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Marine Corps Marathon to Celebrate Healthy School Award Winners

Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax VA students recognized in assemblies from Feb. 2-5

QUANTICO, VA (January 29, 2016) – Elementary students from four Northern Virginia schools will be celebrated February 2-5 by the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) and its partners for their participation in the MCM Kids Run held during MCM Weekend in October. The MCM, including its bulldog mascots, Sodexo and the National Watermelon Promotion Board will bestow Healthy School Awards at each of the local school gymnasiums while also presenting the exciting fitness and nutrition show, “Jump With Jill.”

The award-winning Virginia schools are Claremont Immersion Elementary School in Arlington; James K. Polk and Mount Vernon Elementary Schools in Alexandria; and 16-time award winner Lynbrook Elementary School in Fairfax. These schools registered a combined 1,325 students participating in the MCM Kids Run school group program.

The Healthy School presentations will be hosted in each school gym:

- February 2 – James K. Polk Elementary – at 12:30 p.m. (5000 Polk Avenue, Alexandria)
- February 3 – Lynbrook Elementary – at 2 p.m. (5801 Backlick Road, Springfield)
- February 4 – Taylor Elementary – at 9:15 a.m. (2600 N. Stuart Street, Arlington)
- February 5 – Claremont Immersion – at 1:15 p.m. (2700 S. Chesterfield Road, Arlington)

As part of the Healthy School Award, MCM partner Sodexo will present \$1,000 to each school and give healthy snacks to each student. The National Watermelon Promotion Board’s presentation of “Jump With Jill” celebrates healthy habits by transforming nutritional education into a live concert. “Jump With Jill” employs popular music and dancing to empower kids to make healthy choices.

George Mason Elementary School, located in Alexandria, is also a recipient of the 2015 Healthy School Award.

The MCM Kids Run annually includes 3,600 kids ages 5 to 12 who complete a one-mile course in the North Pentagon Parking lot in Arlington. Each student receives a finisher medal, nutritional recovery items and enjoys live entertainment, mascots from numerous sports teams and organizations and free admission into the Camp Miles interactive health and fitness festival geared for kids.

Registration for the 2016 MCM Kids Run will open in April at www.marinemarathon.com.

Media interested in covering the Healthy School Award assemblies should contact Tami Faram, MCM Public Relations Coordinator at tami.faram@usmc.mil or 703-432-1840.

The 2016 MCM Kids Run, organized by the Marine Corps Marathon, will be held on Oct. 29 in Arlington, VA. The MCM Kids Run is sponsored by the Navy Federal Credit Union, NBC4, Sodexo, the National Watermelon Promotion Board and Silver Diner. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. #RunWithTheMarines.

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