

Parents + School + Community = An Awesome Partnership



Our School Year  
Aug. 4, 2025 - May 14, 2026

Visit our website @ [fcwcs.org](http://fcwcs.org)

Warriors are back! First day local news media filled our campus for . . .

# Lights, Camera, Action (LEARN)!



*Pictures from our first day of school, Monday, August 4, 2025. The local media came to report the morning's activities en masse!*

*Principal Batiste greets a coed on the first day of the 2025-2026 school year as Superintendent Fulmore smiles approvingly in the background.*

*(Top left to right): Dr. Fateama Fulmore, Superintendent of New Orleans Public Schools is pictured with Officer Friendly, Miss Johnson, 7th District Capt. Kevin Stamp, School Resource Officer Cleveland Johnson, School Liaison Officer Aldeane Valentio, FCW Principal/CEO Kelly S. Batiste, and student Dylan.*

*Reporter Winston Reed (WWL-TV) interviews Superintendent Fulmore for a "live feed" for viewers at home.*

*Community Activist and friend of FCWCS Dennis Warren of Hot-Rod Productions (red shirt), helps a students out the family's SUV. That's Coach Steward (pink backpack) assisting.*

*Principal Batiste addresses the "troops" at 7:10 before students and parents arrive.*

*Sometimes it's easier to park the car and walk into the building when carrying the year's school supplies!*

*Staff members line the drop-off zone in the car-pool line on Day 1.*

*Thanks to all families and members of the community who made our first day successful!*







from the desk of

Nurse C. Robichaux, R.N., B.S.N.

August 25, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! Thanks for choosing FCWCS for your scholars.

To ensure a successful school year, we always ask for parental cooperation in observing school policies. A full explanation on 'how we do school can be found' in our Family Handbook on the school's website at [fcwcs.org](http://fcwcs.org). **I am asking that you review it and share with your child(ren)** so that everyone is made aware of the dos and don'ts on campus, the school bus and field trips.

All students can learn, but they must be here to do so. Students are expected to come to school everyday and to be on time each morning. **Pupils are tardy if they arrive after 8:00 am.** Tardy students should be escorted to the office by a parent to receive a tardy pass before he/she can be admitted to class. **Scholars must be present 156 days of the 166 days of the school year to be eligible to move on to the next grade.** If you need more information regarding the state's attendance law, please contact our Professional School Counselor, Ms. A. Davis at 504.373.6228.

Communications will be distributed primarily via the Wednesday's Warrior Folder, this **WARRIOR NEWS** Newsletter, flyers, student progress reports, the Class Dojo app, and the website. Please check your child's backpack every day (especially Wednesdays) for items that will need your attention. If you are not receiving notices from the school, contact your child's homeroom teacher to help resolve the problem.

If you have questions, please feel free to call the school at 504.373.6228 or send your questions/concerns to me at [info@fcwcs.org](mailto:info@fcwcs.org).

-Kelly S. Batiste  
Principal/CEO

2025-2026

### Important Upcoming Events

(all dates are subject to change)

#### September 2025

- 1 Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
- 2 School resumes at 8:00 am
- 5 Middle School Back-to-School Dance, 6 pm - 9 pm in the Warrior Gym
- 1st PBIS Event (August Rewards)
- 10 Professional Development Day for Staff, NO SCHOOL for Students. Classes resume on 09/11; **Parent-Teacher Progress Report Conferences, Time: 12:30 pm-2:30 pm**
- 11 Fall Pictures in school uniforms, Packets are \$20 to \$30 (cash or Money Orders only) due by 09/05
- 17 Math/Literacy Night, Time: TBA
- 22 Scholastic Book Fair Begins
- 24 Grandparents Day, Time 9-10 am; Book Fair Ends today

#### 29 - Oct. 3 1st Quarter Exams

#### October 2025

- 1 Pre-K - 4th Grades Lunch & Learn, Time: TBA
- 3 FCWCS Goes Pink Volleyball Game, Time: afternoon
- 6-10 Fall Break, NO SCHOOL for Students & Staff
- 13 Classes resume today @ 8 am
- 15 1st Quarter **Report Cards Issued** to students via Warrior Folder
- 16 Prime Time Family Reading Begins, Time: 4:45pm
- 18 Parent's Fall Sneaker Ball,
- 27-31 Red Ribbon Week
- 29 8th Grades High School Night
- 31 Warrior's Trunk or Treat

August 25, 2025

Dear Warrior Parents/Guardians,

Nurse Cheryl Robichaux here, Fannie's first responder to any medical concerns on campus!

Parents, please notify me **in writing** regarding any chronic health conditions your child may have (cancer, asthma, diabetes, eczema, food allergies, etc.).

My essential functions are as follows:

- conduct health screenings periodically according to local and state guidelines;
- send notifications to parents of students failing the screening;
- provide basic First Aid to students;
- assess and evaluate ill students during the school day;
- inform parents of possible health concerns so that they may follow-up with a doctor's visit;
- assist in the control of communicable disease with our school family;
- maintain and monitor appropriate health and wellness supplies for campus;
- maintain up-to-date cumulative health records on all students enrolled;

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### Progress Report Conferences

Sept. 10, '25  
Nov. 12, '25  
Feb. 11, '26  
Mar. 25, '26

### Report Cards Issued

(to Students via Wed. Folder)

Oct. 15, '25  
Dec. 19, '25  
Mar. 18, '26  
May, 14, '26

### Need info regarding 'how we do school' at FCWCS?

Visit our **Warrior Family Handbook** at [fcwcs.org](http://fcwcs.org) on the school's website.



The FCWCS Leadership Team: T. Green, (seated); (l to r) L. Williams-Blair, A. Jones, A. Wilson, K. Batiste, B. Sisco, T. Andrews, and S.

Taylor-Allen. See the Staff Roster in the Family Handbook for job titles for members of the Leadership Team for 2025-2026.



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from the desk of Nurse . . .

- collect and manage all necessary information pertaining to a student's immunization history and hearing/vision screenings and ensure this info is entered into the state's database;
- ensure appropriate staff is trained to respond to student emergencies.

**Parents are reminded that all students diagnosed with or suspected to have contagious or infectious diseases at home. We can't care for ill children at school.** Students absent five (5) consecutive days should return to school with a doctor's note.

As always, I look forward to serving your Warriors this school year.

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Nurse Robichaux is pictured busy going through medical records of Warriors. She's an invaluable member of our staff, keeping our campus healthy.



Questions or concerns? Please call Nurse Robichaux at 504.373.6228, Monday through Friday (8:00 am-2:30 pm).



This historical marker stands on the grounds of the shuttered Valena C. Jones Elementary School in New Orleans.

The side depicted tells of the importance of the efforts of the community—Rev. Alfred Lawless, Beecher Congregation Church and the Seventh Ward Education League—in 1904 to have a school built for the

children of the 7th Ward. The group raised funds and purchased lots at the corner N. Miro and Annette streets.

The other side of the marker is dedicated to Miss Fannie Williams and her dedication to the children and community. Visit [bmdg.org](http://bmdg.org) for more info about this marker and the many visitors to the school.

### Picture from the Past

That's Fannie C. Williams (left) pictured with Classmate Turnbull after completing their high school years in New Orleans. High school morphs immediately into college. Our school bears her name because of all the outstanding things she accomplished in her more than 40 years in education.



Fannie C. Williams and classmate ? Turnbull. Photo courtesy of The Turnbull Family of New Orleans East.

### Fannie Cornelia Williams (1882-1980)

Our school's namesake, Fannie C. Williams, is responsible for many of the educational practices and services we now expect in our schools.

Williams was born in Biloxi, Mississippi, but came to New Orleans to attend high school. There were no high schools open to Blacks during those years in Mississippi. In 1904, she graduated from Straight College with honors (Straight later merged with New Orleans University to form Dillard University). She later pursued two additional degrees from Michigan State University.

Returning to New Orleans in 1921, Williams became the principal of Valena C. Jones Normal School. The school was established to educate the children of the 7th Ward and to train and certify African Americans teachers in New Orleans public schools. She would spend 33 years, until 1954, as the school's principal.

At the dedication of the Jones School's new building, in late October 1929, over 2000 people listened to New Orleans Public School's Superintendent Nicholas Bauer, Dr. Joseph Hardin, and Miss Fannie C. Williams recount the school's earliest days and speak with pride of their new school home—a three-story building with 32 classrooms. Williams hoped the new spacious school would help to stop the spread of contagious diseases that were prevalent in its early days as the Miro School. It quickly became a source of neighborhood pride, providing a quality educational setting for the children of the neighborhood at Annette and N. Miro streets. It was "considered one of the best equipped school buildings in this section of the country."

It was Miss Williams and the parents of Jones School who lobbied the school board to put nursery (now Pre-K) and kindergarten classes in the Valena C. Jones School. We also know that Miss Williams was instrumental in creating an annual child health day, when

medical professionals (doctors, nurses, and dentists) visited the school and performed their services free of charge. These medical personnel were on staff at Flint-Goodridge Hospital, then owned by Dillard University. The hospital was the first black hospital in the South.

Our Miss Williams was also responsible for the first African-American Girl Scout Troop (99) in New Orleans. These offerings came to Jones School first and then later to other schools serving black children.

We mention Williams, with pride, in this first issue of the **WN** for 2025-2026 because so many of her innovations still are employed today. Her health fairs and lessons on nutrition inspired parents to raise healthy children. The few discipline problems at Jones School often involved having parents come to the school to handle the problem. Study groups were formed to assist parents in improving their reading and math skills. The school's PTA raised money to finance the projects the school wanted.

We see many parallels to the efforts of Miss Williams and her staff to our mission at today's Fannie C. Williams Charter School. The collaboration between the school and community, the efforts to keep students and staff healthy on campus, scouting for girls and boys, efforts to bring parents to campus for parenting tutoring, visits by esteemed guests, 21st century innovative ways of teaching and reaching kids, awesome extra-curricular activities students, and a great facility.

Let us continue the endeavor to walk in the footsteps of our namesake Fannie C. Williams to raise the next generation of prepared and productive scholars.

\*Source: *Crescent City Schools, Public Education in New Orleans, 1841-1991* by Donald E. DeVore & Joseph Logsdon, 1991.

\*Fannie C. Williams, *A Pioneer in Public Education, The New Orleans Tribune, August 1988* by Keith Weldon Medley.

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"Every child has the capacity to be everything." – Doris Lessing  
"Childhood is a short season." – Helen Hayes  
"I am only as good as my children are." – Michelle Obama





LEAP 2025 Scores are in . . .

### Warrior Scholars Show Improvements

Parents have received their child's LEAP scores. We have scholars we can be proud of for their efforts. Shout out to all the teaching staff who made this possible. Let's see if we can top these efforts during the next round of testing in the Spring of 2026!

#### ELA-Advanced (Gold Star Effort)

Student	Grade in '25
Caleb Aguilar	7
Christopher Baptiste	7

#### Science-Advanced (Gold Star Effort)

Zachii Alveris	5
Noreli Mejia Pineda	6

#### Social Studies-Advanced (Gold Star Effort)

Blaize Lemmons	6
Jazmin Martinez	6
Noreli Mejia Pineda	6
Carla Perralta	6

#### ELA-Mastery (Silver Star Effort)

Ricky Anthony	3
Maleeya Armstrong	3
Torin Brown	3
Eileen Chirinos	3
Leroy Davis	3
Braxton Doucet	3
Nyrielle Hines	3
Nashly Melendez	3
Darel Phillips	3
Nia Quinn	3
Tahj Smith	3
Khyree Wells	3
Andrew White	3
Angel Williams	3
Kailyn Alvarez	3
Brooklyn Hilton	4
Jamahl Washington	4
Zachii Alveris	5
Landon Brooks	5
Noah LeBlanc	5
Nicholas Simmons	5
Myron Bland	5
Cash Causey	5
Gabriella Brumfield	6
Isaac David	6
Bradley Herbert	6
Tia Jones	6
Blaize Lemmons	6
Zaire Lymuel	6
Jazmin Martinez	6
Noreli Mejia Pineda	6
Carla Perralta	6

#### ELA-Mastery (Silver Star Effort)

Keiron Baptiste	7
Zuri Buggage	7
Rayne Conley	7
Bentley Foster	7
Jamyra Garrison	7
Brandon Hilton	7
Reagan Hilton	7
Jerricia Jackson	7
Jeremy Murchison	7
Jace Tyson	7
Jordyn White	7
DyNri Cains	8
Vanessa Fortanel	8
Karly Green	8
Payton Hayes	8
Semaj Kendrick	8
Joseph Nelson	8
Bryani Nolberto	8
Jerry Robinson	8
London Robinson	8
Iris Tello	8
Jalaya Wells	8
JDen Williams	8
Kaliya Williams	8

#### Math-Mastery (Silver Star Effort)

Clyde Armstrong	3
Torin Brown	3
Eileen Chirinos	3
Leroy Davis	3
Braxton Doucet	3
Jacion Lemons	3
Mario Rochez	3
Angel Williams	3
Karlie Steward	4
Jamahl Washington	4
Zachii Alveris	5
Guiller Bermudez	6
Isaac David	6
Santos Lacayo	6
Blaize Lemmons	6
Jazmin Martinez	6
Carla Perralta	6
Caleb Aguilar	7
Gabrielle Ashford	7
Christopher Baptiste	7
Jamyra Garrison	7
Jeremy Murchison	7
Jordyn White	7

#### Science-Mastery (Silver Star Effort)

Torin Brown	3
Eileen Chirinos	3
Amari Cole	3
Braxton Doucet	3
Tahj Smith	3

#### Science-Mastery (Silver Star)

Angel Williams	3
Jaliya Carter	4
Seveyn Lewis	4
Jamahl Washington	4
Sofia Fortanel	5
Nicholas Simmons	5
Davin Taylor	5
Isaac David	6
Bradley Herbert	6
Tia Jones	6
Blaize Lemmons	6
Carla Perralta	6
Caleb Aguilar	7
Christopher Baptiste	7
Haven Brown	7
Zuri Buggage	7
Jeremy Murchison	7
Ahmoid Nathan	7
David Price	7
Jace Tyson	7
Jordyn White	7
Vanessa Fortanel	8
Joseph Nelson	8
JDen Williams	8
Kaliya Williams	8

#### Social Studies-Mastery (Silver)

Torin Brown	3
Eileen Chirinos	3
Jamahl Washington	3
Sofia Fortanel	3
Cash Causey	3
Guiller Bermudez	3
Isaac David	3
Santos Lacayo	6
Harlem Sterling	6
Daniel Williams	6
Caleb Aguilar	7
Rayne Conley	7
Brandon Hilton	7
Reagan Hilton	7
Jeremy Murchison	7
Ahmoid Nathan	7
Jace Tyson	7



*Prime Time is back for Year 3 @ Fannie C...*

## Prime Time Family Reading Resumes in October

Prime Time Family Reading program will start up again on Thursday, October 16, 2025.

We extend an invitation to all Warrior families interested in improving literacy and increasing quality family engagement through an innovative storytelling experience.

**Parents with scholars in Pre-K through 6 grades are invited to register. It will take place during the weeks of October 16-November 20. The once-a-week sessions are held Thursday evenings from 4:45 pm to 6:30 pm, with dinner being served for students and their parents.**

After dinner, a reading of the week's book takes place in the library. The open-ended group discussion that follows allows pupils to discuss the book and hear the point-of-views of their schoolmates.

**Each family receives one copy of the night's book to take home** to build their family's library. Books are especially chosen for the great stories and lessons they teach. The program encourages reading, develops communication skills, increases

text comprehension, and develops critical-thinking abilities.

Prime Time was created by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities in 1991. The program is designed to engage, educate, and support students and their families.

Look for the registration information in late September. We are hoping you are planning to attend. It's a great way to develop your child into a reader.

### Prime Time Family Reading Session 1/Oct. 16-Nov. 20

*Below are samples of the book titles we will be reading during the first session. Each family will receive a copy of the book to take home. Join us!*

*Flood by Alvaro F. Villa  
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein  
Why the Sky is Far Away by M. Gerson  
The Water Princess by Susan Verde  
What Do You Do with an Idea? by Kobi Yomada  
The Promise by Nicola Davies*

*Pictures on the right are from last year's Prime Time Family Reading program.*

*Our Thursday nights always begin with a meal (bottom photo), a reading of the book and a discussion (top) and a book to go home with (middle).*

*Definitely time well-spent (4:45 pm - 6:30 pm each Thursday for six weeks.*

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## The Why of Reading

I don't believe anyone can deny the importance of reading to students of all ages. We find the knowledge and understanding of the world around us in books.

The written word is how we gain information, learn to write better, learn about world around us, and seek quick facts. Humans also read for entertainment. The writings of those who came before us provides the

opportunity to learn about the past and use that knowledge to build and improve the future.

Encourage your child to read daily, learning to use reading as a form of entertainment. Aim for 15 minutes to 30 minutes per day.

Don't forget to let them see you read! Children love to emulate their parents. ###

—The Editor



### 7 Benefits of Reading:

- Mental Stimulation
- Stress Reduction
- Knowledge
- Vocabulary Expansion
- Memory Improvement
- Stronger Analytical Thinking Skills

- Improved Focus and Concentration
- Better Writing Skills
- Tranquility
- Free Entertainment

For a full explanation, see the website listed below.

Source:  
[crawshawacademy.org.uk](http://crawshawacademy.org.uk)

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## Parent-Teacher Conferences

### 1st Quarter Progress Reports

*Great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and learn of their progress during this first month of school!*

**Wednesday, September 10, 2025**

**12:30 pm - 2:30 pm**

*Professional Development Day for Staff,*

*No school for students today. Classes resume Thurs. 09/11*



Parents—Did you know you can access your child's classroom assignments, grades, and attendance through J-Pams, using your cellphone, tablet, or home computer? If your child was enrolled last year, instructions are the same. New families needing help, reach out at

**info@fcwcs.org**



### Scholastic Book Fairs are always FESTIVE at FCWCS!

The joy of reading and being able to buy a book or two is always worthy of colorful balloons and items to encourage Warriors into the library to search for the 'perfect' book! *Photos from September 2024*



*Young Warrior carefully makes her decision about a book during last year's Book Fair. Book Fairs have been part of Fannie C. since the days of the FEMA trailers.*

### Grading Scale for Regular Courses

*(as mandated by the State of Louisiana)*

Grade	Percentage
A	100-90
B	89-80
C	79-70
D	69-60
F	59-0



### 1st Quarter Exams September 29-October 2, 2025



*Make sure your Warrior is prompt, prepared, and productive!*

### Scholastic Fall Book Fair, Week of September 22-26

Flyers will book titles and cost will be sent home the week before the book fair. Please review the selections and help your child to make informed decisions regarding their selections (this is especially helpful for our youngest students).

—Librarian K. LeBlanc

### 8th Graders Prepare for D.E.A.R.

*School Resource Officer Johnson helps Rayne and Leiloni select books to read to kindergarteners during the weekly DEAR (drop everything and read) program.*



*DEAR allows everyone (staff too) in the building to stop what they are doing for 15-20*

*minutes to read a book, magazine, newspaper, etc. of their choice.*

### Reading Initiatives at FCWCS

*Teaching a child to read (and do it well) and develop a love of it, is one of the most important things a teacher can give their students. However schools can't do it without the help of the home. Below is a list of initiative we do here at Fannie C. What does your family do to encourage reading in your home?*

- Scholastic Book Fairs



- Weekly D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)
- S.T.A.R. (Stop Talking and Read)
- Lending School Library
- Math/Literacy Night
- Prime Time Family Reading Program
- iReady (on Chromebook)
- IXL (on Chromebook)
- Achieve 3000 (on Chromebook)
- Lunch & Learn for Parents

*Government \$\$\$ Has Been Allocated for 2025-2026*

## Kedila Afterschool Program Funded

We've finally received word that our monies needed to pay for our awesome after school program has been allocated. We are accepting applications from staff to work the two hour program.

The monies needed for this are provided by federal funding, then funneled through the state to our Kedila. Federal budget cuts caused the later start then we experienced last year. Program coordinator, Karen LeBlanc, is setting her sights on an October start.

The program is slated to run from 3:15 pm to 5:15 pm, Monday through Thursday. It provides an hour of academic tutoring—help with homework and small group tutoring. After the first hour, students then are allowed to go into their 'special

interests' groups—band, athletics, arts and crafts, board games, etc. to complete their day. **Students in band, marching units, and the various athletic squads need to sign up.** Practice is held after

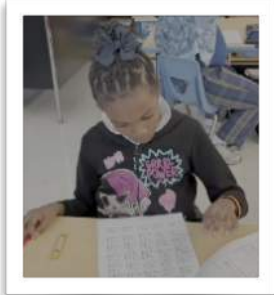
academic lessons are completed. Snacks are provided each day.

**All students participating must be registered in the program to stay after school. Bus service is provided home at 5:15. The program is FREE, but is limited to 250 students.** Good

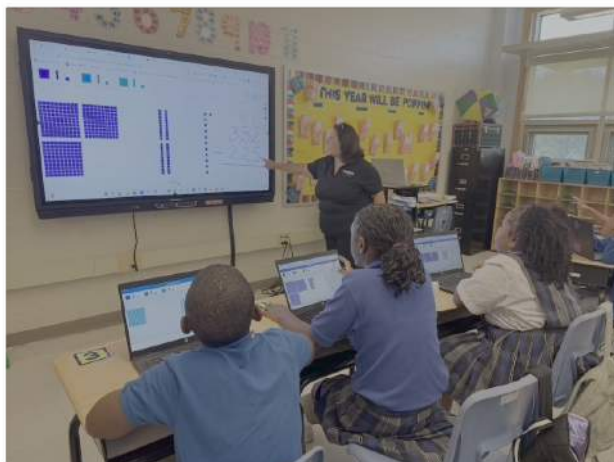
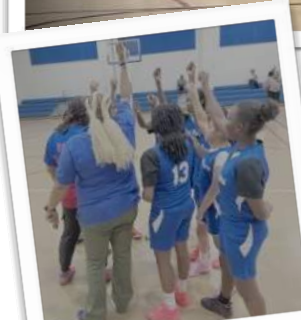
attendance and behavior are expected of all participants.

Students not adhering to the school's rules regarding behavioral expectations will be dropped from the program.

*Photos on the left illustrate the various activities on campus after the 3:15 bell.* ###



*Academics come first in our Kedila Afterschool Program.*



*Veteran teacher, Mrs. M. Hodges, instructs a morning third grade mathematics class. Students use Chromebooks (in lieu of paper and pencil) to handle the subtraction problems on the Promethean Board.*

*Hodges and her coworkers assign homework for students to complete at home for practice. Parents were loaned Chromebooks for use at home. Did you take the time to come and pick one up for your scholar?*

### Mission Statement of FCWCS

The mission of Fannie C. Williams Charter School is to achieve the highest academic success through collaboration of staff, parents, and community.

*Let's not forget . . .*

## Academics Are Why We're Here!

It's important to reinforce the reason for school is to learn. Sometimes students forget!

Parents are asked to **review the Family Handbook ([fcwcs.org](http://fcwcs.org)) with their scholars, paying close attention to the information regarding attendance, grades and participation in extra-curriculum activities** (see pages 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the Family Handbook).

**Students enrolled in Kedila's Afterschool program have one hour (60 minutes) to complete**

**homework assignments. That may not be enough time to complete the assignment, so parents should ask their child if they finished their assignments and actually ask them to show it to you.**

We have an abundance of clubs and organizations on campus. Students who are members of these groups must meet all behavior and academic requirements to remain a part of the organization (see pg. 4 of handbook for further details).

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**What does that mean?** The school and the home work together for the success of every child in our care. Our goals should be the same, doing what is best for the child's interest—academically, physically, mentally, and emotionally. When the child achieves, the family, school, and community prosper.





## Is your scholar a ‘finicky eater’?

Because we are a Title 1 school, every student is able to receive free breakfast and lunch without paying. Also, parents do not have to complete the federal forms required in non-Title 1 schools.

But, if your child doesn't eat what the school provides, they may go the entire day hungry. **The school's website ([fcwcs.org](http://fcwcs.org)) contains the monthly menus for both breakfast and lunch.**

Familiarize yourself with the website for the information you need. **Breakfast, lunch, and snack menu** for **2025-2026** can be found by clicking the tab with the words listed above in bold. It is located above the school supplies lists.

Decide which days your child would enjoy a hot meal. If you see something your scholar won't eat or can't (because of allergies) be sure to prepare something for them. ###

## Middle Schoolers Send Messages to Kindergarteners Upperclassmen Send Letters to Younger Warriors

The art of writing a letter, including all the parts (date, salutation, body, complimentary close, and signature), was resurrected during the first week of school for our younger Warriors.

Eighth graders in Mrs. LeBlanc's class, were instructed in writing a 'real' letter, with paper and pencil. We're not talking e-mail, but old-fashioned correspondence. Art teacher LeBlanc reviewed the formatting of the letter and how to address an envelope. Students were taught the proper way to fold the message into a envelope. When completed off, they proceeded to our Warrior mailbox in the school's lobby.

The letters will be delivered by our school's postal service, 'We Deliver' under the direction of Ms. H. Grey and Ms. D. Williams.

Their parents will read the messages to them. Here's hoping those letters become cherished mementos for our little Warriors of their first days in 'big school.'

*Photos below are from the class activity of letter writing and mailing of the correspondence in the lobby's mailbox.* ###

**Educator:** a professional skilled in the theory and practice of education, often a teacher, but also a mentor, facilitator, or administrator who guides students in the learning and development.

*Source: A-1, the internet*

*Teacher/ Staff-of-the-Year for 2024-2025 are Shawn Tolliver and Carla Lewis. Both educators add much to the development of our school as a positive place where learning & growing happens for our students.*

## Teacher & Staff-of-the-Year 2008-2025

**2024-2025** Shawn Tolliver (T)  
Carla Lewis (S)  
**2023-2024** Shannon Vigne (T)  
Sonya Dent (S)  
**2022-2023** Ashley Singleton (T)  
Briana Toledano (S)  
**2021-2022** Michele Hodges (T)  
Sharnell Theard (T)  
Gretchen B. Johnson (S)  
**2020-2021** Theresa Sanchez (T)  
Deidre Barnett (S)  
**2019-2020** Arriane Jones (T)  
Tanisha Batiste (S)  
**2018-2019** Helene Grey (T)  
Leila Robinson (S)  
**2017-2018** Phillip Britt (T)  
Karen LeBlanc (S)  
**2016-2017** Penny Ward (T)  
**2015-2016** Terry Green (T)  
**2014-2015** No recipient this year  
**2013-2014** Janice Watts (S)  
**2012-2013** Lynette Henry (T)

**2011-2012** Terri Daigle (T)  
**2010-2011** Angela Goodly (T)  
**2009-2010** Diane Wiltz (T)  
**2008-2009** Joseph Saulsbury (T)  
**2007-2008** Bernetta Cisco (T)  
*As chosen by their peers*  
(T) = Teacher (S) Staff







## "Blasting Off" to First Grade!

Kindergarten Promotional Exercise  
Fannie C. Williams Charter School  
May 14, 2025 at 9:00 am



Kindergarten teachers S. Vigne (left) and R. Harrell (right). V. Kiamco (not pictured) instructs SPED self-contained.



**R. Harrell & C. Jones Class**—Ariel Aguilar, Juan Aguilera, Jefferey Braggs, Jr., Triniti Brown, Leilani Clemens, Harmony Collor, Kaydenne Edwards, Miguela Gobernado, Axel Godoy, Bella Griffin, Taraji James, Dior Johnson, Danielle Jones, Taelynn LeBlanc, Anthony McCall, Charm McKnight, Londyn Howard-Meyers, Ary Mitchell, Miracle Nealy, Carlos Peralta, Maison Phillips, Maria Reyes, Jaycion Robinson, Liam Rodriguez, Shaheem Wells. **S. Vigne & L. Brown Class**—Kaion Alada, Diego Amaya, Gabrianna Ashford, Cenia Bernardez, Chozen Brown, Angel Cruz, Daleth Davila, Cecilia Franco, Esther Gayton, Taylor Hammond, Justin Harvey, Zyon Jefferson, Denim Johnson, Dayden Johnson, Sir Anthony Knighten, Nathan Lopez, Leonardo Matomoros, Aram Nolberto, Matthew Pineda, DeLiah Rainey, Semaj Smith, Wynter Steward, Desmond Surtain, Jr. Ryleigh Thomas, Sheldon Washington, Jr., Willow Washington. **V. Kiamco & C. Varnado**—Anthony Andrade Garcia, Harmony Perrier.



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025



Fannie C. Williams Charter School  
**Eighth Promotion Ceremony**  
**Monday, May 12, 2025**  
**9:00 am**

*Learning, Leading, Leveling Up!*



**Top 10 Scholars:** Vanessa Fortanel, Karly Green, D'Nyri Cains, Semaj Kendrick, Kiyah Martin, Iris Tello, Kadeline Aguilar, Payton Hayes, Makiya Johnson, Walter Lambert



*Pictures from our 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony, May 12th. The 8th Grade Staff includes T. Green (Dean), A. Jones (Coordinator), and Instructors S. Dent, T. Dumas, J. Evans, K. Johnson, M. Lynch, L. Ducros, I. Hall, L. Kelly, D. Bray, P. Britt, K. LeBlanc, W. Steward, and S. Jordan.*

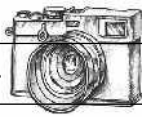


**Class of 2025—**Jourdan Amedee Kayden Brown, Tiron Brown, Tristan Crump, Treysen DeJesus, Kiara Dyas, Ja'Ya Eubanks, Dennis Fernandez, Jerrell Grant, Tyrek Griffin, Diany Guerrero Jeyreth Guerrero, Ah'Leah Harris, Nylania Hines, Kei'Myri Jack, Julian Jackson,

Terrell Jackson, Jr., Ricky Kinnard, Alicia Lewis, Jesus Lopez, Richmond Marrero, Jr., Heily Medina Williams, Ayden Moliere, Joseph Nelson, Ernest Neville, Jr. Bryani Noberto, Derrick Pollard, Jr., Bry Raines, Koray Rayford, Jerome Reaux, Jr., Joel Rivera, Jerry Robinson,

III, London Robinson, Jose Rodriguez Bernardez, Jamal Sigue, Ja'Liyah Simms, Lionel Thomas, Jalaya Wells, Cortez Williams, J'Den Williams, Kaliya Williams, Serenity Williams.





## Working Hard to Make Fannie A Positive Place to Learn &amp; Grow!



Day 1, 2025-26. Superintendent Fulmore, 7th District Officers, School Board Vice-

President Leila J. Eames pose for the WNLens with Principal Batiste and pupils.



8th grader Rayne Conley ascends the 8th grade stairs after cutting the ribbon. Superintendent Fulmore and Dean Green cheer her on (top); ELA teacher G. Holland informs a family where to drop supplies for Dylan (left); Librarian, art teacher, and after school coordinator meets with Laureus Sport Foundation officer Tiffany Aidoo to make plans for the upcoming year (right); Teacher V. Kiamco helps one of her students with a writing assignment (above left) as Para C. Varnado (top) in the same room, works with another student with a word list.

July 31st meeting is the planning for FCWCS's 15th Year Gala coming in Spring '26. That's Admin. Assistant G. Batiste (far right) conducting.



Band Director D. Bray listens as a novice clarinetist attempts to get a sound from her horn (top); Para L. Forman helps 1st graders open their milk cartons; Tech Coordinator C. Lewis prepares Chromebooks for parents to pick-up for students in grades 3-8; Middle school

Social Studies teacher S. Theard rewards her students for a well-done LEAP testing in 2025; Rep Will Green from Stanbury Band Uniforms measures a Warrior band member for a new uniform. We're hoping they will be ready for Mardi Gras '26!

**Homework is important . . .**

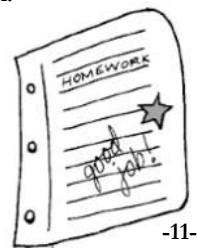
Students will have homework most nights. It is important and an extension of work done during the school day.

**A student who does not do homework cannot earn an "A" on their report card.**

FCWCS Grading Procedure for Core Classes (Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies) is as follows:

35% of their grade comes from quarterly/final exams;  
30% comes from quizzes/weekly tests;  
25% for classwork/engagement;  
**10% for homework.**

A = 90-100  
B = 80-89  
C = 70-79  
D = 60-69  
F = 59 and below







# WARRIOR NEWS

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Mrs. L. Brown's last promotional exercise . . . Long time kindergarten para receives a bouquet of roses from co-workers (l to r): Sisco, Andrews, Batiste, Vigne, and Harrell. Thanks Mrs. Brown!

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Dean Sisco will answer questions regarding any transportation concerns @ 504.444.1063 or 504.373.6228

## Mission Statement of FCWCS

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**

Just a friendly reminder to our parents/guardians . . .

**Early Dismissal Ends promptly 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 that occasionally emergencies will arise, but we ask that you work with us to make sure dismissals flow smoothly.

If any changes are needed to how your child is going home, that must be sent in writing to your child's teacher or messaged via Class Dojo. We cannot take phone calls to make transportation changes. Your cooperation is appreciated.



-Kelly S. Batiste  
Principal/CEO



Keep on top of school happenings by getting the **Class Dojo App** in your App Store. Make sure we have a valid email address for you!



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

**Warrior Family Handbook**  
fcwcs.org

## Important Message for Parents of Bus Riders in Grades Pre-K through 3rd Grades



All students in the grades Pre-K through 3rd grade 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 come to the school to pick them up.

-Dean Sisco



Have you noticed the two new banners in the Warrior Gym? Our 6th Grade Boys Basketball Team won the 2025 MMSL Championship, following the lead

of the 8th Grade Flag Football Team 2024 MMSL Championship. Heck of a job Coach Wayne Steward!