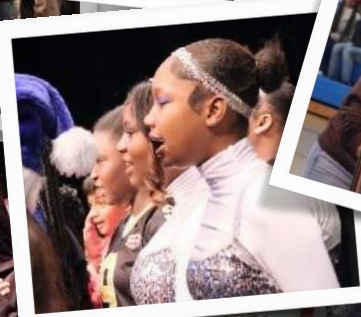
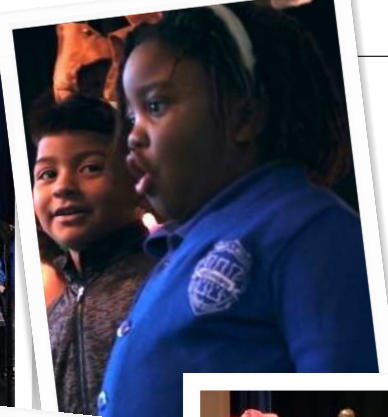


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Hip Hop Holiday

A Celebration of the Holiday Season, Fannie C. Style

Thursday, December 21, 2023 @ The Warrior Theater

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January 18, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! Can you believe that we are already in the 2nd semester of 2023-2024 school year? **Each day is important and I ask that you make sure your child is present and on time.**

We are analyzing student data, tracking progress and making instructional adjustments when needed. The Leadership Team and I are confident that we have the right educators on board to get the job done. Please work with them to ensure that your scholar is growing academically. **That means you are making sure your child is in school (on time), completing class assignments and homework. Continue to motivate your child to do their best.** You can check attendance and grades in the Student Progress Center (<https://services.edgear.net/progress>). Reach out

to Ms. T. Batiste, our Data Manager, for assistance in setting this up on your device if you need assistance.

We have initiated the Saturday Enrichment Program. It is our effort to give invited students that extra 'boost' we think they need. It will run for nine weeks, beginning January 13 through April 13. If your Warrior has been invited to take part, please ensure that they are here by 9 am on the designated Saturdays. Saturday Enrichment ends at 11 am sharp!

As always, we thank you for entrusting the education of your child(ren) to our team of educators at FCWCS. We appreciate your confidence and will continue to do all we can to see them grow academically.

—Kelly S. Batiste, Principal & CEO

Achieve 3000 Breakfast Celebration

Students enrolled in the reading learning lab, Achieve 3000, were treated to a breakfast treat of hot chocolate (and array of toppings) and fresh donuts.

It was an awesome treat for the students of reading interventivists C. Lewis and D. Barnett.

Achieve 3000 is a web-based curriculum used to help students become fluent in reading at FCW. It provides individualized lessons, allowing students to master skills through lessons prepared specifically for them. Those on track with these lessons were rewarded with this special treat by Mrs. Lewis on December 14th. ###



= A Great Morning!

Thanks Mrs. Lewis



**Info for Warrior Families
School Website**

fcwcs.org

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Chromebook Tech Support

C. Lewis

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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

Fire, Police, Ambulance

Emergency ONLY

9-1-1

NOPD Non-Emergency

504.821.2222

National Domestic Violence

Hotline (24/7)

800.799.7233

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

(Call, Text, Chat, 24/7)

9-8-8



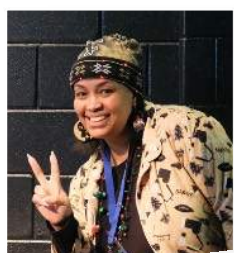
Hip Hop Holiday-A Celebration of the Holiday Season . . .

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The Winter Holiday Season is always a very busy time on campus. There's Santa pictures to take, homeroom parties to plan, ugly sweaters to secure and of course the Christmas program to prepare!

This year's celebration was called a 'Hip Hop Holiday. View the pictures on page 1 and 3 to see how this was done. Enjoyable time for all. Thanks to the parents who came to see our Hip Hop Holiday.

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Scenes from our Holiday Show! Snowmen on left from classroom contest. Frosty Gras, Team 3 (on left) won. Congratulations.

Events for January/February 2024

January 2023

- 10 8th Grade Girls & Boys Basketball Game @ 4 pm
- 11 Jazz Performance for Grades 3-5; 8th Grade Girls & Boys Basketball Game @ Trist Middle, 4 pm
- 13 1st Saturday Enrichment Program, 9-11 (by invitation only)
- 15 Marching Warriors in MLK, Jr. Parade 9 am (starting @ A. L. Davis Park); NO SCHOOL for Students & Staff
- 16 8th Grade Girls & Boys Basketball Game @ St. Bernard, 4 pm
- 17 Parent Coffee & Conversation, 9:30 am (Please RSVP); Basketball Games, 6th Grade Boys, 8th Grade Girls, 4-6 pm
- 18 Boys Basketball, 6th & 8th Grade Teams @ FCWCS, 4-6 pm; Warrior Student Council Field Trip to New Orleans City Council Mtg
- 19 Warrior Store Open for Business; Common Application Round 1 Ends
- 20 2nd Saturday Enrichment Program, 9-11 (by invitation only; program will continue until April 13, 9 sessions)
- 22-26 National School Choice Week
- 23 Club Day
- 24 Family Math Night, Time: TBA (please RSVP)
- 25 C.L.A.S.S. Board of Directors Meeting
- 26 P.B.I.S. Event
- 27 3rd Saturday Enrichment Program, 9-11 am
- 31 MATH Night, 4-6 pm

February 2023

- 1 Black History Month Begins
- 3 Marching Warriors in Krewe of Pontchartrain Parade, 11:30 am
- 6 Progress Report Conferences, 3:30-5:30
- 7 Marching Warriors, Druids @ 6:15 pm
- 8 Krewe of Chaos Parade, 6 pm
- 10 Warriors in Krewe of Iris Parade, 11 am
- 11 Warriors in Mid-City Parade, 11:45 am
- 12 - 16 Mardi Gras Break, NO SCHOOL for Students & Staff
- 19 Classes Resume today @ 8 am
- 21 LEAP Night, Time: TBA
- 22 NAEP Testing for 4th Graders
- 23 PBIS Treat for Deserving Warriors
- 24 4th Saturday Enrichment Program, 9-11 (by invitation only, program will continue until April 13, 9 sessions)
- 24 **8th Grade Fund Raiser Supper, Tickets \$15.00 each. See Dean Green for additional information!**

125 Scholars Earn Spot on 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

19 Warriors Achieve Perfect Grade Point Average



Principal's Honor Roll 4.0 GPA

Student	Grade
Laila Allen	1
Kesler Arriola	1
Thai Greenberry	1
Kaylee Jessie	1
Elizabeth Lion	1
Joseph McMillian	1
Tyrielle Redfield	1
Ry'Lee Tapp	1
Patrick Velasquez Alvares	1
Kenyan Williams	1
Kevin Williams	1
Eileen Chirinos	2
Darel Phillips	2
Nia Quinn	2
Khyree Wells	2
Angel Williams	2
Jamahl Washington	3
Carla Peralta	5
Jayla Gardner	8

'A' Honor Roll 3.9 - 3.5 GPA

Karon Banks	1
A'sa Cole	1
Linnette Davila	1
Ro'mance Davis	1
Nireyna Ewens	1
Drue Jefferson	1
Dru Jones	1
Aa'miyah Manuel	1
Evolet Mejia	1
Zoe Mendoza	1
Brihany Rochez	1
Tamryn Washington	1
O'Shon Williams	1
Promise Williams	1
Kailyn Alvarez	2
Clyde Armstrong	2
Maleeya Armstrong	2
Torin Brown	2
Leroy Davis	2
Joshua Jackson	2
Mario Rochez	2
Skyé Kendrick	3
Genesis Rochez	3
Noel Simmons	3

'A' Honor Roll 3.9 - 3.5 GPA

(continued from column 1)

Legacy Solomon	3
Lateriana Thompson	3
Drake Hall	4
Nicholas Simmons	4
Josue Caleb Aguilar	6
Semaj Kendrick	7
Bessy Aguilar	8

'B' Honor Roll 3.4 - 3.0 GPA

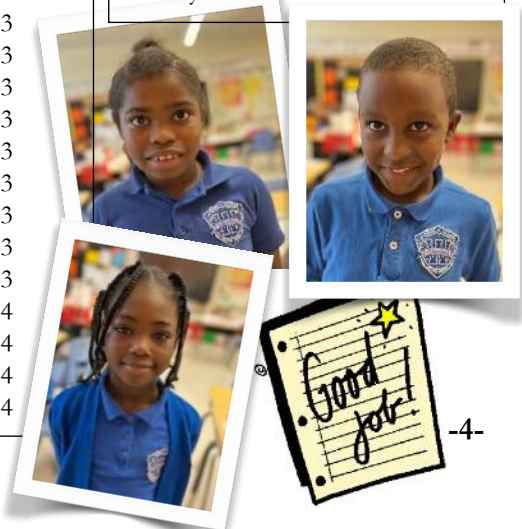
Cristany Bodden	1
Vinisha Boyd	1
Zion Martin	1
Jessie Mitchell	1
Brandon Swanier	1
Yaila Velasquez	1
Kianny Alvarez	2
Brittany Batiz	2
Jade Williams	2
Jeremy Cruz	2
Nyrielle Hines	2
Jaicion Lemons	2
Nashly Melendez	2
Caleb Norales Soliz	2
Anyree Simon	2
Mya Sims	2
Brandon Smith	2
Siia Williams	2
Aryani Avila	3
Floyd Blue	3
Kayce Coleman	3
Michael George	3
Aubrey Jefferson	3
Karter Jones	3
Journey LeBlanc	3
Jakeem Lewis	3
Jonathan Lopez	3
Skylah Marigny-Johnson	3
Avion Nero	3
Cornasia Parquet	3
Zyren Simmons	3
Karlie Steward	3
Elaya Surtain	3
Amari Washington	3
Phayla Britt	4
Laquira Cornelius	4
Maliyah Howard	4
Makata Keeling	4

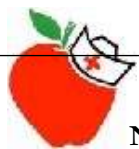
'B' Honor Roll 3.4 - 3.0 GPA

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Noah LeBlanc	4
Kevin Martin	4
Chance McKnight	4
Niayah Mercadel	4
Mason Miller	4
Abella Mitchell	4
Sanah Tucker	4
Issac David	5
Tia Jones	5
Haven Brown	6
Zuri Buggage	6
Rayne Conley	6
Jamyra Garrison	6
Ah'moid Nathan	6
Jordyn White	6
Kadeline Aguilar	7
D'Nyri Cains	7
Walter Lambert	7
Alicia Lewis	7
Ocean Moore	7
Kaliya Williams	7
Serenity Williams	7
Jiyah Banes	8
Ebonee Evans	8
Beyonka Holmes	8
Kiersten Jones	8
Asante Kalama	8
Jah'King Kinnard	8
Micheil Lewis	8
Jaliah McBride	8
Mekhi McKnight	8
Kennedy Mickens	8
Lyrics Mitchell	8
Ayanna Rochez	8
Bradley Toledano	8

Pictured are 2nd
Grade Scholars from
Mrs. Grey's Class.





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

January 18, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The cold and flu season is upon us. It is my observation that too many students are leaving home without enough clothing on.

Most of our Warriors catch the school bus, which means they are waiting in the cold (or rain). **Our immune system functions best when our body temperature is well-regulated.** Our immune system is a complex network of cells and organs that are important for health. The world is filled with parasites and pathogens (think influenza, COVID, and the common cold). Our immune system is our defense against them. Sometimes we need help from medications (either to protect us or help us to recover) to keep us healthy. It is vital for survival.

We assist our immune system's protection from infectious invaders by eating healthy food, avoiding too much alcohol, tobacco smoke, exposure to environmental toxins, and stress.

Coming to school with enough layers of clothing can help keep your student's body temperature balanced for the best immunity. The common cold is an upper respiratory tract infection. There are 200 cold viruses that can make us ill. But the most common cause of the common cold is the rhinovirus. The flu is caused by the influenza virus. RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus) is caused by a virus that affects the lungs, and COVID-19 is caused by SARS-CoV-2.

These illnesses thrive in individuals with a low immune system. Not being properly dressed for the weather lowers the immune system of children, making them more easily susceptible to the aforementioned illnesses. Provide students with layers of clothing. **Layers should include an undershirt, school shirt, sweater (or sweatshirt) and a coat. Don't forget the hat and socks!** If they become too hot in class, they can remove a layer or two.

As we proceed through the winter months, let us work to keep everybody healthy and in school. ###



Lost & Found Did you buy a coat, jacket, hat, sweater and haven't seen them in a while? It may be in the Lost & Found at FCWCS. Please stop by to check!

Boosting self-esteem . . .

Homeroom Teachers start mornings with their scholars with positive affirmations each week.

Week of January 22-26:

"I am important and special!"



Warriors in Need of Headphones/Earbuds

We are currently using a range of technological devices for all students. Many classes have been issued Chromebooks to take home (loaners). May lessons include audio and video. It is imperative that each student has their personal headphones or earbuds for use at school.

For sanitary reasons, we no longer provide classroom

sets. These devices are not to be shared. If your scholar does not have a set, please purchase and label them. They will be needed for all students taking the upcoming state-mandated exams.

Our younger scholars should have their placed in a zippered plastic baggie labeled with their name on the bag. ###



These two Warriors are dressed for the cold weather we are experiencing recently. The girl is wearing a cardigan sweater and



the boy is sporting a FCW sweatshirt. The sweatshirt can be purchased from the school. The sweater from a uniform shop.



PRIME TIME

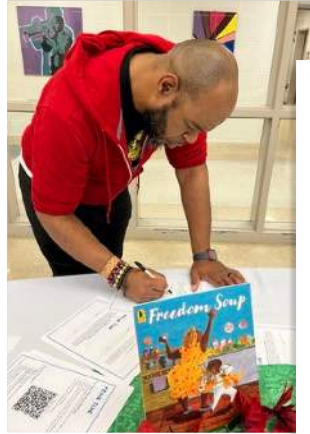
Prime Time Family Ends

The six weeks of Prime Time Reading has concluded with about two dozen Warrior scholars and their parents attending.

Each Thursday night, from 5-6:30 pm, students and their parents/guardians had dinner and the reading of a book or two of specially chosen books. Always beautifully illustrated, the award-winning children's books were filled with diverse stories from a variety of cultures. This year's theme revolved around food and its importance for not only nourishment, but as a way to learn and display the humanity of human beings.

The program (a project of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities) is provided to encourage a lifelong love of reading, literacy, and leadership. All books were specifically chosen for students who are 6-10 years of age. After the reading, there was a lively discussion of the book(s) in an attempt to teach the children critical-thinking skills. Each family received a copy of every book read to start or build their family's library. Parents were encouraged to read them again to their child(ren). The Prime Time Team was composed of Karen LeBlanc, Terry Smith, Lisa Joseph, Tatianna Wheeler, and Carla Lewis.

About 21 schools were involved in the program in Orleans Parish. It was a great way to spend 90 minutes each Thursday evening. ###



Pictures are from our last session of Family Prime Time on December 14th.

R E A D, it does a mind good!



No one goes into teaching for the money, but the rewards can be plentiful . . .

Making Us Proud, Former Student Excels (Pt. 2)

Our November '23 issue of the **WN** featured a story on former students visiting us on campus.

During the pandemic, this was not allowed, but now on occasion, they are welcome 'back home.'

During the holiday season, former student Anthony Brock ('20) made such a journey. It was great seeing him and learning that he is embarking on his last semester in high school and his aspirations for college. Way to go Anthony! ###



That's Anthony and Librarian/Art teacher Karen LeBlanc during his December visit. Brock is finishing from NOCCA in Visual Arts this spring. The picture above is Anthony during a honor roll awards assembly in 2020 (Anthony is on the far right).



Photos of the 'Voices' performances at the nursing home and group home December 19th. Great job Warriors!

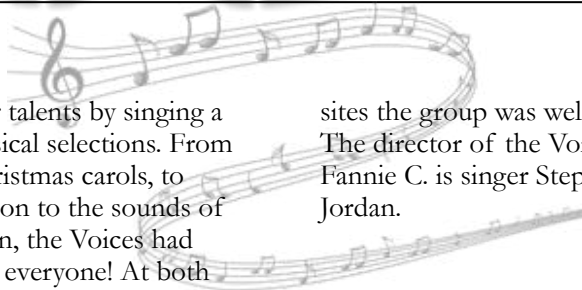


Warrior 'Songbirds' Entertain During Holiday Season **Sharing The Gift of Music**

The Voices of Fannie C. ventured off campus on December 19th to entertain at the St. Bernard Nursing & Rehab Home and A-1 Absolute Care Group Home on the Westbank. At both sites, The Voices

displayed their talents by singing a variety of musical selections. From traditional Christmas carols, to spirituals, and on to the sounds of Duke Ellington, the Voices had something for everyone! At both

sites the group was well received. The director of the Voices of Fannie C. is singer Stephanie Jordan. ###



Jazz @ the Lincoln Center

The award winning jazz program for students in grades 2-5 made another visit to our campus.

The sextet (clarinet, guitar, trombone, trumpet, bass, and drums) delivered traditional jazz and Mardi Gras music to Warriors in attendance.

There's nothing like learning about jazz from talented musicians. It was an awesome way to learn about the music that originated in New Orleans over a century ago.

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Visiting musicians Louis (clarinet), Justine (guitar), Freddie (trombone), Herman (drums), Ben (trumpet), and Julie (bass) along with Jake (MC) visit on Jan. 11th. Info on the history of jazz made the assembly entertaining and informative.

Club Day Going Strong

Club Day has proven to be a popular activity for our student body.

On specific days (usually every 4-6 weeks), enrichment classes are substituted for Club Day. Students are in small groups (usually less than 10) where their teacher (sponsor) shares their hobbies and/or talents. Check out the photos from our most recent Club Day on January 23rd.

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Ms. Dent's 'Lookin' Good, Feelin' Good Hair Care' group (above); Mr. Britt's kindergarten 'cookie decorators' are on left.



That's Mrs. Lewis's group of budding chefs cooking up cast-iron sliders with caramelized onions, fries, lemonade and king cake. Sure smells good!



NOPD 7th District Visits with gifts and McGruff . . .

Officer McGruff is Back!

It has been a while since we've seen Officer McGruff on campus!

He returned with two co-workers from the 7th District during our Holiday class parties on December 21st. Accompanying McGruff (Officer C. Johnson) was District Commander Wayne

DeLarge II and Officer W. W. Walker Jr.

The officers came with gifts galore for our youngest Warriors. Students in Pre-K through 1st grade were allowed to pick one gift from under the tree or the table. Principal Batiste went from class to class until all gifts were gone. Thanks to the men in blue! ###



Meeting called to inform parents, Jan. 31

Regular School Attendance is Needed

School social worker M. Aziz and CIS (Communities in School) coordinator A. Davis chaired a school meeting to inform parents of the rules regarding school attendance.

Aziz and Davis reviewed the laws regarding minors and mandatory attendance laws (that also includes chronic tardiness and early release). Students with excessive absenteeism can be forced to repeat the grade again. The rules regarding attendance can be found in the **FCWCS Family Handbook on page 2 (fcwcs.org) on the website.** The

handbook also outlines how families are to handle emergencies (such as COVID-19, hospital stays, natural disasters, deaths, etc.).

Louisiana State Law mandates compulsory attendance. Students are expected to be in school each school day as directed by the NOLA-PS School Board. Mandatory attendance is for all children from ages 5-18 or until the completion of high school.

Ms. Aziz extended an invite to call her at the school on Tues., Wed., or Thurs. @ 504.373.6228 regarding any questions or concerns. ###



A. Davis (left) and M. Aziz (right) discuss their upcoming meeting with parents/guardians regarding students with attendance problems. Parents with questions can reach either counselor at 504.373.6228.



Attire for Kindergarteners—**Girls:** All WHITE Dress, white stockings/socks; white shoes, white hair accessories. **Boys:** WHITE Dress Shirt; black pants, black shoes, black tie, black belt.

Promotional Exercise Wed., May 15th @ 9:00 am Kindergarten Budget Announced

Teachers Harrell and Vigne have announced the budget for the Promotional Exercise for their students.

The **\$100.00 budget** will cover a field trip, spirit-week activities (May 13-15), special keepsakes, a graduation portrait package, a class T-shirt, refreshments and more! Cash payments

ONLY will be accepted by your child's teacher (installments accepted). If you are interested in your scholar participating, the **budget must be paid in full by Fri., March 1st.**

Questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher. ###



Marching Warriors to Appear in 5 Carnival Parades Let's Keep Our Warriors Safe

In the January 31st issue of **The Advocate** newspaper, concerns were raised about keeping students safe during the marching season.

New Orleans Public Schools Superintendent Avis Williams provided a list of do's and don'ts for parade attendees:

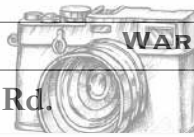
- Don't walk with or touch members of the marching bands or auxilliary groups.
- Don't throw beads at the bands as they're marching.
- Protect the line. Stay to the side so that they can march by safely.
- Don't cross the street between schools and stay behind the barricades.
- "Avoid turf wars. There are plenty of good groves to go around."



Mardi Gras '23. Scenes from the start of the Krewe of Iris Parade on Saturday, February 18, 2023.

Watch for our Warriors in 5 parades this season (see pg. 11 for the list).

Campus Happenings @11755 Dwyer Rd.



The 2nd grade young ladies depicted here were part of a perfect Warrior audience. They listened attentively, clapped when appropriate, and apparently enjoyed the concert entitled "A Musical Delivery" presented by the 67 musicians of the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra. Music from Hollywood, Beethoven, Dvorak, Stravinsky, and the Civil Rights Movement were featured.

Young People's Concert: A Musical Delivery, Jan. 30th There's Nothing Like a Field Trip



Members of Ms. S. Jordan's Vocal Music classes were treated to a concert at Loyola's Roussel Hall.

The Young People's Concert was entertaining and informative for the 41 students making the trip.

Students in grades 2-8 made the trip. Lunch was under the oaks at Audubon Park.



There's always so much happening on campus. The days leading up to Christmas are spent usually dressed in Santa hats and the colors red and green, all while keeping learning and growing going (above).

The basketball season is winding down. The 6th grade boys and the girls teams are finished. Next week our 8th grade boys will hit the court for the playoffs. Final coverage next month.



Parents headed back to campus for 'Literacy Lunch and Learn' session on Dec. 13th. Lessons in helping your child develop into a reader was presented by instructional coaches & classroom teachers. Lunch provided, of course!



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 or phone number? Update your contact information to receive your child's grades, this newsletter, and other important info from FCWCS. Contact Data Manager T. Batiste at enrollment@fcwcs.org

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 FCW. It will then be the responsibility of the parent to pick them up from the campus. ###

Parents & Scholars . . .

Did you know **Louisiana has a homework helpline** that provides **academic tutoring** (7 days a week, 2 pm - midnight), **test prep** (24/7) and **job search assistance for adults** (7 days week, 10 am - midnight)?



homeworkla.org

All services can be accessed from a Louisiana public library, from your home computer, or from your mobile device. Traveling out of state? You can access with a New Orleans Public Library user card. ###

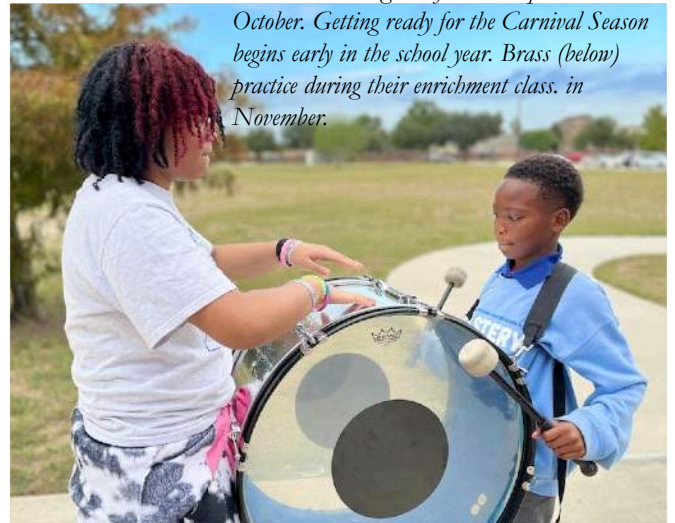
Getting Ready to Roll thru NOLA

Getting Ready to Roll thru NOLA

See the Marching Warriors in the following parades . . .

- 1) Sat. Feb. 3
Pontchartrain
- 2) Wed., Feb. 7
Druids
- 3) Thurs., Feb. 8
Chaos
- 4) Sat., Feb. 10
Iris
- 5) Sun., Feb. 11
Mid-City

Drummers during an after school practice in October. Getting ready for the Carnival Season begins early in the school year. Brass (below) practice during their enrichment class in November.



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Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. —Proverbs 22:6