



# Press Release

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## **Fairfax County's Lynbrook Elementary Wins Marine Corps Marathon Healthy School Award for 6<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Time**

*FAMILY Magazine Presents Physical Education Scholarship to School with Most Participants in Healthy Kids Fun Run*

**QUANTICO, VA** – The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) and FAMILY Magazine, proud sponsor of the Healthy Kids Fun Run, will present the MCM Healthy School Award to Fairfax County's Lynbrook Elementary. This marks the sixth consecutive year the Springfield, VA school has received this honor. The Healthy School Award is presented to the school with the greatest number of students participating in the MCM Healthy Kids Fun Run, a one mile fun run conducted the day prior to the MCM. FAMILY Magazine will make a \$1,000 donation to the school's physical education department.

The MCM and FAMILY Magazine will also recognize the school with the second most student participants. Eagle View Elementary of Fairfax, VA will receive a \$500 donation from FAMILY Magazine to acknowledge their participation.

"Raising healthy, active kids is a priority for every parent," said Brenda Hyde, publisher of Washington FAMILY Magazine. "FAMILY Magazine is thrilled to be involved with the Marine Corps Marathon Healthy Kids Fun Run and to offer this financial incentive to encourage students to participate in the event."

The Healthy Kids Fun Run presented by The Washington Post, held on October 28 at the DC Armory in Washington, D.C., hosted 1,367 children between the ages 6 and 13. Kids representing more than 190 schools throughout the US participated in the event featuring mascots, educational activities, healthy snacks and fun with the Marines. Winning school, Lynbrook Elementary boasted 83 student participants and second place Eagle View was represented by 61 participants.

The MCM Healthy School Awards will be presented during a special assembly at the schools in February 2007 featuring the Marines and Miles, the MCM Mascot. Kids Run sponsors include Washington FAMILY Magazine, Navy Federal Credit Union, McDonald's, National Children's Museum, Lincoln Military Housing, and Sodexo.

*Voted "Best Marathon for Families", the Marine Corps Marathon continues a combined tradition of dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism. Since its inception, over 300,000 civilian and military runners from all walks of life have participated, deservingly earning the event its nickname "The People's Marathon." The 31<sup>st</sup> Marine Corps Marathon to be held on October 29, 2006 in Arlington, VA is presented by USAA, Brooks Sports, Inc., and Cisco Systems. Visit [marinemarathon.com](http://marinemarathon.com) for more information.*

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