



WARRIOR NEWS

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See you online!

Class of 2022 is going to high school because . . .
We Understood the Assignment!



Top of the Class

Val - Derrion Walker (r)
Sal - Trinitee Moliere (l)

FCWCS Class of 2022 Mrs. N. Arthur's HR

Cornelius, Deshawné
Donaldson, Tyren
Durel, Sanai
Evans, Tyjh
Francois, Rashad
Gobernado, Mikale
Hall, Da'ron
Joseph, Ja'siah
Kennedy, Ro'shaun
London, Brooklyn
Martin, Malik
Moliere, Trinitee
Nunez, Graciela
Rayford, Melvin
Reed Jr., Carl
Roches, Imany
Sanders, Bryce

Swayer, Jiquisha
Smith, Ronald
Thipado, Cayden
Walker, Derrion
Well, Kanigh
Williams, Darchell
Williams, Jaden
Wilson, Jamal
Mrs. V. Kiamco's HR
Manuel, Jovan
Ms. N. Marigny's HR
Alexander, Kaylie
Barnes, Darvin
Brock, Javier
Colbert, Rayvinel
Durel, Diamond
Durel, Maliyah
Dyer, Cedric
Evans, Zyreil

Falkins, Lyric
Franklin, Demond
Gibson, Emiko
Harvey Dere'onne
Johnson, Carnel
Johnson, Colby
Lewis, Ty'quine
McCoy, Breironi
Palmer, Sharlamijahi
Parker, Joshua
Riley, Evelyn
Smith, Kaycha
Smith, Keven
Taylor, Rayquill
Temple, Ashanti
Thomas, Tyteina

Congratulations

What was the assignment? To successfully complete their studies at FCWCS.

Prior to March 13, 2020, it was all going along as expected. That Friday, everything changed. COVID-19 entered their world, changing their school days in Warrior Land forever!

We can definitely say, they made the best of a difficult situation. They turned lemons into lemonade. Here's hoping that August 2022 is the start of a more traditional four years of high school. ###

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Principal's Message

The message below in italics was written May 2021 for the **WN**:

May 12, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

My message to you last year this time spoke of how we missed our students. We were just wrapping up two months with no physical contact with students!

*Well, we have just concluded an entire school year conducting school in person and virtually. What a difference one year makes. I am hoping—**no praying**—that next year this time we will have beat COVID-19 and we will be concluding a more traditional school year. I know you realize how hard the faculty and staff worked this year.*

This was a year that educators and students will be speaking and writing about for decades to come. My staff has attempted to make this year as “normal” as possible for the children you have so graciously entrusted to us.

Thank you parents and thank you FCWCS staff! To say this was an eventful year would be an understatement. I know you have

had your difficulties too, but you have “soldiered on” always praying for the best. Keep our Warriors safe and sound these summer weeks, until they return to us in August . . .

Well, a few things have changed:

1. We now have vaccinations and boosters for adults and children;
2. Masks are optional;
3. We’ve reinstated field trips;
4. Full bus service has returned;
5. The Saints Training Camp made an appearance this year;
6. Boys basketball returned;
7. The Warrior Band participated in competitions;
7. LEAP 2025 Pep Rally;
7. The Book Fair returned . . .

That fully “normal” school day is not quite back, but we’re making progress. Please keep our Warriors safe and sound this summer. Find something positive for them to engage in—NORD Summer Camps, visits to the public library, family outings, etc.

Thanks for entrusting your child with us and enjoy your summer with your child(ren) and see you in August.

—Kelly S. Batiste, CEO/Principal

Early dismissal CANNOT take place after 2:30 pm. It disrupts the end-of-day procedures taking place in the classroom. **Dismissal begins promptly at 3:15 pm, Mon.- Fri.** Thanks for picking your child up on time.



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

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





nordc.org

FREE

**Joe Brown Park
Archery Thursday
4-7 pm
Reservation Needed**

**Canoeing & Fishing
Every Saturday
10 am - 2pm
@ the Lagoons
Equipment provided**

Now **HIRING**
Lifeguards for
NORD Pools
\$15.91/hr.
[nordic.org/
lifeguard_hiring/](http://nordic.org/lifeguard_hiring/)

**Great websites for
scholars**
kids.nationalgeographic.com

howstuffworks.com

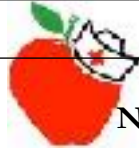
funology.com

pbskids.org

factmonster.com

almanac4kids.com

learninggamesforkids.com



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

*Summer is the opportune time to have your scholar's
immunizations, dental, and annual checkup scheduled!*

Did you know May is Mental Health Awareness Month?

Since 1949, Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in the United States during May.

The COVID pandemic has highlighted the need for prevention and treatment for youth's anxiety and depression issues. The problems were always there, but rose significantly during the pandemic. Anxiety and depression make up more than 40% of mental issues for children ages 10-19. There is no guaranteed way to prevent and treat anxiety and depression in youngsters. You will need to rely on a combination of interventions based on the individual and the circumstances.

Remember, if you are need of assistance, our social worker, Mrs. Aziz can direct you in the right direction. She can be reached by calling the main office (504.373.6228).

(Source: [nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02690-5](https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02690-5))



BULLYING, NOT HERE

Please report ALL concerns to one of the following adults on campus immediately:

1. Dean Sisco or Dean Daigle
 2. Mrs. J. Edmond or Mrs. M. Aziz
 3. The classroom teacher.
- Call the school @ 504.373.6228

**COVID
Testing
EVERY
Tuesday
8:30 am -
11:30 am**

Is your Warrior signed up for testing? If not, register your scholar using the info on the top of page 1 of this WN!



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**COVID-19
Tuesday* Testing
Participants**

(Staff & Students)

April 5

428

April 12

405

April 20*

399

April 26

423

May 3

417

May 10

418

**Wednesday due to Spring Break*

**Children, COVID, &
Mental Health**

Concerned about your child's mental health? You might find information that you can use by visiting the website

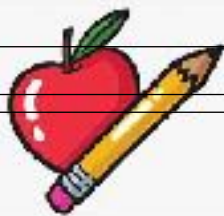
onoursleeves.org

National Suicide Prevention
Lifeline

1-800-273-8255

Order
FREE
COVID-19
Testing Kits
for HOME USE
(4 per order, shipped directly to your
home via USPS)
COVIDtests.gov

Our support personnel are paramount to providing a positive outcome for all students. Pictured on left is Terese Singleton-Cooper, occupational therapist, is providing services to one of our kindergarten students.



Who's in the Classroom?

Faculty Members to Know

This column is the 12th in a series about the educators who teach and supply support services at FCWCS.

Michelle Dominique Hodges

3rd Grade Teacher of Mathematics & Social Studies

Three years ago, Michelle Hodges arrived on campus to interview. She found a school to continue her teaching career and FCWCS found an educator of quality.

In her 26th year of teaching, she spent her first 10 years as a 2nd Grade teacher at Henry W. Allen in the uptown New Orleans. Katrina caused Hodges to relocate to Houston, Texas, where she taught 2nd and 3rd Grades at Neff Elementary for 13 years. She is extremely grateful for her teaching experience in Houston. "This experience opened my eyes to a world of different cultures. I had the pleasure of meeting teachers, students, and families from all over the world. These amazing people all wanted to live the 'American Dream' of getting a quality education and achieving better opportunities for their families." However, the Crescent City was in dire need of outstanding educators as it attempted to rebuild its school system in 2006. In 2019, she made her way back to her NOLA, "where my heart has always been."

Hodges was born into a "family full of amazing teachers. However, my father was my true inspiration and hero for becoming a teacher. As a little girl, I spent many years visiting my dad's classrooms at Lakeview and Hynes Elementary Schools. My father, Mr. Ralph Dominique, was one of the first black male teachers at a predominately white school. He was asked to be part of a movement to desegregate teachers in Orleans Parish. He made such an impact on one former student, that he wrote an acknowledgement about him in his book 'Patron Saints'. He also taught the famous jazz singer Harry Connick Jr. Lots of his students have reached out to me via social media to tell me what an extraordinary teacher he was", states Mrs. Hodges. Not only did her father impact her life and career choice, but also her brother. "My brother also followed in my father's footsteps by not only becoming a teacher, he currently teaches at Hynes Parkview."

MDH attended Cabrini High School on Esplanade Avenue ("Go Crescents!!!"). While in high school, she was a cheerleader for St. Augustine High School. She found it a "most exciting cheerleading experience . . . my son [currently] attends St. Aug, he gets a kick knowing his mom was once a cheerleader for his school." After Cabrini, Mrs. Hodges attended the University of New Orleans (UNO), where she majored in Elementary Education, with a minor in Mathematics.

When not taking care of the classroom and household duties, Michelle is into bike riding, line dancing, Zumba, traveling, crabbing, cooking, and baking! Recently she has picked up a new interest—refurbishing furniture and interior designing. She definitely keeps busy.

Loyal, respectful, energetic, friendly, knowledgeable, compassionate are all adjectives that describe the educator in Room 1112. Pass by and witness engaged students, watching their petite teacher at the smart board.

Thanks Mrs. Hodges for all you do. You've become an asset we can't do without!

This is the last of our spotlights for 2021-2022 on the women and men who educate the Warriors of FCWCS. ###



Upcoming Calendar Events 2021-2022*

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

2nd Semester

April

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

May

- 2 - 6 LEAP Testing,
Grades 3rd, 4th, 5th;
8th Grade FINAL Exams
- 9 - 13 8th Grade Spirit Week
- 9 - 12 FINAL Exams for
All grades *except* 8
- 19 Pre-K EOY Activity
Promotional Activity
- 20 Kdg. & 8th Grade
EOY Activity

- 24 Students' LAST Day,
Report Cards Issued
- 26 Last Day for Staff
- 27 Last Day for Admin/
Leadership Team

Summer 2022

May

- 31 Academic/Enrichment
Summer School (*by
invitation only*), 8am - 1pm, M-Th

June

- 23 Summer Session Ends

School Year 2022-2023

July

- 25 Staff Returns

August

- 8 Students Return, Grades 1-8
- 15 Pre-K and Kindergarten
Students Return



This summer . . .

NORDC will offer 41 youth summer camps (ages 4-12) across the City of New Orleans. Visit their website for additional information @nordc.org/activities/summer-camp/



Need to call the school?

Our phone number is

504.373.6228

Mrs. G. Batiste-Johnson is our school's administrative assistant and will probably be the lady who pleasantly assists you!



Scenes from our school days, on and off campus: we've got seats (top); working hard using technology (pic 2); City Park oak tree makes a great seat (pic 3); Thursday before Easter, waiting for ride home (pic 4); Mrs. Dumas holds class outside on the front lawn.





Kelly S. Batiste, CEO/Principal

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April 1, 2022

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR 21ST CENTURY LEARNING CENTER GRANTS

Fannie C. Williams Charter School After School Program, Creative Learning After School Success (CLASS) is applying for funding under the Louisiana 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Fund. The announcement serves as public notice of our intent to apply. If awarded funding, Creative Learning After School Success (CLASS) will disseminate information about the 21st CCLC program in a manner that clearly states our goals with information accessible from individual letters, posts on our website and announced through local news resources. We invite comments and partnerships as we work to improve the services offered to our school age children in our After School program.

Please contact Karen LeBlanc (504) 373-6228 for more information.

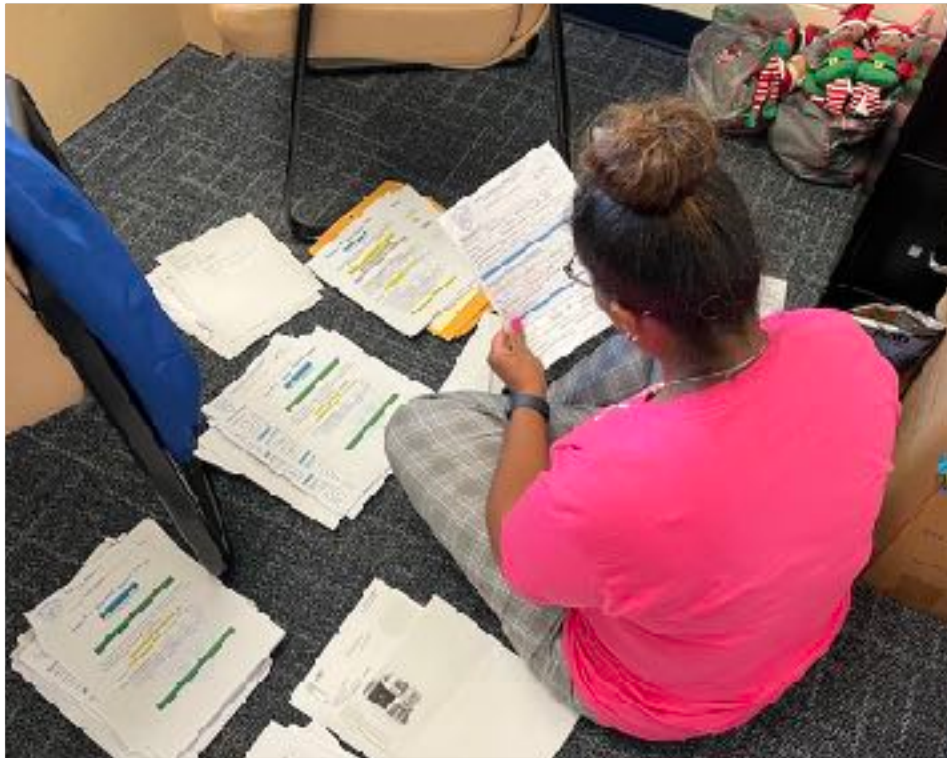
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photo by S. Jordan

We're saving your seat, but we need you to let us know you'll be back . . .

Intent to Return Forms Due NOW



Intent to Return . . .

That's Data Manager Bridget Lewis reviewing the Intent to Return Forms.

Each year parents are asked to declare whether their scholars will be returning next session, so that we can save their spot. All seats not reserved can be (and will be) used by NOLA-PS for their next round of school placement for students seeking a new school. Have

you returned your form and the necessary documents? We've got a fantastic FREE Pre-K program (with high ratings in accordance to the state's standards)! Know a 4 year old who can benefit from the nurturing Pre-K instructional team (Tolliver, Singleton, Wimberly, and Allen) who are in those two classrooms.

We've got a lot to offer here! ###

We hope ALL our Warriors return next year, so we've saved a seat for your scholar for the 2022-2023 school year!

An **Intent to Return Forms** was sent home in Wednesday's (April 6th) Warrior Folder. Please fill it out completely and return ASAP to your child's homeroom teacher. This will hold your child's seat at FCWCS. **All Intent to Return Forms MUST include the following documentation:**

1. **Parent/Guardian Identification;**
2. **Two Residency Documents proving residency in Orleans Parish (examples: utility bill, rental lease, property tax notice, etc.)**

ALL 8th Graders who did not receive placement in the Main Round Common App should submit an app in Round 2 beginning April 11th. ###

Scenes from 11755 Dwyer . . .

- 1) *LEAP 2025 has left the campus!;*
- 2) *Art with Mrs. LeBlanc is always productive and unique;*
- 3) *The water fountains are back on after we being turned off since Spring 2019;*
- 4) *Ronald, Jiquisha, & Cayden wrapping up their 10 years (Pre-K - 8) at FCWCS!*



8th Grade Class of 2022



**Class of 2022
Top 10
Valedictorian
Derrion Walker
Salutatorian
Trinitee Moliere**

3. Kanigh Wells
4. Bryce Sanders
5. Graciela Nunez
6. Malik Martin
7. Sanai Durel
8. Brooklyn London
9. Carl Reed, Jr.
10. Imany Roches

Longevity Award

*(Students who arrived on campus as **Pre-K** students in 2012-2013)*

1. Kaylie Alexander
2. DeShawné Cornelius
3. Da'rion Hall
4. Demond Franklin
5. Malik Martin
6. Trinitee Moliere
7. Jiquisha Sawyer
8. Ronald Smith
9. Cayden Thipado
10. Tyteina Thomas
11. Derrion Walker
12. Darchell Williams
13. Jamal Wilson

*(Students who arrived on campus as **Kindergarten** students in 2013-2014)*

1. Lyric Falkins
2. Dere'onne Harvey
3. Ty'quine Lewis
4. Sharlamijahi Palmer
5. Carl Reed, Jr.



Class of 2022 Blast from the Past pics: That's Carl Reed with the ball from Dec. '19. Dad's Club Pizza Party, Nov. 2019:

Kylie Alexander, Da'rion Hall, and Val Derrion Walker, await their slice of pizza.

Blast from the Past

Can you find members of the 8th Grade Class in these photos?



Pics from our Family Album



1. Friends, why we do what we do (lower left). School is about learning and developing socialization skills;
2. Teachers enjoy Teacher Appreciation @ Champion Square on Fri., May 6th;
3. That's Jovan (lower left). He's a member of the Class of '22. Congrats Jovan!;
4. There's always something to do to keep our building in tip-top shape. That's Clean Team member (and DJ extraordinaire) Quinton Lowe on the ladder replacing light bulbs. Thanks for all you do!;
5. Nurse Robichaux helps a little Warrior with a shirt adjustment. Photo by B. Lewis



Pics from our Family Album



Morning Meeting '22
Prior to COVID, we held morning meeting in the gym. Presently, we are not meeting like that—we ZOOM. Mrs. Batiste gives an energetic good morning to the entire school (*left*). She concludes with the Honor Roll “Assembly,” announcing 121 recipient by name. Way to go Mrs. Batiste! ###

Mrs. Arthur’s Baby Shower
Middle School science teacher was given a surprise baby shower during planning period on April 14th. It will be quite a while before her new daughter will need wipes, diapers, or clothes! Congratulations to the Arthur Family on the birth of their daughter and sister! ###



Egg Hunt, 2022
What a way to start Spring Break, an Easter Egg Hunt for our younger students. Held for the first time since the pandemic, plastic eggs with surprises inside and all the greatest candy available was given away by the Bunny’s helpers. ###



It’s a birthday celebration for the kindergarten students of Mrs. Harrell born in May. Classmates also enjoyed cupcakes and ice cream. Also celebrating their birthdays are Mrs. Eugene, Mrs. Tolliver, Mrs. LeBlanc, and Ms. Murphy. Happy Birthday ladies! ###





Need access to technology in your home? New service alert below:
NOPL to Loan Tablets

New Orleans Public Library will loan tablets (Chrome Book type devices) to residents with library cards. This new service started the week of May 9th.

This new initiative will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Each branch of NOPL will have a finite number of devices available for loan, up to six months at a time.

The tablets were purchased with a grant from the FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund. They are intended to be used to help residents meet their educational needs.

Each tablet comes with an unlimited data plan and function as a hotspot for other devices.

Librarians will also have devices for loan at select educational events for cardholders to check out.

Don't have a library card yet? Visit any of the city's branches, present your identification and verification of Orleans Parish residency.

(Source: nolalibrary.org)

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May 6 - 12, 2022



School Nurse: a specialized practice of public health nursing, protects and promotes student health, facilitates normal development, and advances academic success.

(Source: Wikipedia)

We can also add: protects the health of the entire FCWCS population—students and staff—during this pandemic. In her honor on Wednesday, May 11th, the staff turned out in medical scrubs.

Our Super Hero, Nurse Cheryl Robichaux, **THANK YOU!** ###



Heard on the hallway @ 7:44 am; Thurs., May 12:

Mrs. Johnson: Nurse, where are you? You have a patient! -11-



Spirit Stick Competition: 1. Wilson (DU); 2. Dumas (Howard); and 3. Hodges (Texas Southern)



LEAP Pep Rally Returns
Our annual LEAP 2025 Pep Rally returned to motivate students to do their best as they take the state's standardized test. Students in Grades 3-8 took exams on computers. Mrs. Wilson's homeroom won the Spirit Stick for their HBCU

presentation of Dillard University. Points were awarded for volume, clarity, precision, creativity, spirit, use of time and progression of the presentation. Thanks to Ms. Jordan for assistance with the creation of the cheers. ###



Teacher (Staff) Appreciation is celebrated nationally in May. FCWCS celebrates annually with a week of treats:
Mon., 5/9 - Donuts & Juice
Tues., 5/10 - Nacho Tuesday
Wed., 5/11 - Energizing Tea
Thurs., 5/12 - Ice Cream Sundaes
Fri., 5/13 - Catered Plate Lunch*
*Donated by Black Pot Catering



Pic on left: Ms. Breaux prepares her ice cream sundae; It's Taco Tuesday and Mrs. Grey and co-workers are putting the toppings on their nachos at the pic on top; Wednesday's Tea was 22 ounces of goodness. Thanks to our Administration for the special treats.

Always great to see Alumni of FCWCS

Pictured (top pic) Shelby Stigler and Jahda Brown (Class of 2020); Kevin Simpson (Class of 2016).



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Bus Service Provided by . . .

Calvin Transportation

We have a total of nine buses, which will arrive at school at 7:30 am and depart 3:25 pm. Routing assignments have been sent home with all currently registered bus riders.



Please review your child's information and contact Calvin Transportation at 504.912.4642 for info concerning route changes.

Other concerns (*late bus, missing bus, etc.*), please contact **Dean Sisco**

504.444.1063 (cell) or 504.373.6228 (main office).

Our School Day

Breakfast - 7:30 - 7:50 am

Classes Begin - 8:00 am

Dismissal - 3:15 pm

**All carpool students will be dismissed beginning @ 3:15 pm.*

**No early dismissal after 2:45 pm. Thanks!*

###

Fines for exceeding 20 MPH

\$75 - \$235
(depending on your speed)

Enforced
7 am - 9 am
2:45 pm - 4:45 pm



Bullard's camera will cost 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. ###



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

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 24~~

School Holidays

~~Sept. 6/Labor Day~~

~~Oct. 8 - 11/Fall Break~~

~~Nov. 22 - 26/Thanksgiving~~

~~Dec. 20 - Jan. 3/Winter Break~~

~~Jan. 17/MLK, Jr. Birthday~~

~~Feb. 28 - Mar. 4/Mardi Gras~~

~~Apr. 15-19 - Spring Break~~

**subject to change*



SMOKE ALARMS NEEDED IN ALL HOMES

Have you changed the battery in your smoke alarm lately? Can't reach it? Do you have smoke alarms in your home?

The New Orleans Fire Department (NOFD) will change the battery or install FREE smoke alarms (2) to residents of New Orleans.

Alarms are now available for Deaf and Hard of Hearing citizens (consists of a strobe light, vibrating bed/pillow shaker and a traditional audible alarm.

To receive the services of the NOFD, call the departments community relations division at 504.658.4717 or fill out the form located at www.nola.gov/nofd/citizen-services/free-smoke-detector-installation/. ###