



# WARRIOR NEWS

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*Annual Grandparents Day Celebration Great Success!*

### Our Grandparents, 'Caring Hands, Loving Hearts'



11755 Dwyer Rd., NOLA  
Every year in September we invite grandparents to campus.

This great tradition was on hiatus for a few years due to COVID, but it has returned and the grandparents have not disappointed. Friday, September 29th, Warriors' 'Paw-Paw and Maw-Maw' arrived. Smiling and anxiously looking for their loving grandchild(ren), the gym quickly filled with two generations of our school family.

Our youngest Warriors greeted their grandparents enthusiastically. No program can happen without our music department. Musical selections by the 'Voices of Fannie C' and the Warrior Band (under the direction of Stephanie Jordan and Dedrick Bray, respectively) were crowd pleasers. Selected students read their personal thoughts regarding their 'grands.'

A big thank-you to the Grandparents' Day Committee for a job well done. ###



*Thanks to all grandparents who came and made it a great day!*  
**Grandparents' Day Committee: Mrs. D. Barnett & Ms. L. Robinson (Co-Chairs);** Committee: N. Allen, P. Britt, A. Davis, L. Ducros, S. Eugene, L. Kelly, K. LeBlanc, K. Thompson, S. Tolliver, & V. Wimberly.  
(Additional coverage on pages 4 and 6).

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October 18, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

The first quarter is behind us. By now you should have viewed your scholar's first quarter report card. Is it what you expected? Now is the time to make adjustments so that your child can exceed your expectations.

Our first Coffee & Conversation in the Parent Center was an 'eye opener.' Patrice Wright, M.Ed. of the Parenting Center @ Children's Hospital spoke to the group about '**Routines Matter.**' The group of about 25 parents and grandparents were attentive as Ms. Wright explained how children thrive in a setting where there are routines. "Great classroom management always entails routines. Homelife should also," according to Ms. Wright.

Good routines are good for children and help in their development. Research shows routines help in the social emotional development in early childhood. Children who are raised with routines have self-regulation skills (*learning to control oneself, by oneself—Andrea Bell of goodtherapy.org*), the foundation of good mental health. These are the youngsters who learn to control their feelings and behaviors. A child who has mastered this can adapt to everyday challenges, stressful situations, and new expectations of their teachers and parents.

This does not occur all at once, it takes time and the help of parents. Children don't need every minute of their day scheduled, but like adults, they like some predictability in their lives. They need to know what to expect each day at home and at school. Here are some examples of routines that children find comforting: (*Routines Matter, cont'd on pg. 3*)

### Just a friendly reminder . . . Early Dismissal Ends at 2:30 pm

Parents/Guardians, we would like to remind you that **Early Dismissal can't be accommodated at 2:30 pm and thereafter.**

We understand emergencies do occur occasionally. However, teachers are trying to wrap up



lessons, ensure that little ones have all their belongings and are properly clothed for inclement weather, etc., etc., etc.

Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

—Kelly S. Batiste,  
CEO/Principal

## Support Staff Ensures ALL the Needs of Warriors are Met: Meet Kristen Eschman, Speech Pathologist



FCWCS has a support staff to complement the classroom teacher. Pictured is Speech Pathologist Kristen Eschman. School-based Speech Pathologists diagnose and treat speech, language,

and swallowing disorders in children. Eschman works with about 65 students. The student pictured was practicing 'th' words. He did a great job during the **WN** visit.



### from the desk of Nurse Robichaux

Did you know that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month?

Being a mother is a full-time job, I am sure you are well aware.

Making sure your children are healthy is one of the most important responsibilities of a mother. However, many moms neglect to do the things that will keep herself in good health. October is the perfect opportunity to schedule a **mammogram.**



### What is a mammogram?

**Mammograms** are low energy x-ray pictures of the breast. They are used to look for early signs of breast cancer. Regular mammograms can locate breast cancer early, sometimes up to three years before it can be felt.

**Who should get a mammogram?** Most breast cancers are found in women about 50 years or older. But cancers can affect younger women. Breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women in the USA (skin cancer is first).

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## Coffee & Conversation

### The first Coffee & Conversation

September 20th, was informational and a great way for parents to meet and gain insight into ways to improve interactions with their children. Be on the lookout for next one January '24. ###



### Routines Matter . . . (cont'd from pg. 3)

- Daily routines help family life run smoothly. They also help families enjoy more time together.
- Routines help children feel safe, develop life skills and build healthy habits.
- Routines help parents feel organized, reduce stress and find time for enjoyable activities.
- Good routines are well-planned, regular and predictable.

#### Examples of daily routines for school-age children:

- getting ready in the morning and **going to bed at night at a predictable time (determine time that will give them about 9 hours of sleep– it also allows you some 'me' time);**
- doing after-school activities like hobbies or sports (don't forget to get the homework completed for the next day);
- doing chores (dusting, setting the table for dinner, helping with the laundry or caring for pets).

#### Examples of daily routines for middle schoolers:

- getting ready in the morning or winding down after coming home from school;
- doing homework;
- doing laundry, making beds, cleaning rooms and taking out garbage;
- doing after-school activities, including hobbies or sports;
- spending time with family
- relaxing before bed (determine time 'to turn in' that will give them **at least 8 hours of sleep**).

During school holidays, you might consider being more flexible—sleeping later, spend more time playing video games, enjoying time with their friends.

Please consider incorporating some of these ideas into your family's life. Try to join us for the next 'Coffee and Conversation.' Great info!

Source: Patrice Wright @ Children's Hospital & raisingchildren.net.au

—Kelly S. Batiste, CEO/Principal

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

### Who should get . . . (cont'd from pg. 2)

Black women die in greater numbers than White women from breast cancer. In 2022, about 280,000 women in the US were newly diagnosed.

At age 40, women should have their first mammogram. Previously, the first screening happened at age 50. Only those with a family history of breast cancer or irregular biopsies were encouraged to do a screening before 50. But breast cancer has become more prevalent among women in their 40s. The increase has made the National Cancer Institute to encourage women in their 40s (and maybe earlier) to get tested. Breast cancers usually grow faster and are more aggressive in younger women.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data indicates that over half of women between 40 and 49 reported having had a mammogram within the last two years. Women who have a mother or sister with breast cancer should begin their screening five to 10 years earlier. Families with the mutations that are known to increase the risk of breast cancer should begin as early as 30. Always check with your physician for guidance specific to you.

Remember, take care of yourself so that you can be around for your children, grandchildren, and great grands. They need you. ###

Sources: [www.harvard.edu](http://www.harvard.edu); [oakstreethealth.com](http://oakstreethealth.com); [goodhousekeeping.com](http://goodhousekeeping.com)



## 'Caring Hands, Loving Hearts' Sought to Help Grands Do Well in School

Janice Watts, FCW's Parent-Family Engagement Coordinator, made a plea for grandparents' assistance in the development of their grandchildren.

Each grandparent present was given a **Daily Learning Planner**, that gave 31 ideas that families can use to help children do well in school (one for each day of the week). The planner is divided into elementary and middle school segments. It is hoped that grandparents who see their grands frequently (*try a few at a*

*time if your grands visit on the weekends primarily*) will use this planner as a guide to assist. Grandparents can also pass the planner on to parents to get the job done.

However a family accomplishes these tasks, the results will be well worth the effort (*additional pictures on pg. 6*).

*"Few are too young, and none too old, to make the attempt to learn." Booker T. Washington, 1856-1915 writer, political leader, educator and orator . . .*

###

*Directions from our Data Manager Tanisha Batiste on how to access your child's attendance, assignments, and grades . . . Progress Reports and Report Cards are digital. All parents/guardians should create a NEW log-in for the Student Progress Center if you have not done so previously (if you already have an active account, you continue to use your same username and password).*

Be proactive, 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 appear.
  - Go to **REGISTER NEW USER** if you are a first time user.
  - If your account has already been created, type in your **USERNAME** and **PASSWORD**, then click Sign In.

### 3. NEW Users should:

1. Choose District  
**364 Fannie C. Williams Charter School**
2. Choose Relationship  
**Guardian**
3. Enter Guardian Last Name
4. Enter Guardian First Name
5. Enter PSN Number (Student Portal #)  
This is a six-digit number (**student's date-of-birth in this format-mmddyy**)
4. If the information provided in #s 1-3 is correct, you will be allowed to create a **USERNAME** (6-20 characters) and a **PASSWORD** (6-20 characters). **It is strongly suggested you write your USERNAME and PASSWORD down and keep it in a secure place to access if you should forget this info.** FCW does not have access to your login information.
5. You will be asked to choose two (2) "secret questions" to help you get into the Student Progress Center if you forget your username and password.
6. Click **COMPLETE** when you finish.



You will be able to check your child's attendance, progress report, and report cards.

Punctuality and good attendance are two keys needed to be successful in the classroom.

###







### The Ladies of Heira

Shout out to The Ladies of Heira organization for not forgetting the Warriors of Fannie C!

The organization serves the city of New Orleans through cultural, social and philanthropic activities. On September 21, they gifted scores of bags to our school.

Each bag is filled with a toothbrush, toothpaste, snacks and canned goods.

Our social worker M. Aziz (*third from left*) ensures that they are distributed to students in need. Pictured with the Ladies of Heira are Mrs. Aziz and Principal Batiste (*in black shirts*) and staff member Altrvесе Gardner on the far right.

###

### Cornerstone United Methodist Visits

Cornerstone UM Church, our next door neighbors, came to visit to read to students on September 20. Our youngest Warriors (Pre-K and kindergarten) were treated to 'classics' (*think 3 Little Pigs*) by the Rev. Clifton Conrad and the **United Men of Cornerstone** organization (*not in order: Charles Beckman,*

*Bernard Harry, Freddie Williams, and Wilfred Norris*). It was obvious, that the Warriors and our neighbors enjoyed each other.

Thank-you neighbors for stopping by and treating our young ones to the joys of reading and listening!

###



### Kedila Afterschool Program, Year 2

The Kedila Afterschool Program has begun year two. FCWCS received a 21st Century Grant last year to fund the program.

Partnered with the Kedila Learning Center, students enrolled are provided academic assistance and fun

enrichment activities. Snacks, bus transportation home are provided Monday through Thursday (3:30-5:15 pm) for participants. The program is limited to 250 students in grades Pre-K through 8. A waiting list for other pupils has been started. ###

**Program:** Academic tutoring/homework assistance (*homework may have to be completed at home*);

Enrichment Classes: Band, Auxiliary Marching Units, FCWCS Athletic Teams, Crafts, Reading, Legos, Writing with Music, Jewelry Making, Art, Board Games, Pep Squad, Basic Hair

Care, Line Dancing, Computer Games, Theater/Acting, Computer Coding, Social Emotional Learning, Exercising, Cub Scouts.

**\*Please Note:** This is **NOT** after school **care**, but a fun continuation of the school day. **You can lose your spot for chronic absenteeism and behavior issues.** ###



A planning meeting for year two on Sept. 21 with the staff has Ex. Director of Kedila Family Learning Center, Dipo Mosadomi and Academic Liaison Gwendolyn

Barnes addressing the staff. The Afterschool Coordinator is FCWCS staff member Karen LeBlanc.



### FAQ, Kedila Afterschool Program

**Cost:** FREE

**Grade Level:** Pre-K - 8

**Hours:** 3:15 - 5:15 pm

**Days:** Monday - Thursday

**Snacks:** Yes

**Staff:** 25 (*including Security*)

**Student Population:** 250

**Transportation:** School Bus or parental pick-up (*continues next column*)





Grandparents Day 2023 (cont'd from pg. 4)  
'Caring Hands, Loving Hearts'



*It's always a full morning when grandparents come to visit! Everyone works hard to make this a memorable day for grandparents and their grandchildren. Starting with the event committee, classroom teachers and the Enrichment Team, it's all hands on deck! Even Sir William, our mascot (pictured above), made an appearance. Thanks to all who made the morning a success. See you next year.*

**No One Fights Alone @ FCWCS**

The days of September and October are Cancer Awareness Months for leukemia and breast cancer, respectively. Our school family has been touched by this illness, affecting students and staff alike. During the month of September we wore orange t-shirts (leukemia) each Friday. October we wear pink (breast cancer). The monies earned for dress down days were given to local cancer agencies in hopes of finding a cure. ###



**\$1000.00**



**\$472.65**



*That's our Mia with sister and mom. Mia, J. Watts (middle) and one other student have battled leukemia.*



*Shout out to B. Toledano, I. Hall, and G. Johnson (right) for spear-heading successful fundraisers for cancer research. September's leukemia drive brought in \$1000 through t-shirt sales and Friday dress down days. Johnson's pink lemonade, 'candy guess,' and anything pink netted \$472.65.*



**Thanks to all who helped in anyway!**





**Class of 2023**  
**Eighth Grade**  
**Promotion Ceremony**  
**Monday, May 15, 2023**  
**Top 10 Scholars**  
**Mariah Edwards**  
**Emily Peralta**  
**Hezekiah Williams**  
**Lyric O'Conner**  
**Maci Evans**  
**Demonte McFarland**  
**Zael Zapata**  
**Jozzae Vaughn**  
**Lloydell Ferrand**  
**Ramon Carter, Jr.**

**Top Scholars Edwards & Peralta**



***Top Scholars with**  
**Principal Batiste,**  
**Mariah Edwards,**  
**Valedictorian (left) and**  
**Emily Peralta,**  
**Salutatorian (right).***

***Honor Students with**  
**stoles on stage (below);***

***Members of the 8th**  
**Grade Class of '23 of**  
**Fannie C. Williams**  
**(below left).***



***Scenes from the**  
**Promotional**  
**Exercise for the**  
**FCWCS Class**  
**of 2023, held**  
**May 15th @**  
**9:00 am.***

Keshawn Allen	Kolie Leslie
Xzavier Alvarado	Andrew McKey
Percy Barard III	Bra'Niya Myles
Kyri Burns	Darrionna Nealy
Dontrell Crawford*	Alex Nguyen
James Crawford*	Roderick Ridgely*
Kennedi Crawford*	Zana Robertson*
Alisha Dyer	Jade Robinson
Celayah Dyer	Jazmin Robertson*
Sy'Maj Evans*	Kaniya Sanson*
Malik Farria*	Eriyn Shiloh*
Tanarina Fefie*	Brionne Simmons
London Fleming*	Damon Singleton
Alex Gobernado	Aneciah Smith*
Travion Griffin*	Aniyah Smith*
Drikanath Haley*	Joseph Smith, Jr.
Mya Howard	Lacey Stigler*
Ayden Hunter	Gregory White III
Todd James	Ja'Tasia Wilson*
Lyndon Jones*	Joy Zelaya Gordon*
Quincy Jynes	
Eriyon Lazard*	

*\*Taylor Award Scholar*



***Dream high . . . reach higher!***



***Mistress of**  
**Ceremony**  
**Macy Evans**  
**(far left); Guest**  
**Speaker Byron**  
**Hall, '17;**  
**Lacey Stigler**  
**(left); Nyguen**  
**Family.***





## Campus Happenings @11755 Dwyer Rd.

Warriors are always busy. The two pics on the right are **Ms. S. Theard's 5th grade students**. They are studying the 1000 years of Europe's **Middle Ages**. Scholars are displaying their costumes, handmade items, or toys depicting this era in the world's history.



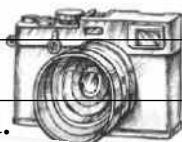
The foundation for learning is laid in the lower grades. The pics on left and below show Pre-K, kindergarten, and 1st graders receiving assistance from teachers, and even the principal. (below). Educators shown: Tolliver, Singleton, Allen, Wimberly, Toledano, and Batiste.



That's Ms. **Vigne's** **kindergarten class** on the far-left reviewing items that begin with the letter 'W'

Mrs. **Harrell** (left) reads Dr. Seuss' *I Like Green Eggs and Ham* to her Pre-K students. ###





## Campus Happenings @11755 Dwyer Rd.



That's the **Dancing Warriors** tryouts (*far left*), Oct. 18.

**Ms. Theard's 5th graders** are working on a Social Studies lesson involving Europe's Middle Ages. Quiet and engaged (*left*). Way to go Warriors!



It's **Art with Britt and LeBlanc** (*above*). Students are studying **graffiti art**.

It's **Red Ribbon Week** (Oct. 23-27) and we're **Twin'n** (Thurs.) and wearing our **Black & Gold** (Tues.) to highlight the fight against drugs and bullying.



That's **Reading Interventionist C. Lewis** (*3rd row left*) behind the grill and skillet. The occasion? She's treating her **Achieve 3000** krewes to breakfast on Oct. 31 for their hard work increasing their lexile levels in reading; (*middle pic*) The young lady with the medal is our own Olympic-bound **cross-country runner Hailey**. Congrats on a great season!; (*far right*) **Physical Ed. uniforms** are

in. See Coach Wayne Steward for details; (*bottom*) That's **J. Watts** (*far left*) addressing parents during a **Title I Parent Meeting** Oct. 24; That's **2nd grade teacher D. Williams** doing her part to keep healthy, **taking flu and COVID shots** on the same day!; Our **Clean Team** ensures we study and work in a clean environment. That's **W. Mitchell** putting a shine on the floor.



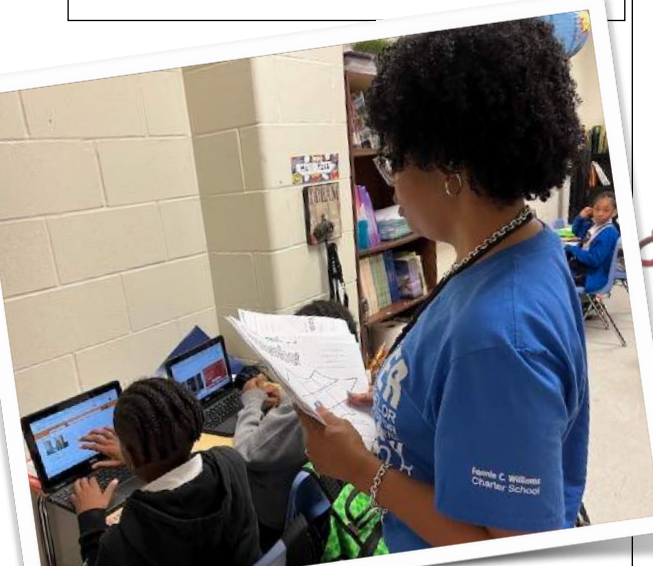
**VERY IMPORTANT**

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## The Warrior Learning Lab

The **WLL** (formerly known as intervention) began the week of September 11. It provides a great opportunity for students to improve their reading and math skills in a small group setting.

If your scholar receives this additional help, encourage them to their best when they are working in the **Warrior Learning Lab**. ###



*The Warrior Learning Lab in Room 2113 is always a productive place.*

*That's Sonya Dent (top, standing) reviewing a student's work. Each student is equipped with a Chromebook with the needed program for their grade level. All Warriors in grades 3-8 were also*

*provided a Chromebook for home use, to be returned at the end of the school year.*

*Technology has altered the classroom in recent years. Technology allows students of various learning styles to adapt easier than traditional school methods.*

### Info for Warrior Families School Website

fewcs.org

### Changing your contact info

T. Batiste

(or questions about the Student Progress Center or home address, phone, e-mail)

enrollment@fewcs.org

### Questions & Concerns

info@fewcs.org

### School Office Phone

504.373.6228

### Bus Concerns

Dean Sisco

504.444.1063

504.373.6228

### Chromebook Tech Support

C. Lewis

techsupport@fewcs.org

### Monthly Meal Menu

fewcs.org

### Family Handbook

fewcs.org

### Homework Assistance

(State of Louisiana)

<http://homeworkla.org>

### New Orleans Public Schools

504.365.8730

### Local Child/Elder Abuse

Hotline

504.680.9000

### Fire, Police, Ambulance

Emergency ONLY

9-1-1

### National Domestic Violence

Hotline (24/7)

800.799.7233

### Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

9-8-8

### NOPD NON-Emergency

504.821.2222

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### 2023-2024 Upcoming Events

#### October 2023

- 9 Fall Break Week (Oct. 9-13)
- 16 Classes Resume, 2nd Quarter Begins
- 18 1st Quarter Report Cards Issued
- 20 P.B.I.S. Day for Deserving Warriors
- 23 Red Ribbon Week Begins (Oct. 23-27)
- 24 SIP Title I Meeting, 10-11 am
- 25 SIP Title I Meeting, 4:30-5:30 pm
- 27 Trunk or Treat?

#### November 2023

- 8 STEAM Night, Time: 4-6 pm
- 9 PD Day, NO School for Students
- 15 Progress Report Conferences, 3:30-5:30 pm
- 20 Thanksgiving Break Week, NO School
- 27 Classes Resume today
- 30 P.B.I.S. Treat for Deserving Warriors

#### December 2023

- 6 PD Day, NO School for Students
- 13 Parent Lunch & Learn, Time: 10:30 am - 11:30 am
- 21 2nd Quarter Ends
- 22 Winter Break Begins for Students

#### January 2024

- 8 Staff Returns Today
- 10 Classes Resume Today for Students, 3rd Quarter Begins

### Mark ALL your child's clothing and belongings—

with their FULL name and classroom number. This includes sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, hats, caps, umbrellas, raincoats, eyeglass cases and lunch kits.

We will make every effort to reunite Warriors with their belongings when they are marked (use Sharpies and utilize labels).

—Classroom Teachers & Deans  
###



## Hats Off to September & the Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair took place the week of Sept. 25 for four days (PD on Wednesday, no school).

As always, a steady stream of readers made their way to the library to shop. The book fair is our way to encourage reading among our student body.

Friday's Grandparents Day became the week's busiest, with generous grandparents purchasing books and other items for their grandchildren. ###



Readers are future leaders, are you one?







Our bus service is provided by  
**Calvin**

## Transportation

Dean Sisco will answer 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 T. Batiste at

**enrollment@fcwcs.org**



## Carpool Parents things to know . . .

- We receive children at 7:30 am. Please remain in the car with them at Entrance #1;
- Afternoon dismissal begins at 3:15 pm, please remain in the car, driving all the way to Entrance #16;
- Please be on time to pick-up your child(ren);
- No early release after 2:30 pm;
- Do not block the driveways of our neighbors. ###



## Warrior Café Menus for Breakfast & Lunch

Can be found for the month on the school's website @ **fcwcs.org**  
Look under Campus Life (Breakfast/Lunch)



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Do you need to talk to Nurse Robichaux, Behavioral Counselor Mrs. Aziz, or anyone else on campus? Our phone number is

**504.373.6228.** Mrs. Johnson will take a message if they are unavailable at that time. Questions can also be answered by Principal Batiste by email @ **info@fcwcs.org** ###



An air-conditioned FCWCS and lower temperatures call for outerwear. Sweatshirts are ideal and can be purchased from the school. This year's cotton sweatshirt is **\$20.00 for youth sizes & \$25.00 for adult-sized sweatshirts.** Cash or money orders only (made out to Fannie C. Williams School). Receipts are always issued by Mrs. B. Watson.



## Kids are observational learners!

(Observational learning refers to a process where someone learns by watching and then model the behavior of other people).



**What are you teaching your child? Great things we suspect!**