

Alexandria City Public Schools Presented with Healthy School Award *Students acknowledged for participation in 2018 MCM Kids Run*

QUANTICO, VA (Feb. 8, 2019) – The Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO) recognized the athleticism and dedication of elementary students by presenting the 2018 Healthy School Award at the Alexandria City Public School Board Meeting. Schools earned this recognition for having top student participation in the 2018 MCM Kids Run presented by Virginia529.

The MCMO and MCM Kids Run sponsor Sodexo presented the 2018 Healthy School Award to the following Alexandria City Public Schools on Feb. 7:

- George Mason Elementary School
- James K. Polk Elementary School
- Mount Vernon Community School

The MCM Kids Run boasted a one-mile just-for-fun run on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018 at the Pentagon North Parking lot. Winning schools are awarded a \$1,000 grant to each school's physical education department and healthy snacks for each student from Sodexo.

In total, five schools will be recognized for this award. All schools had previously earned this accolade. The two remaining schools in Arlington County (Claremont Immersion School and Taylor Elementary School) will be presented their awards on March 28. Together, the 2018 Healthy School Award winners registered a combined 1,189 runners between the ages of 5-12. Almost 2,000 of the 3,600 participants in the event registered through the school group program.

The Healthy School Award promotes the next generation of runners. The student's enthusiasm moves their peers and community, leaving a positive impact and memorable fitness experience for all parties involved.

Registration for the 2019 MCM Kids Run opens to the public at noon Eastern on Wednesday, April 24 at www.marinemarathon.com. There are 3,600 available entries each costing \$10.

To download Healthy School Award images, click [here](#).

For media information please contact Ashley Topolosky, Marine Corps Marathon Public Relations Coordinator at 703-987-3191 or ashley.topolosky@usmc-mccs.org.

The 2018 MCM Kids Run, presented by Virginia 529 and organized by the Marine Corps Marathon Organization, was held on Oct. 27, 2018 in Arlington, VA. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. Connect with the Marine Corps Marathon on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#). #RunWithTheMarines



(Left to right) Rick Nealis, MCMO Director; Kathie Chmura and Nicholas McDonald, James K. Polk Elementary School Physical Education Teachers; and Steve Queen, Sodexo.