: 2401 Westbend Pkwy.
- 2) Mahalia Jackson: 2405 Jackson Ave.

Parents/guardians will need to complete a two page document and supply proof of residency (2) for Orleans Parish.

Examples of proof are:

- Utility bill
- Rental or Lease Document
- Property Tax Notice
- Sewerage & Water Board
- Cox Communications Bill

If enrollment assistance regarding the OneApp Process is needed, they can be reached at

oneapp@nolapublicschools.com
1-877-343-4773

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Need answers regarding anything 'Fannie?'
info@fcwcs.org
Questions & concerns answered by
Principal K. Batiste

Upcoming Calendar Events 2021-2022*

**This calendar is published to keep our families informed, but it is subject to change. Thanks for understanding.*

1st Semester

October

- 4 - 6 1st Quarter Exams**
7 Immunization Bus on Campus
8 - 11 Fall Break, NO SCHOOL
12 **2nd Quarter Begins**
School Resumes Today, Breakfast 7:30, Classes 8
20 1st Quarter Report Cards Issued
22 FCWCS Goes Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness

March

- 1 - 4 Mardi Gras Break, NO SCHOOL for students and staff
7 3rd Quarter Exam Study Guides Issued
14 - 18 3rd Quarter Exams
21 **4th Quarter Begins**
23 3rd Quarter Report Cards Issued; **Miss Fannie C. Williams Birthday (Founders Day)**

November

- 1 Nat'l Family Literacy Day
17 2nd Quarter Progress Reports Issued
22 - 26 Thanksgiving Break

April

- 15 - 19 Spring Break
20 School Resumes
25 - 29 LEAP Testing, Grades 6th, 7th, 8th

December

- 13 - 17 2nd Quarter Exams
20 - 31 Winter Break

May

- 2 - 6 LEAP Testing, Grades 3rd, 4th, 5th; 8th Grade FINAL Exams

2nd Semester

January 2022

- 4 3rd Quarter Begins; School Resumes Today, 7:30 for breakfast, 8 am for classes**
5 2nd Quarter Report Cards
17 MLK, Jr. Birthday, NO SCHOOL for students and staff

- 9 - 13 8th Grade Spirit Week;

- 9 - 12 FINAL Exams for All grades *except* 8
11 Pre-K EOY Activity
12 Kdg. Promotional
13 8th Grade Promotional Activity
20 Students' LAST DAY, Report Cards Issued

February

- 16 3rd Quarter Progress Reports Issued
28 Mardi Gras Break, NO SCHOOL for students and staff

- 24 Last Day for Staff
27 Last Day for Admin/Leadership Team

Total Days = 164
Total Minutes = 63,960
Required Minutes = 63,720

Adolescent Health Care Concerns

(borrowed from Great Day Louisiana, WWL-TV)

- Louisiana has some of the highest STI rates in the country;
- Louisiana has the third highest teen birth rate in the USA;
- Louisiana's attempted suicide rates in adolescents are more than double that of the rest of the USA.

It is never too early to have candid discussions with your child. Free 24/7 Counseling: Keep Calm Hotline

1.866.310.7977

Text: TEXTTALKWITHUS TO 66746



NOLA-PS & FCWCS working hard to keep everyone safe . . .
COVID-19 Weekly Testing Underway

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Since returning to school on September 14th, FCWCS students and staff have participated in a volunteer COVID-19 weekly testing.

“This is the best way to help ensure we keep the coronavirus out of our school community,” said Superintendent Henderson Lewis Jr. in a press release the week of September 20th.

Test results indicate a significant decline since the beginning of the 2021-22 school year. After Ida and the possible co-mingling of several households, it was prudent that the NOLA-PS get a complete picture of how the storm impacted the students and staff populations COVID status of each school.

The simple swab of both nostrils is quick and painless (see picture on right). It takes less than five minutes to sign in and complete the test. Results are usually available within 24 hours.

Parents are encouraged to register their child. Only one registration is required. Students and staff are eligible for incentives by participating. The first incentive will be \$25 after the first test and \$10 following each week. Payments will begin at the end of October and will be retroactive. Please email info@fcwcs.org if you have any questions. ###



It's Tuesday and COVID Testing is part of the day's activities.

Parents are reminded that students must be registered before they can participate in this grant-funded program. Please register your child in THEIR name and not yours.

Testing Participants (Staff & Students)
September 14
 188

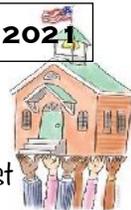
September 21
 284

September 28
 293



Use this link to register:

<https://home.color.com/covid/sign-up/start?partner=ldh-fan-365-students>



from the desk of
Janice Watts, Instructional Support Specialist



200 Henry Clay Ave., New Orleans

Parents who received a letter from Nurse Robichaux should make sure to take advantage of the Shot Bus administering FREE immunizations at Fannie C. Williams on **Thursday, October 7th.**

The shots needed are noted on the letter sent home. Please carefully read and answer as requested. **Children who are not vaccinated against childhood diseases are subject to not being able to attend classes until this is done.** You may have this done for FREE at FCW or at your doctor's office.

If you have already had these shots administered to your child, please provide the updated records to Nurse Robichaux immediately.

Additional information needed? Call Nurse Robichaux at 504.373.6228, ext. 22825 (8 am - 2:30 pm).

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School Zones Are Up and Running

The City of New Orleans has turned the cameras and lights back on!

Don't go flying through a school zone—it's dangerous for children and can be very expensive even if you are not involved in an accident.

School Zones are in force from 7:00 am - 9:00 am and again from 2:45 pm - 4:45 pm.

How much can one of those flashing lights cause you? Speeding through a school zone can cause you from \$75 to \$235, depending upon your speed.

Put that cell phone down, it can cost you dearly! If you are caught illegally using your cell phone in a school zone, you will be cited for a moving violation. **The first offense is \$175, the second offense will set you back \$500.** ###

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Hello Parents/Guardians,

We all have a big job ahead of us, but working together as partners, we know we'll have a successful school year. We hope to make our school an even better place for Warriors to learn and grow than it was last year.

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our students need support from both home and school. A strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

During this school year, we will share many new and exciting opportunities together. Our first activity for 2021-2022 is a **"Grab and Go"** activity. This activity will happen every 3rd Wednesday of every month, beginning this October. You will receive a Grab and Go activity sheet in your child's Wednesday folder. Please complete this activity at home with your student. Teachers will review and discuss the activities after completion.

Save the Date:
Parent/Family School Virtual Improvement Meeting is Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

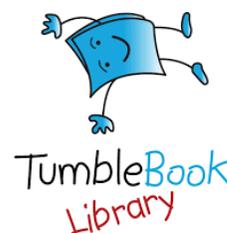
Remember, we are **"In It to Win It"** at Fannie C. Williams!
BE ENGAGED!

We look forward to working with you and hope to see you soon. ###

Need help with homework? Visit Louisiana's website for K-12 students & adults seeking employment . . .

www.HomeworkLA.org

Tutoring in Spanish and Vietnamese; access from your computer or your mobile device.

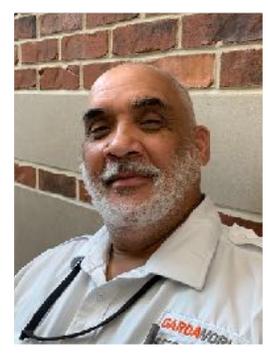


Tumble Book Library is back! FREE access for all Warriors, Pre-K - 8.

How to access?
techsupport@fcwcs.org
has the answers!



The Many Faces of FCWCS
By this time during an 'ordinary' school year, parents/ grandparents would have the many occasions to visit our campus: Grandparent's Day, Fall Festival, Report Card Conferences, etc. However, this is not possible. This is our second installment of 'Faces.' Some of these faces you may recognize, others maybe new. But they are all doing an awesome job.
 —The Editor



TO BE CONTINUED

Many Faces of FCWCS
 Continues in the Next Issue . . .

Who's pictured above?

(Top Row, l to r): Mrs. K. Batiste, Art/Librarian; Mr. D. Bray, Instrumental Music/ Band Director; Mrs. T. Calhoun, SPED Resource Teacher, K-8; (2nd Row): Mrs. M. Aziz, Social Worker; Ms. A. Singleton, Pre-K; Mrs. B. Murphy, Social Studies, 4 & 5; Mrs. L. Brown, In-House Substitute Teacher; (3rd Row): Mr. P. Britt, Art; Mrs. V. Wimberly, Pre-K Para; Ms. J. Watts, Instructional Support Specialist; Ms. S. McGinnis, Security; (4th Row): Mrs. Z. Bery, 1st Grade; Mrs. L. Joseph, 2nd Grade Para; Mrs. P. Tucker, Head of Clean Team; Mr. R. Larkins, Security.

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



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!

District E Councilwoman
 cyndi.nguyen@nola.gov
 504.415.4905

Local Child/Elder Abuse Hotline
 504-680-9000

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

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

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 at

enrollment@fcwcs.org

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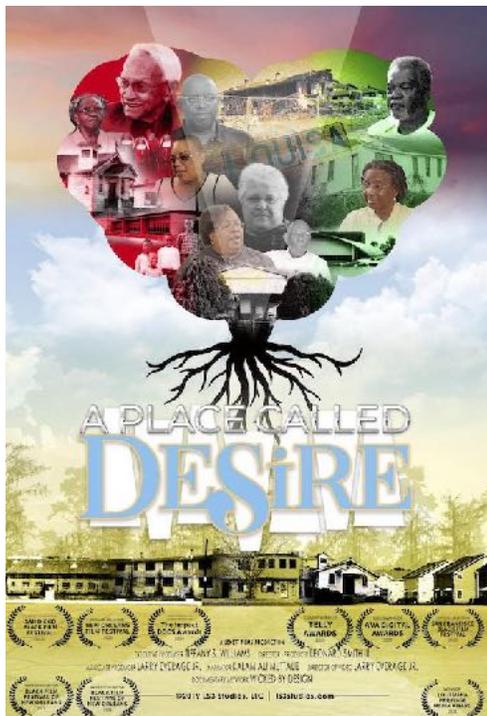
to find out when and where you can get vaccinated.

ldh.la.gov



Do your roots in New Orleans come from the community known as Desire in the 9th Ward? Mine does, I am proud to say! Even if you are not from the area, you might be interested in watching this story (view carefully, you might recognize a face or two or even Ms. Smith with black hair and a large Afro :)

—Ms. T. Smith. WN Editor



aplacecalleddesire.com



A Place Called Desire

can be viewed on

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Monday, November 1st @ 9:00 pm

and

Sunday, November 7th @ 5:30 pm

