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Alexandria School To Receive Healthy Schools Award *Award Presentation Will Be Held March 4 at George Mason Elementary*

QUANTICO, VA (March 3, 2010) – The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) and U.S. Marines from Marine Corps Base Quantico will present the annual Healthy School Award to the students of George Mason Elementary in Alexandria, VA, during a school assembly on Thursday, March 4 at 1 p.m., in the school gym.

The award is the result of the students' participation in the 2009 Marine Corps Marathon Healthy Kids Fun Run held on October 24 in Arlington, VA. Of 353 schools, George Mason was one of the top three in overall student participation at the one-mile fun run held for kids ages 6 to 13.

During the assembly, members of the United States Marine Corps will lead the students in PT drills while promoting health, fitness and strong bodies!

MCM partners, FAMILY Magazine, Sodexo and the National Children's Museum will participate in the ceremony. MCM's Miles the bulldog mascot and Sodexo's Lift-Off! will add to the festivities.

Online registration for the 2010 Healthy Kids Fun Run opens May 5 at www.marinemarathon.com.

Voted the best marathon for families, the Marine Corps Marathon honors the dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism of its participants. Runners from all walks of life participate in the largest marathon not to offer prize money, earning the nickname as "The People's Marathon." The MCM is the fourth largest marathon in the United States and the eighth largest in the world. The 35th anniversary Marine Corps Marathon will be held on October 31, in Arlington, VA. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied.

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