Seal of Biliteracy
Marshall Dual Language Program, MPUSD

Rationale: The purposes for instituting the Seal of Biliteracy Awards include:

- To encourage students to study languages
- To recognize and value the biliteracy skills of all students
- To prepare students with 21st century skills
- To strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and languages of a community

Who is Eligible: 5th graders

Award Ceremony: In May, to much fanfare

Award Descriptions and Criteria:

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<th>Bilingual Participation Award</th>
<th>Bilingual Attainment Award</th>
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<td>Silver medals</td>
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<td>-At least 3 years in DLP</td>
<td>-4 or 5 on second language, as measured by CELDT or QIA</td>
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<td>-Oral or written submission in both languages</td>
<td>-Proficient or Advanced on CST ELA</td>
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<td>-Proficient or Advanced on SLA benchmarks</td>
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<td>-Proficient or Advanced (by rubric) on oral or written submissions in both languages</td>
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Sample prompts for oral or written submissions:

- Why is bilingualism important to your family?
- Why is bilingualism important to your future career?
- What important differences are there between the languages you have learned? What features of the languages might make it easier or more difficult than other languages?
- Describe a memorable experience using your target language in your community.
- Why has it been valuable to you to go to school with students and families of different languages and cultures?

Possible Partnerships:

- Spanish publisher who will donate medals
- Seaside panadería? Evelyn’s contact
- LULAC
- Invite Monterey County Weekly, MCOE, MPUSD Board, Monterey Herald