

WARRIOR NEWS



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Starting our 16th year of educating Warriors

August 8, Our First Day!



11755 Dwyer Road, New Orleans
Summer ended as quickly as it began, and Warriors in Grades 1-8 returned to campus on a bright Monday morning.

This is our 16th opening day of school, and the third one during the era of COVID.

The carpool line stretched down Bullard, as yellow buses delivered hundreds of students to the back of the campus, all in crisp new uniforms. Every staff member

(some in super hero capes and masks) was on duty to welcome students back.

Back to the books, breakfast in the classroom, lunch in the cafeteria (grades 1-8), the start of volleyball, cross country, and flag football season and many other activities that make our school a great place to learn and grow. Now off to a great school year! ###



Scenes from Day One of the 2022-2023 school year! Our scholars arrived by 7:30 am, ready to go; That's Mrs. LeBlanc checking book bags at the main entrance (top). Mrs. Brown directs first graders to their homeroom (above); Recognize the lady in the green cape? It's Mrs. Watson helping out (left).



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

Principal's Message



September 6, 2022
Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's the first full week of September and we've already put in three full weeks of school! Time flies when you are busy.

As I write this, registered students are being tested for COVID. As always, we are attempting to keep students and staff safe. Each Tuesday, we provide testing that staff and many students take advantage of. This opportunity allows them to guard their health and that of others. If your child is not registered, please consider registering them.

FCWCS is making every attempt to provide a normal school experience to our scholars. Parents are welcome back into the building. Last week, we invited parents/guardians to our new Parent

Center in room 1703. We had a great turnout of about 60 parents/guardians during the two sessions. Thanks to all who attended.

Our first **face-to-face Progress Report Conferences will be held on Wednesday, September 14 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**, our first one since 2019. This is your opportunity to receive information regarding the class content and the curriculum being taught. You can get first-hand information on how your scholar is performing thus far.

Our Warrior Learning Lab begins today. FCWCS is providing remediation for those students needing that extra help. Encourage your scholar to do their best in all efforts each day.

--Kelly S. Batiste, CEO/Principal

Gently Used Uniform Drive

Children outgrow their clothes quickly. Eighth graders leave for high school. Parents may have to move to another community or city. All of these examples will produce uniforms that can no longer be used by your child. We would gladly take *gently used* uniforms off your hands. We've had students to lose everything in a house fire, students

who arrived from out-of-town with just the clothes they were wearing, kids have "accidents" at school. There are many reasons why we can always use extra uniforms (the school nurse, dean, counselors will accept them).

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and so will the Warrior who may need a change of clothing one day. ###

The Importance of Homework

Homework makes up **10%** of your scholar's report card grade. Lack of homework will negatively impact their final report card grade. **Students who don't do homework can not earn an "A" on their report card!**



If you need assistance with homework, you can find assistance at the website

www.HomeworkLA.org

All services can be accessed from your home computer, smart phone, tablet, or from any Louisiana public library. Services are provided in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. ###

Batiste-Johnson, Hodges, Theard Chosen Staff/Teachers-of-the-Year!

Congratulations to Gretchen Batiste-Johnson (*left*), Michelle Hodges (*center*) and Sharnell Theard who were chosen as the 'best of the best' for the 2021-2022 academic year.



Chosen by popular vote, these three exemplify the hard work that is needed to provide a positive experience for the Warriors at FCWCS.

Congratulations and thank-you ladies for all you do to make our school a positive place to learn and grow. ###



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Directions from our Data Manager Bridget Lewis on how to access your child's attendance and grades . . .

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. #####

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and at
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Have you submitted your e-mail to your child's teacher?

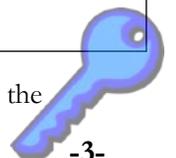
If you haven't, you are missing out on **ClassDojo**, a great way to receive info on what's happening in the classroom and on campus. Visit **classdojo.com** for additional information about this great app! ###

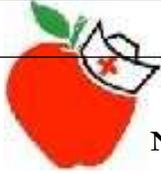
Important Info for Parents of Bus Riders

All Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students must be met at the bus stop by an adult in the afternoon, unless they are riding the bus with an older sibling in grades 4-8. If no adult is there to receive them, the driver will bring them back to school. It will then be the responsibility of the parent to pick them up. ###



Punctuality and consistent attendance is one of the keys needed for successful learning!





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



August 26, 2022

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I am here to help keep our learners at their physical best in these trying times.

Healthy children do better in school, sick children do not and can infect others on campus. We ask that you keep ill children home. We are not equipped to handle sick children.

I hope you used the summer to have your child's annual check-up and to make sure their immunizations are all up-to-date. Young people from 2 months to 18 years have shots that have to be taken to stay in school. I always encourage taking the annual flu shot. Remember, the best time to receive it is in September and October.

When we are able to have shots administered at school, notifications will be sent home for your permission. Please read and sign and return immediately to me.

Although COVID-19 has been at the forefront of my attention since 2020, it is still my responsibility to handle the usual school nurse duties—keep up with immunizations (baby shots), check eyes and ears, notify parents of health concerns teachers and myself may have noticed . . .

Remember, I do not diagnose illnesses, but I will advise you that you should see a doctor.

We are trying to get school as close to 'normal' as possible (that is, pre-March 2020). But **COVID-19 is still among us.** Have you registered your child to be tested for FREE each Tuesday? If not, please do so.

www.omega-covidsafe-prod-web.azurewebsites.net/register/participant-splash

We've got 394 students and staff registered on campus as of September 6. During today's testing, 307 individuals passed through. Thanks students and staff for your effort to keep us all healthy.

There will be times I will need to notify parents of an ill child. We will need to get in touch with you, so current contact information is always needed.

Let's work hard to keep all our Warriors healthy and excelling in the classroom. A healthy school is a productive school.

—Nurse Cheryl Robichaux
504.373.6228



Parents + School + Community = An AWESOME Partnership

Great schools always have this equation working for them! We are ONE! More than 460 students call FCWCS their educational home. They represent more than 300 unique families. Together we can accomplish anything this school year.



Celebrating 10 Year Honorees (2021-2022)

We are honoring a group of educators who have given a decade to the Warriors of Fannie C! In this era of schools not having enough staff to teach our children, we consider ourselves blessed to have them aboard.

Thanks to all of you for what you do for our scholars on campus.



Loretta Brown
Ireane Hall
Carla Lewis
Maryellen Kelly
Ashley Singleton
Brenda Watson

What make FCWCS a positive place to learn & grow?

PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & School Support)

P.B.I.S. is a school-wide approach to create a safer and more positive learning culture in our school. This research-based system establishes a process focused on improving our school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students.

With P.B.I.S., instructional time is more effectively used for teaching and the overall environment is calm and conducive to learning. P.B.I.S. allows parents and teachers to have open communication about what is expected in all areas of our school.

Our school's behavioral expectations are known as our **4Ps**—all Warriors are expected to be **prompt, polite, prepared** and **productive** everywhere, whether at school, field trips, on the school bus, athletic events and at home. The success of this program is dependent upon parents and our school community.

Parents, how can you help your child earn 85 points?

- Review the School Expectations with your child (*see pages 3, 4, 5 of the online Family Handbook*).
- Encourage your child to use appropriate behavior at school.
- Practice positive phrases with your child. Ask about your child's school day.
- Be a visible part of your's child's school.
- Attend school meetings, conferences and events.

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Scenes from past P.B.I.S. activities, c. 2017-2019—(left) Spring Fest and Friday afternoon hop for middle schoolers. Festivals, athletic events, music classes, field trips, book fairs, visits from the Saints and Pelicans provided students with a rich school experience academically and socially.

Rewarding 10 Years . . . CEO/Principal Batiste has given lapel pins twice before awarding Brown, Hall, Kelly, Lewis, Singleton and Watson theirs. Thanks for your decade of working to educate or provide services needed to keep our school growing. The pictures above depict these dedicated women.

(1st row) That's Loretta Brown who assists with Ms. Vigne's kindergarten class; Ireane Hall works in our Reflection Room; (2nd row) Carla Lewis (black t-shirt) is a Reading Interventionist and our technology guru; Teaching place values at the smart board is veteran educator Maryellen Kelly; (3rd row) That's Dillard grad and Pre-K instructor Ashley Singleton instructing a student on the proper way to hold a pencil; Brenda Watson keeps our school finances in tip-top order.

###



July 27 new leader honors FCWCS with an early visit

New NOLA-PS Superintendent Visits

New Orleans Public Schools newest leader, Dr. Avis Williams, made our campus one of her first stops to visit all campuses in the district.

Dr. Williams succeeds Henderson Lewis, Jr., as the leader of 181 years old NOLA Public Schools system, one of the oldest in the country. She led Selma City Schools for five years before being appointed to NOLA in March. The South Carolina native and former English, Physical Education teacher, and coach, also has been an assistant principal and principal during her 20 plus years in education. She is the first woman to permanently hold the post here. She earned a specialist degree from the University of Alabama, master's from Alabama A & M, and a bachelor's from Athens State College. She is also an Army veteran, having reached the rank of sergeant.

Our media center was used to broadcast a Q & A for the

organization *Chiefs for Change*. This group of school leaders from across the country, advocates change in policies and practices that will make a difference in every school in the USA.



Dr. Williams (left) was presented with a plant for her new office from CEO/Principal Batiste on behalf of the Warrior Family.

Veteran educator Janice Watts, Coordinator

NEW Parent Center Opens

FCWCS has always welcomed parents to our campus. We've had Donuts for Dad, Muffins for Mom, Grandparents Day, Black History Program, festivals, and field trips were we extended an invitation to parents/guardians to come to visit or assist. Parental visits to campus ended Friday, March 13, 2020, with the advent of COVID-19.

Well, we have begun a new 'normal' in schools, attempting to live within the confines of COVID. Parents/guardians are being invited back into schools to help support the strengthening of student achievement.

We understand that parents and families play an important role in assisting in their child's learning. We want families to be actively engaged in their child's education, assisting in the decision making needed to educate a scholar. So with that in mind, our first Parent Engagement Meeting was held to redevelop the partnership between our school and our families. As a Title I school, we follow the requirements of the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**. FCWCS organizes its Title I Committee to include the parents of the students we serve.

The first meeting was held on Wednesday, August 31. Two sessions (9 a.m. and 3 p.m.) were scheduled in an attempt to get everyone involved. The 9 a.m. session was the most popular, with mothers and fathers in attendance. Information was given on the purpose of the Parent Center and the upcoming events. The center also has pamphlets and brochures, in both English and Spanish, to provide information to parents that may help them with their scholars.



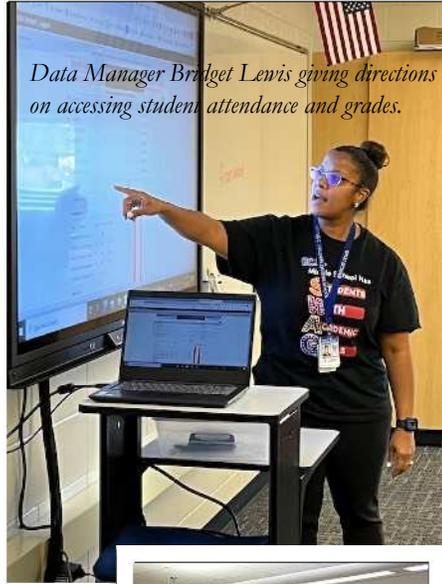
Janice Watts (standing) conducts the 3 p.m. session. More than 60 parents showed up for the inaugural Parent Engagement

Participants were given a three page document, outlining the purpose of the Center. We are hoping to get feedback from parents on how we are to proceed with this effort of collaboration between school and the home. ###



September and October are the months to get your **FLU SHOT!**
See your doctor or pharmacist!

NEW Parent Center Opens



Data Manager Bridget Lewis giving directions on accessing student attendance and grades.



Parents of students in grades 4-8 were given loaner Chromebooks for use at home. We now have a 1:1 tech devices for student access at FCWCS.



Donté's parent won a Fannie C. T-shirt awarded to him on Thursday morning.

2022-2023 1st Semester Proposed School Calendar

July 2022

- 18 1st Day for Administration/Leadership Team
- 25 1st Day for Staff

August 2022

- 8 1st Day for Students (in Grades 1-8)
- 15 1st Day for Pre-K & Kindergarten

September 2022

- 5 Labor Day (NO School for Students & Staff)
- 9 Warrior Store Open
- 14 Open House; Progress Reports Issued
- 23 P.B.I.S. Event
- 30 Warrior Store Open

October 2022

- 5 Professional Development Day for Teachers (NO School for Students)
- 7 Parents Night Out
- 12 Report Cards Issued; Candy Drive Begins
- 13-18 Fall Break (NO School for Students & Staff)
- 21 Warrior Store Open
- 27 P.B.I.S. Event
- 28 Trunk or Treat

November 2022

- 21-25 Thanksgiving Break (NO School for Students & Staff)
- 30 PD Day for Staff (NO School for Students)

December 2022

- 7 PD Day (NO School for Students)
- 23-31 Winter Break (NO School for Students and Staff)

January 2023

- 2-6 Winter Break (NO School for Students and Staff)
- 9-10 PD Day (NO School for Students)
- 16 MLK, Jr. Day (NO Classes for Students and Staff)

VERY IMPORTANT

Important Info for Warrior Families School Website
fcwcs.org

Changing your contact info

B. Lewis
(or questions about the Student Progress Center or home address, phone, e-mail)
enrollment@fcwcs.org

Questions & Concerns
info@fcwcs.org

School Office Phone
504.373.6228

Bus Concerns
Dean Sisco
504.444.1063
504.373.6228



Chromebook Tech Support
C. Lewis
techsupport@fcwcs.org

Monthly Meal Menu
fcwcs.org

Family Handbook
fcwcs.org

Homework Assistance (State of Louisiana)
http://homeworkla.org

New Orleans Public Schools
504.365.8730

Local Child/Elder Abuse Hotline
504.680.9000

2022-2023 Quarter Dates

- 1st Q August 8 - October 7
- 2nd Q October 10 - December 22
- 3rd Q January 11 - March 17
- 4th Q March 20 - May 19



Time

- Breakfast** 7:30 am - 7:55 am
- Lunch** Various times
- Classes Start** 8:00 am
- End Time** 3:15 pm
- Total Minutes** 435 minutes
- Deduct Lunch** 30 minutes
- Total Instructional** 405 minutes per day
- Total Days** 166 days



Opening Days @11755 Dwyer Rd.

Getting ready for our scholars in 2022 kept everyone busy—custodians, administration, support staff, and classroom teachers. Once we got underway, everyone asked “when is Labor Day?”



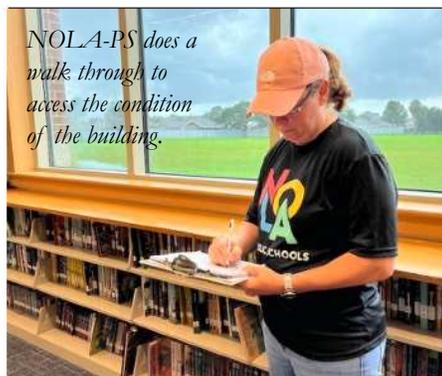
Opening days of a new school year is always busy. Pictured on left are photos from July 25 through August 10.



The year always begins with PDs for teachers (top two pics); Dr. A. Williams records a YouTube broadcast about her expectation for the first 100 days (far left); Mrs. Batiste provides Honey Baked Ham sandwiches or salads for staff (near left); Meet and Greet Day parents hurriedly enter to bring supplies and scholars to meet their teachers (far left); Lunch in the café for the first time since March 13, 2019 (near left); An eighth grade student introduces herself to her teacher and classmates by reading a questionnaire (below).



Second grade team practices for a fire drill.



NOLA-PS does a walk through to access the condition of the building.



Campus Happenings from @11755 Dwyer

Daughters of ISIS•Platta Court #114

The Daughters of Isis are the female auxiliary to the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine, the Prince Hall affiliated Masons. Our local branch of this charitable and benevolent organization donated book bags filled with school supplies to both kindergarten classes August 24. The Prince Hall Family also provided the school with a monetary gift of \$300.00, to be used by the counseling department. Thanks ladies, we appreciate your generosity. ###



Can You Assist Us Like the Prince Hall Family?

Pictured is Warrior counselor Monique Aziz (*left*) and Ms. Eileen Jackson (*right*) of Platta Court #114. Jackson is making a monetary donation to the counseling department on behalf of A. V. Williams #178, Platta #15 Nobles and herself. Thank-you!

Please contact us at **504.373.6228** to let us know that you can assist students who may be in need of school supplies or uniforms. Just as the Prince Hall Masonic Family donated, we've had scores in the past who were very generous. On behalf of the children of FCWCS, we thank you.

—The Administration & Staff

September 15 - October 15

September is National Hispanic Month

Did you know that FCWCS has a Hispanic population of about 13%?

We take great pride in the diversity of our student body, accepting all who would like to learn and grow on our campus. An explanation of the significance of the month will be presented to the student body. Lessons will be accompanied by classroom activities recognizing the history, culture, and achievements of Hispanic Americans to New Orleans and the USA. ###



Campus Happenings from @11755 Dwyer



We've been in session about three weeks. It's been a whirlwind of activity—back to work we go! New faces to learn, new friends to make, new lessons to

learn, etc. Take a look at the pictures below and on the next page to check out our Campus Happenings@11755 Dwyer Rd! ###



Campus Happenings from @11755 Dwyer



Our bus service is provided by

Calvin 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. ###

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**

Need to call the school to talk to Nurse Robichaux? Our phone number is 504.373.6228
Mrs. G. Johnson is our school's Executive Assistant and will probably be the "voice" pleasantly answering your questions!

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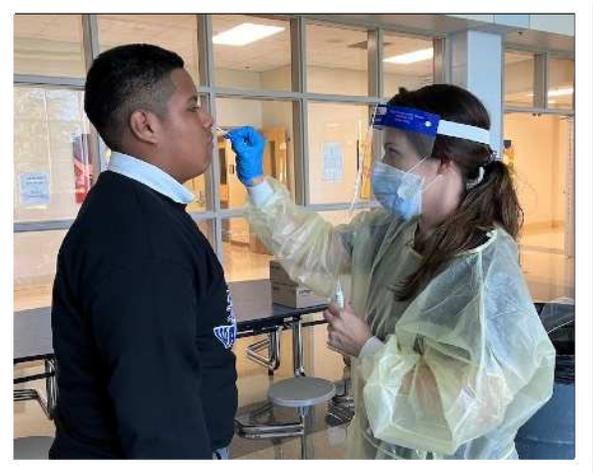
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COVID TESTING remains an important part of helping to keep our campus safe for all who study and work here. All it takes registering your child online. **Call Nurse Robichaux for information @ 504.373.6228.**



Are you a registered voter? The Open Congressional Primary Election is Tues., November 8. Each and every vote counts. The Deadline to register to vote by mail, in person, or at the Office of Motor Vehicles is October 11, 2022. The deadline for online registration is October 18. (GeauxVoteOnlineSystem.com). Early voting is October 25 - November 1 (excluding Sunday, October 30), 8:30 am - 6 pm. Polls are open 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. ###

Uniforms have been worn at FCW since our earliest days as a school. We ask that parents send their scholars to school each day in full uniform as stated on the website (fcwcs.org). Thank-you for adhering to this rule.
-Kelly S. Batiste, CEO/Principal