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Fairfax County Schools To Receive Marine Corps Marathon Healthy School Award

Lynbrook and Eagle View Elementary Schools Earn Top Honors

QUANTICO, VA – Lynbrook Elementary and Eagle View Elementary schools in Fairfax County, VA., will receive the 2007 Healthy School Award, presented by *Washington FAMILY Magazine* in early March. The award is presented annually by Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) and its partner, *Washington FAMILY Magazine* to promote health and fitness.

The Healthy School Award is presented to the schools with the greatest number of students participating in the Healthy Kids Fun Run, a one-mile just for fun event, conducted the day prior to the MCM. *Washington FAMILY Magazine* will make a financial donation to each the school's physical education department.

"We believe that focusing on children's health and fitness is beneficial and a priority," said Brenda Hyde, publisher of *FAMILY Magazine*. "These schools have met that challenge, and we are thrilled with the participation. We feel honored to make a contribution for such a well deserved program that will support efforts to help today's youth become physically fit."

Race Director Rick Nealis and Debbie Boykin, Events Coordinator for *Washington FAMILY Magazine* will present the Healthy School Award in the medium size school category to Lynbrook Elementary in a special assembly on March 5 at 1:30 p.m. This marks the seventh consecutive year the Springfield, VA, school has received this honor, with 168 student participants in the Healthy Kids Fun Run.

On March 6, students at Eagle View Elementary will receive the Healthy School Award in the large school category in a presentation beginning at 2 p.m. Eagle View boasted 195 student participants in the Healthy Kids Fun Run, earning the award for the second time. In January, Charles Barrett Elementary in Alexandria, VA, received its Healthy School Award in the small school category, with 114 students participating in the race.

In addition to the award presentation, special assemblies will feature Marines and Miles, the MCM Mascot, to encourage children to stay active. WJLA weatherman Brian van de Graff will host the ceremony, with Ronald McDonald also joining in the fun!

The Healthy Kids Fun Run is a one-mile just-for-fun event, open to children ages 6 to 13. Online registration for the 2008 Healthy Kids Fun Run, to be held on October 25, will begin at noon eastern on June 4. Learn more about the Healthy Kids Fun Run and other events related to the Marine Corps Marathon at www.marinemarathon.com. Kids Run sponsors include Washington FAMILY Magazine, Navy Federal Credit Union, McDonald's, National Children's Museum, Lincoln Military Housing, and Sodexo.

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