



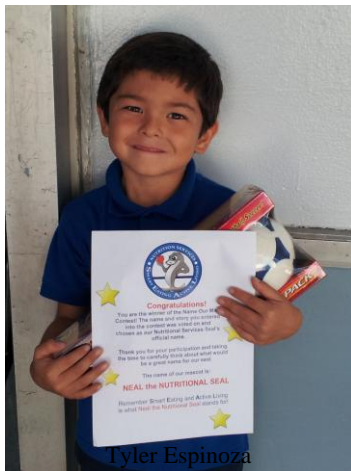
In September of 2012, Twin Rivers students were challenged to use their creativity to come up with a name for Nutrition Services' new department mascot... a SEAL.... which stands for Smart Eating, Active Living. This mascot would play an active role in promoting nutrition education throughout our district.

Students were told that the name should be associated with nutrition, health, or physical activity, or be an acronym, an acrostic or other creative representation.

After a fun and successful contest, our seal was named **Neal the Nutritional Seal** by a Twin Rivers first grade student - Tyler Espinoza of Fairbanks Elementary.



TRUSD Board President Cortez Quinn and NEAL the Nutrition Seal



Tyler Espinoza

"We received over 275 entries for the contest... with 18 schools district-wide participating. We are so pleased with the participation and enthusiasm the SEAL has received from our students.." states Lisa Vorce, Nutritionist, TRUSD Nutrition Services. "...it was truly difficult to choose, we received so many creative names that fit our SEAL perfectly."

Food Service staff voted on the top 10 names with the winning name coming out as Neal the Nutritional Seal. All students that sent in a name idea received recognition for their participation. Students who sent in the top 10 names received a certificate and small prize at their school site.

Neal the Nutritional Seal made his debut appearance on Monday September 17, 2012 at Castori Elementary School. He has attended the district wellness fair and shared the health benefits of salad bars throughout the month of September at various elementary schools.

Look for NEAL at your next school event!

