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"I do know one thing about me: I don't measure myself by others' expectations or let others define my worth." – **Sonia Sotomayor**, US Supreme Court Justice

Dear Parents:

I bring you greetings as we celebrate Hispanic heritage and our Latin culture!

Did you know that National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September to October, by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Latin American and Caribbean Countries?

Did you now that Hispanic Heritage Week, designated under President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968, was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting in September and ending in October? The month celebration was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402. We are proud to celebrate the diverse cultures of Charles H. Stillman School. We represent well over 10 countries Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

Thank you for your participation in our virtual **Back to School Nights**. We trust that you had an opportunity to meet with staff and ask questions about curriculum and instruction.

We are excited to kick off yet another year of parent involvement On the 15th, we held an awesome Hispanic Heritage Month Kick Off and Parent Support Event. In addition to food and music, staff members supported parents with setting up email accounts, lunch applications and access to the Genesis Parent Portal. Well over 100 parents attended.

We will kick off the month of October with our observance of the national **Week of Respect**, October 4th- 8^h. This week will be full of lessons and opportunities for students and staff to share respectful acts that they have witnessed or have taken part in.

Additionally, schools are closed on Monday, October 11, 2021 in observance of Indigenous People's Day. Please make note that there is a half-day session on Monday October 4th for staff development. Students will dismiss at 12:30 pm.

Ms. Gwynetta Y. Joe
Principal

WEEK OF RESPECT

10/4–Pledge Day “World Day of Bullying Prevention” Wear a blue shirt for the cause.

10/5 –Empathy & Understanding “Hats Off to Respect” Wear your favorite or craziest hat!

10/6 –Making New Friends “Respect our Differences” Wear your mix and match socks!

10/7 –Saying Hello & Have a Nice Day “Being Kind is Easy” Greet 3 people you never spoken to before.

10/8-Giving & Receiving Compliments “Be Comfortable with Yourself” Wear your most comfortable pajamas or dress comfy.

10/10th	PTO Fundraiser Orders Due
10/19th	Hispanic Heritage Celebration (6-8 pm) Cafetorium
10/4th	Half Day Session (12:30 dismissal)
10/11th	Indigenous Peoples Day - Schools are closed

UPCOMING EVENTS (November)

11/2nd	Election Day
11/4 th & 5 th	NJEA Convention
11/15 th	PD Half Day Session (12:30 dismissal)
11/16 th through 11/18 th	Parent Teacher Conferences (12:30 dismissal)
11/24th through 11/26th	Thanksgiving Recess