ABOUT THE CONTEST:

Elementary and Secondary prizes - $1,000 each

The prize money will be split - $500 to the teacher for classroom supplies and $500 to your favorite lunch lady or man. The contest is open to all schools across California, grades K-12.

HOW TO ENTER THE CONTEST: 1 Entry per Class

- Visit the www.EatSmart2BeSmart.com website, click on the link “My Favorite Lunch Lady Contest”

Please review the prizes and rules page on the website

- Each classroom is to work together to submit a nomination

- Entries must be a 1 to 2 minute video about your Favorite School Lunch Hero

Submit your entry by April 8, 2016

The winners will be announced on May 6, 2016 “School Lunch Hero Day”

School food service personnel work diligently to feed over 3 million children a day. In California alone, they serve 600 million lunches annually. Many of the food service employees are parents and grandparents and care deeply about the students they serve. They are dedicated to supporting learning by serving nourishing meals to students. But most importantly, they love engaging with the kids. They provide encouraging smiles but receive few accolades themselves. It is time to recognize them!

The “My Favorite Lunch Lady Contest” is sponsored by the Southern California School Nutrition Association, Ultragrain & Food Safety Systems.