



Beechwood Weekly



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Latin American Heritage Month

Who is Justice Sonia Sotomayor?



Video Resources: An interview with Oprah

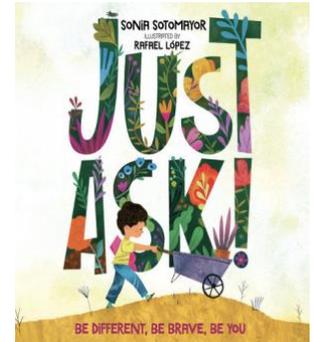
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgEHV_ciVY4

Interview & her book entitled, Just Ask!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zF14m0PdaU>

Written Resource: Via her professional website.

[Justice Sonia Sotomayor](#)



A note:

On January 28, 2013 I had the opportunity to travel with several Beechwood students to the Fox Theater in Redwood City. Though we enjoyed our conversation and dinner out, the absolute highlight of the night was getting a chance to listen and meet U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. She shared her inspiring story of growing-up in New York City having suffered losses, and learned to face life's challenges. At the end of the night, we were able to approach her for brief conversation and signing of her autobiography, My Beloved World. Even with a packed hall, she made our short conversation powerful and thought provoking. She asked our students (now alumni) of their hopes and dreams, and encouraged them to stay focused on school. Justice Sotomayor told our students to never let someone tell them what they could or could not do. Afterwards, we each shared that on some level we connected to her story of triumph and imagined her path being possible...being a reality. That night will remain one of my treasured Beechwood memories.

-Priscilla Taylor, Principal