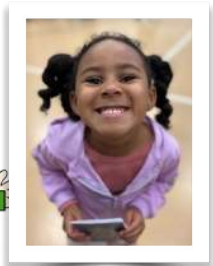




WARRIOR NEWS

**FANNIE C. WILLIAMS
CHARTER SCHOOL**



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This Warrior is all smiles while filling her 'Math Passport' at the 11 island stops of Math Night, '24!

3rd Annual MATH Family Night, '24



That's FCW's financial manager B. Watson (left) playing the board game Money Island with students and staff member A. Singleton.

11755 Dwyer Rd. • January 31

Think about it, you can't go through a day in your life without using the mathematical skills you were taught in school.

You need math to cook, handle your finances, drive, check the time, figure out on how much paint you need to spruce up your home. Mathematical knowledge is important for the following:

1. Math aids in developing a healthy brain function.
2. Math improves problem-solving skills.
3. Math develops flexible thinking and creativity.
4. Math supports logical reason and analytical thinking.
5. Math opens up many different career paths (*see list below*).
6. Math improves financial literacy.
7. Math may boost emotional health.

(*cont'd on pg. 2*)



Wimberly & Tolliver are ready with 'dinner boarding passes' and 'passport books' (far left).

Faculty members Guerrero and Green are at 'Pattern Island' and 'Number Match Island', respectively (pics 2 and 4).

Math facts are used to color by number (pic 3 on left).

Careers in Mathematics

- Meteorologist
- Mathematics Teacher
- Accountant
- Research Analyst

- Computer Programmer
- Financial Analyst
- Financial Planner
- Information Security Analyst

- Civil Engineer
- Auditor
- Statistician
- Economist
- Software Engineer

- Mathematician
- Actuary
- Data Scientist

The Planning Committee:

S. Taylor, Chair; L. Brown,
S. Vigne, J. Watts



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Math Night, '24

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Scenes from our 3rd Annual Math Night.

That's Mrs. Arthur at the 'Ordering Island' where students are using chopsticks to put dice

in order from 1 to 5 in 5 minutes (top and right).

Mr. Britt and Mrs. Barnett assist 'travelers' to create an art activity using tessellations (above).



Mrs. Bercy is helping her vacationers on 'Addition & Subtraction Island.' Students snat the correct answer for the number selected on the spinner (Pre-K-2 students).



Students on 'UNO Island' challenge staff members Mr. Shaw & Ms. Kelly (above).



This 1st grade traveler makes sure his passport has been stamped.

Father & son proudly display their Warrior Passport (top row, pic 2).

That's Nurse Robichaux at 'Time Island' where students create movable clocks to take home.

Mrs. Kiamco at 'Fluency Island' station where travelers use math facts to color.

'3-D Island' travelers use straws and pipe cleaners to build 3-dimensional figures with Mrs. Banks (middle).

Dinner is served (above) The evening meal is served to all participants!

Math Night, '24



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8. Math sharpens your memory.

9. Math teaches perseverance.

Children often struggle with math, especially as it becomes more complex as they advance. Some math ideas simply take more time and practice to master.

Our Math Night is one way we try to make mathematics

fun and engaging, as we take the fear of failure out of it.

Kudos to the planning committee (Allen, Brown, Vigne and Watts) and staff who manned the 'Islands.' passport stations and café. Thanks to all the parents who came out to support our 3rd Annual Math Night and most importantly your child(ren).

(Additional info source www.prodigygame.com)

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February 22, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Did you see our Marching Warriors in the five parades this Carnival Season? They enjoyed it and I know you did too! Now it's time to get back to work.

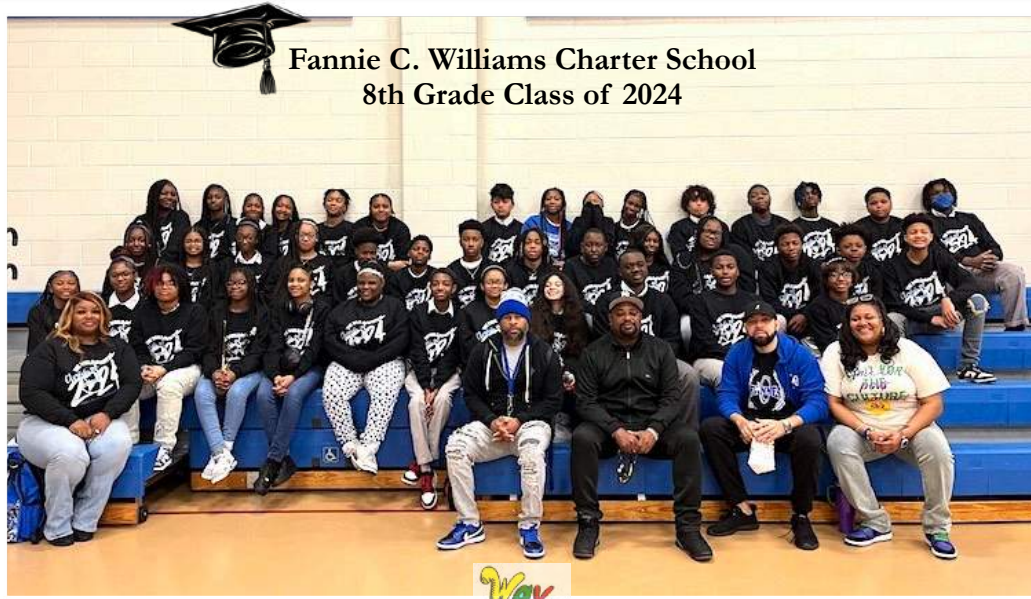
In about 35 days, we will begin taking the LEAP Exams (grades 3-8). Yesterday, we had LEAP Parent Night with info regarding strategies and online help. Please use these tools to assist your child.

The Saturday Enrichment Program will resume on the 02/24/24 from 9 am - 11 am. Students who are enrolled should be present and on time. Scholars in the after school program should also be encouraged to use the academic component to enhance their chances of scoring mastery on the test. Continue to encourage your scholar(s). The home and FCWCS is a partnership that is needed to have our students learn and grow.

—Kelly S. Batiste, Principal



News from the Principal



Fannie C. Williams Charter School
8th Grade Class of 2024



Shout out to our 8th Grade Parents (and Warriors)! Superintendent Avis Williams has informed Principal Batiste that all 51 of our 8th graders have completed their application for high school during the Main Round (Nov. 28-Jan. 19) for the 2024-2025

school year! Let's finish the job with an awesome spring testing session and completion of classwork. Are you ready for high school? With hard work and tenacity (persistence to achieve), you will be!

###

2024

Attention: 8th Graders & Parents

The **WN** has received the following information regarding the end-of-year activities for 8th graders. A complete list of field trips has not yet been finalized.

Eighth graders, mark you calendars and assist around the house to help pay for your budget (\$250).

'24 Class List of Activities & Memorabilia

- Vue Orleans Field Trip (March)
- Skating Trip (April)
- 8th Grade Bus Trip (Apr. 19-21)
- 8th Grade Ball (May 4)

- Spirit Week (May 6-10)
- Class Picnic (May 10)
- Promotional Exercise (May 13)

Memorabilia includes the following:

- Class Sweatshirt
- Class T-Shirt
- Class Backpack
- Graduation Paraphernalia

Remember to finish STRONG!
Classwork, homework, and LEAP
should receive your BEST Warrior
Effort.

-Dean Green, Class Sponsors,
FCWCS Administrators ###

Finish Strong!
Class of
2024

So that you can have family and friends celebrate your academic achievements like these former Warriors of the Class of 2019!



May 10, 2019

Finish Strong!
Class of
2024

8th Grade Class

Homeroom Teacher T. Dumas

Amya Adams• Ulises Aguilar•
Charles Bell•Jayla Gardner•
Beyonka Holmes•Melvin
Howard•Kiersten Jones•Keith
Joseph•Emani Kalama•
Jah'King Kinnard•Micheil
Lewis•Jaliah McBride•Mekhi
McKnight•Kennedy
Mickens•Lyrics Mitchell•
Madison Perkins•Caddo
Preston•José Rivera•Ayanna
Rochez•Serenity Snow•Josiah
Thomas•Bradley
Toledano•Jake White•Trentyn
White•

Homeroom Teacher J. Evans

Bessy Aguilar•Jiyah Barnes•
Charish Brown•Chloe Burns•
Legend Butler•Ebony Evans•
Tyson James•Giavonni Jones•
Erishine Lewis•Daniel
Marshall•

Jamiah McBride•Nevach
Mercadel•Reion Mills•Cylie
Norden•Bobby Perkins•Kerry
Santiago•Nehemiah
Scott•Lawine
Singleton•Kendall Stephen•
Jeremiah Thomas•Derrick
Walker•Shealyn
Washington•Kyi White•

Homeroom Teacher V. Kiamco
Nyhiem Hines•
Snaider Nolberto•

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Pre-K, Kindergarten Celebrate
February 8th

100th Day of School

The 100th Day of School is always one that will bring a chuckle to your face. Our youngest scholars mark the day with special activities. Their favorites are dressing up as senior citizens and preparing special projects involving the number 100.

Check out these pictures from this year's celebration on February 8th. We're sure they will bring a smile to your face! ###



Nothing brings greater joy to our youngest students than to arrive in attire that ages them about 95 years! Grey hair, hair rollers, walking canes, fake moustaches, house dresses, lipstick, vest sweaters, pearl necklaces, eyeglasses, etc. were part of their attire February 8th! Grandparents, did your canes return home?



from the desk of Nurse Robichaux

February is the month of Heart Health Awareness



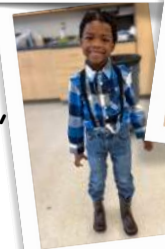
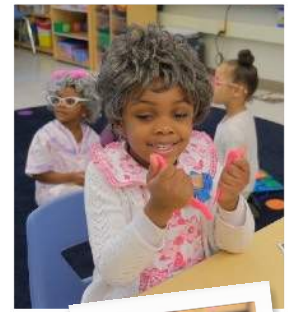
Every parent wants to be around to raise their child(ren), like the young ones on this page. Reflecting on the health of our heart during this month is important. February is the month of Heart Health

Awareness, a time to check up on how we are treating this important organ—our heart.

Key risk factors for heart disease include:

- High Cholesterol;
- Hypertension;
- Smoking;
- Diabetes;

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100 DAYS of Learning = 40,500 minutes of learning with our awesome teachers (Tolliver, Singleton, Harrell, Vigne, Wimberly, Allen, Eugene, and Brown)!



Nurse Robichaux (from pg. 4)

- Unhealthy body weight;
- Too much alcohol; and
- Lack of physical activity.

As we age, it too becomes a risk factor. The risk for the disease becomes greater as you get older. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in people 65 years and older. Lifestyle choices and changes you can make can lower the risk of heart disease. A few ideas are:

- If you smoke, quit.
- Add exercise to your life.
- Eat healthy meals.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for women and men. Coronary artery disease is the most common type of heart disease. It is what causes a heart attack. Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, while others can start slowly with mild pain or discomfort. Often individuals are not

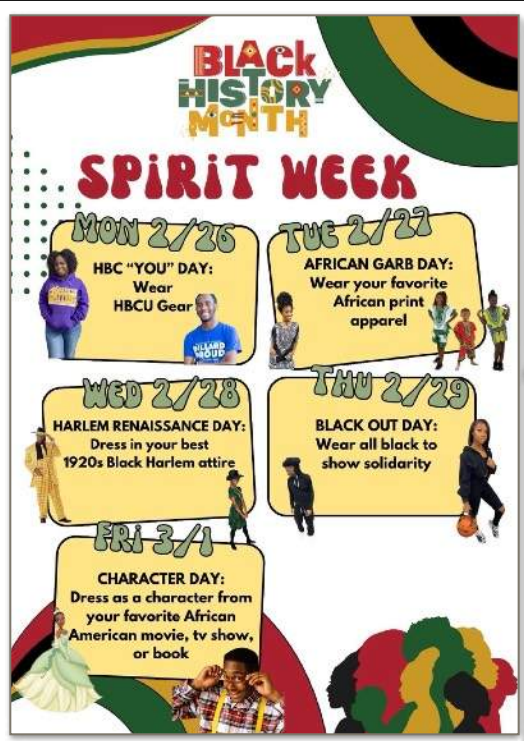
quite show what is wrong. Pay attention to any of the following warnings, they maybe signaling a possible attack:

- Chest pain or discomfort;
- Pain or discomfort in the jaw, neck, or back;
- Feeling light-headed, faint, or weak;
- Pain in your arms or shoulder;
- Shortness of breath; and
- Nausea (usually a symptom in women).

If you experience any of the above, call 9-1-1 immediately. Quick action can save your life.

Talk with your health care provider about lifestyle changes and medicine that will help you actually see those youngsters pictured on page 4 grow grey and with grandchildren of their own.

(Source: cms.illinois.gov) ###



2019



2018



2023



2023



2023

Nurse's Station Always a Beehive of Activity



She's our first line of defense in keeping all on campus healthy. Whether it's checking immunization records, screening students for eye and hearing problems, or calling parents with concerns about their child's health, Nurse Robichaux keeps busy all day, every day. Thanks Nurse for all you do!



A middle school co-ed gets assistance from Librarian LeBlanc for a report on Oprah Winfrey Feb. 22, 2024.



Black History Celebration

Since our earliest days as a school family, we have always celebrated Black History Month.

Our celebrations have taught us about HBCU's, the Divine 9, the Civil Rights Movement, Sundown Towns, the Green Book, Harriet Tubman, Ruby Bridges, the McDonogh 3, the SCLC, Tuskegee Airmen, the Harlem Renaissance, BTW, George W. Carver, Armstrong, Bolden, Congo Square, the birth of jazz, etc. We've got a lot to be proud of! As we stand on the shoulders of those who

came before us, we must pave the way for those who follow.

**"Shoot me with your words,
Cut me with your eyes,
Kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air,
I'll Rise!"** –Maya Angelou



(1928-2014), dancer, writer, poet, motivational speaker

###



Marching Warriors, Just Amazing!

If you saw the Marching Warriors (band, majorettes, dance team, cheerleaders, flag twirlers, letter carriers) in any of the five parades you know they were just amazing.

Hats off to the our musical ambassadors, staff, and parent sponsors who made their participation in this Carnival Parade Season possible.

Students (and parents) when you march down the streets of New Orleans, you take all of us at Fannie C with you. You represented us well and we are very proud of you and all your hard work to sound, and look so polished and accomplished.

Let's continue the hard work in all our endeavors at Fannie to finish the year strong as Warriors!

Marching Warriors Directors & Sponsors

Marching Band

D. Bray, Director

K. Badon, T. Leblan, Assistants

Majorettes

N. Andrews

Letter Carriers & Flag Twirlers

I. Hall

Dance Team

G. Holland

Cheerleaders

N. Marigny

Great job sponsors, thank you!

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Thanks to the following businesses for their donations:

- Wal-Mart, Bullard
- Home Depot, Bullard
- Home Depot, Marrero
- Big Lots, Marrero
- Rouse's, Marrero
- Academy Sporting Goods, Gretna
- Band Director D. Bray and the Admn. of FCW



It takes a small army of adults and a hour (or two) to get the five units of Marching Warriors dressed and ready to perform. Thanks to all directors, sponsors, chaperones, businesses, and parents who helped to get our Warriors out on the streets of New Orleans to perform. It is always an awesome experience for the musicians and performers—memories they will hold forever.





Fannie C. Williams Charter School
Marching Warriors Band, 2023-2024



Band, Dance Team & Cheerleaders pose for the **WN** camera before the Krewe of Pontchartrain Parade, Feb. 3rd.



Krewe of Chaos Parade Pics courtesy of L. Everage, Jr. Thank you!





Closing Out the Season!

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2023-2024 Basketball Teams

Metro Middle School League (MMSL)

Athletic Director: T. Green

Boys Basketball (6th & 8th):

T. Richard

Girls Basketball: T. Batiste &

T. Dumas

Girls Squad

Zun Buggage

Nevach Mercadel

Madison Perkins

Charish Brown

Cylie Norden

D'Nyri Cain

Garbrielle Ashford

Aaliya Williams

Ah'Leah Harris

Sanaé Durel

Nylania Hines

Boys Squads

8th Grade

Caddo Preston

Bobby Perkins

Cohann Davis

Tyson James

Legend Butler

Snaider Nolberto

Mekhi McKnight

Guilmer Bermudez

6th Grade

Guilmer Bermudez

Aiden Edwards

Sevyn Bridges

Brandon Hilton

Drake Hall

Cash Causey

Rontral Martin

Le'Keven Carter

Chance McKnight



Girl's BB action against Lake Forest (Dec. 19th above) & Trist of St. Bernard (Nov. 16 below).



6th Grade Boys in play against Discovery Academy of Kenner on January 18th. All athletic teams at FCWCS play in the Metro Middle School League.





8th Grade Boys battle Kenner Discovery and Andrew Jackson (stripped jerseys) on Jan. 18th and Dec. 5th, respectively. Our teams did not advance beyond the initial game of the playoffs this year. But kudos to players and coaches who 'stayed the course.'



**See you next season
Warrior
Fans!**





A visit to Mr. Evans' 8th grade mathematics class quietly plotting graphs in their workbooks. Periodically, someone quietly asks a question and with the precision of an



experienced teacher, they receive the needed response to complete their classwork. Awesome 8th graders and Mr. Evans! Keep up the great work!



Down the hall, Mrs. Murphy's 6th grade mathematicians are busy with word problems. Utilizing Chromebooks, Fannie C employs



On left is Dean Terry Green (in red) at his post near the elevator. FCWCS employs two individuals—Green and Bernetta Sisco—to handle discipline and other concerns that may arise. Green works middle school and Sisco manages the younger Warriors.

These photos were taken on African Garb Day during the final days of Black History Month.



The bright colors of African fabrics don our halls on Tues., Feb. 27th. Many of them are made of Kente cloth that date back to 12th century Africa, in the country of Ghana and the Ashanti people. Weavers (usually men) use bright colors and complex designs. Each Ashanti king would have a new design made to commemorate his reign. (see Source: baylor.edu/kentehistory for more info).

2023-2024 Upcoming Events

February 2024

- 3 Warriors in Krewe of Pontchartrain Parade
- 7 Progress Report Conferences, 4-6 pm
- 8 NO SCHOOL for Students; Warriors in Krewe of Chaos Parade
- 10 Warriors in Krewe of Iris Parade
- 11 Warriors in Krewe of Mid-City Parade
- 12 - 16 Mardi Gras Break, NO SCHOOL for Students and Staff
- 19 Classes Resume today
- 21 LEAP Parent Night for 3-8 grade parents, 4:00-5:30 pm
- 22 NAEP Testing for 4th Graders
- 23 P.B.I.S. Treat for Deserving Warriors; Club Day; Middle School Black History 'Soul Bowl'
- 24 Saturday Enrichment Program resumes today, 9 am-11am; 8th Grade Fish Plate Fund Raiser @ FCWCS Café
- 25 **Black History Spirit Week**; HBCU Day, wear your HBCU gear
- 27 African Garb Day, wear your fav African print apparel
- 28 Harlem Renaissance Day, dress your best 1920s Black Harlem attire
- 29 Black Out Day, wear all black to show solidarity

March 2024

- 1 Character Day, dress as a character from your favorite African American movie, tv show, or book
- 18 3rd Quarter Exams Week
- 25 4th Quarter Begins
- 28 **Fannie C. Williams 1st Founder's Day Parade**
- 29 **Spring Break, NO SCHOOL for Students & Staff**

April 2024

- 1 - 5 **Spring Break, NO SCHOOL for Students & Staff**
- 18 4th Quarter Progress Report Conferences, 3:30-5:30 pm

29-30 LEAP Testing, Grades 6-8

May 2024

- 1 - 3 **LEAP Testing, Grades 6-8**
- 6 - 10 **LEAP Testing, Grades 3-5**
- 13 8th Grade Promotional Exercise
- 14 Pre-K End of Year Activity
- 15 Kindergarten Promotional Exercise
- 17 Last Day of School for Students, Final Report Cards Issued

**Info for Warrior Families
School Website**

fcwcs.org

Changing your contact info

T. Batiste

(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

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



Kedila Summer Program @ FCWCS



February 27, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

Preparations are being made for Year 2 of the Kedila Summer Program @ FCWCS.

Registration will take place in April for students in Pre-K through 5th grade.

The start day has not been determined yet until we are notified by the State of Louisiana if staff will have to attend a meeting the end of May.

We have finalized the following info:

- Enrollment will begin in April;
- **Registration is required**, first-come, first serve (enrolled) for **130** Warrior campers;
- Students in **Grades Pre-K thru 5 can attend**;
- **Bus service will be provided** to and from camp;
- **Breakfast** (*grab & go*) and **lunch served**;
- **Camp is free and will run for 4 weeks, Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 1 pm**;

Additional information will be forthcoming.
Karen LeBlanc, Camp Administrator, Kedila Summer Camp

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Our Academic Year

2023-2024

Began: August 7, 2023

Ends: May 17, 2024



Art students completing Mardi Gras masks in traditional colors.



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. ###

Making Us Proud, Former Students Excel (Pt. 3)

This is our 3rd installment on former students that either come back 'home' to visit (our campus) or we see in about town. How appropriate was it that these three former Marching Warriors appeared on St. Charles Avenue in Zulu's Parade! It was only a few years ago that they were in the blue, white, and silver uniform, with the FCW on their breast plate! They are now members of **Mississippi Valley State U 'Delta Devil' Marching Band!** That's **Tyler, Jeffery, and Tajh** (l to r). Looking good fellas' and we're all very proud of you.

Photo courtesy of G. Batiste-Johnson, Admin. Assistant
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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. ###

Follow us on Social Media . . .



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look for fcwcharter



The Warrior Café Staff always provides a meal that students will hopefully find delicious. The corn dogs, broccoli, bananas, and homemade king cake were on the menu shortly before the Mardi Gras break (top).

Sometimes the meals are so good you have to stand to get everything just right before you 'dig in' as illustrated by this kindergartner in Ms. Vigne's class (right).



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)