

## MCM and Sodexo Present 2019 Healthy School Awards

*Five Northern Virginia Public Schools Honored*

**QUANTICO, VA (October 29, 2019)** – Five Virginia elementary schools took home the 2019 Healthy School Awards for having the most student participants at the annual MCM Kids Run presented by Virginia529—a one-mile just-for-fun run at the Pentagon North Parking lot in Arlington—on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The Healthy School Award is a \$1,000 grant presented to the winning schools' physical education departments and healthy snacks for each student from MCM partner Sodexo. Three of this year's winners are from Arlington County:

- Claremont Immersion School with 347 students
- Taylor Elementary School with 128 students
- Alice West Fleet Elementary School with 112 students

And the remaining two are from Alexandria City:

- James K. Polk Elementary School with 273 students
- George Mason Elementary School with 129 students

The schools registered a combined 989 students of the 3,600 runners between the ages of 5-12 who participated in the event. While most are repeat winners, Alice West Fleet is a first-time winner.

“To get this award in our first year as a brand new school is awesome,” said Sharla Hamilton, physical education teacher, Alice West Fleet Elementary School. “It lets us know that our community still remains very strong through all the changes.”

In addition to encouraging the next generation of runners, the Healthy School Award challenge promotes student wellness and physical fitness starting at an early age. For more information about the MCM Kids Run or Healthy School Award presentations, visit [marinemarathon.com](http://marinemarathon.com). The awards will be presented to each school beginning in January.

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