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Fairfax County Schools to Receive Marine Corps Marathon Healthy School Award

*Lynbrook Elementary, Eagle View Elementary and Hollin Meadows Science & Math Focus School
Honored for Participation in Healthy Kids Fun Run*

QUANTICO, VA- Three schools from Fairfax County will receive the 2008 Healthy School Awards. Lynbrook Elementary, Eagle View Elementary and Hollin Meadows Science & Math Focus School were the schools with the greatest number of students participating in the Healthy Kids Fun Run, a one-mile just for fun event, conducted on October 25, 2008, the day prior to the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM). The award is presented annually by the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) and its partner, *Washington FAMILY Magazine* to promote health and fitness. *Washington FAMILY Magazine* will make a financial donation to each the school's physical education department.

"The MCM is excited to once again partner with Washington FAMILY Magazine to present this award," said Rick Nealis, Director. "Students at these three schools have shown their dedication to health and physical fitness to their fellow students, teachers, parents and the local community and should be very proud of their efforts!"

Lynbrook Elementary School in Springfield, VA brought 256 runners. Eagle View Elementary School in Fairfax, VA had 225 participants. Hollin Meadows Science & Math Focus School in Alexandria, VA registered 122 runners. This is the seventh win for Lynbrook Elementary, the third win for Eagle View Elementary and the first win for Hollin Meadows Science & Math Focus School.

The award will be presented to each school during assemblies this winter featuring exciting activities and special guests including Ronald McDonald, Miles, the MCM Mascot and the National Children's Museum's "Museum without Walls" program.

Voted "Best Marathon for Families", the Marine Corps Marathon continues a combined tradition of dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism. Runners from all walks of life have participated in the world's largest marathon to not offer prize money, deservingly earning the nickname "The People's Marathon." The 34th Marine Corps Marathon to be held on October 25, 2009 in Arlington, VA is presented by USAA, Brooks Sports, Inc., and CVS Caremark.

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