

## Our Staff: Alberto Ruiz-Principal

Hello and welcome back for another exciting year here at School No. I. I'm very happy to be back as your principal and look forward to the 2023/2024 school year. Fort Lee has quickly become another home away from home to me and I can't wait to chat with everyone about their summer fun and experiences.
My family and I have had a very busy and exciting summer. The Ruiz family had the joy of welcoming a new member to our "Home Team". Alexander John was born on June 30th and is a very rambunctious and energetic little boy. His
mother, big brother, big sister, and $I$ are very happy to have our official "clean up hitter" to finish out our team.
If you don't know by now, l'm a huge baseball fan, and I spent many nights this summer sitting back and enjoying a good game with friends and family.
I am also very excited to see my Jets, lead by Arron Rodgers, make their way to a winning season this fall/winter. I spent some time reading this summer, as I hope all of you did, and I came across a great quote by T.S. Eliot, "Every moment is a fresh beginning".

With that in mind, lets get our new beginning started!


Xavier, Evelyn, and Alexander

## Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation of this month started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period
starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100402.

The date of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their
independence days on September 16 and September18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period (Hispanicheriatagemonth. gov, Aug. 2023).

## Back to School Night

Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 PM. School No. 1 will host two sessions for parents to attend. Each session will run 20 minutes and begin with a welcome video message from Mr. Ruiz. Session 1 will begin at 6:30pm and end at

6:50. Session 2 will begin promptly at 7:00pm and end at 7:20pm. Please keep I mind that this is a parents only event; please refrain from bringing students to this important event, where you will receive information about the upcoming school year. We look forward to seeing you all!

## Upcoming Events/ Important Dates

Start of Hispanic
Sep 15
Heritage Month

Back to School Sep. 19 Night

Yum Kippur School Sep. 25 Closed

## Kind Reminders:

- School property should be vacated by 3:30pm for use by Right @ School.
- Marked parking spaces and Lots around school are meant for staff and teachers only.
- Family Pets are not allowed on school grounds.
- Check your Parent Portal for important documents and district/ school information.
- Thank you!

