



Kids-Fair Success!

K-grams Kids-Fair 2001 was a blast! Thank you for taking time out of your day to come to Crisler Arena and meet your pen pal. The elementary school students enjoyed the day so much because of you. Some of their favorite activities included the pie eating contest, the flour, the solar car team, and of course, the cotton candy! The little kids, teachers, and parents loved the diplomas and pictures that they received at the end of the event. You successfully contributed to the thousands of smiles that lighted up Crisler Arena on Friday, February 9th. Take a look at some of these cute pics for some smiles of your own!



Thank you to all of the Student Group Liaisons who worked so hard to make Kids-Fair a success!

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Projects Galore!

March has been a month filled with awesome projects! There are many more coming up before the end of the school year. You can continue your interaction with the kids even though you turned in your last letters. How? Come to projects!

Ford Talent Show

The spotlight is on the K-grams kids of Ford Elementary School as they present a night of talent for their parents, teachers, and peers. After practicing for several months, the kids will finally take the stage on **Monday, April 9th** at 6pm in Ford Elementary's gymnasium. There are a wide variety of acts, including gymnastics, dancing, singing, and much more. Some of the University of Michigan college students will also be showing off their talents in this show. Anyone is welcome to come and watch, especially if you have a pen pal at Ford! This is a wonderful opportunity to see these kids have a time of their life.

Bryant Pen Pal Party

On Monday, March 12th, Mrs. Kitzmann's Class at Bryant Elementary School hosted a special party for all of their college pen pals. Each elementary school pen pal was paired up with one college student for the entire evening. Together, the college and elementary school students made bookmarks for each other, in honor of "National Reading Month." Mrs. Kitzmann and her class also set up a delicious pizza dinner for all of the college students to enjoy with the elementary school students.

After dinner, the elementary school students took their college buddy to the computer labs and showed them a special slide presentation that each of them had made on the computer. At the end of the evening, the elementary school kids said farewell to all of the college students by handing them a rose. Thanks to Mrs. Kitzmann's Class and all of the college students who were able to attend, this party was awesome!

CARPENTER DANCE

The kids at Carpenter Elementary School are dancing machines! Thanks to Matt Kish, Markley Hall Head, and Principal Jackson at Carpenter, K-grams hosted a dance for all of the elementary school students and parents! This event took place on Friday, March 9th from 7pm-9pm in the school's multi-purpose room.

Over 100 Carpenter kids danced the night away along with their parents, teachers, and several college students. 'N Sync, Britney Spears, and Destiny's Child were among the favorites at the dance, but the kids also grooved to some of the classics like "Limbo Rock" and "Twist and Shout"! In addition to the music and dancing, many parents and college students brought refreshments to serve. At the end of the night, everyone was asking when the next dance would take place. So many smiles, so much fun!

And the Winners Are...

The Kids-Fair 2001 raffle was a successful fundraiser for K-grams! Thank you to everyone who participated and gave their support throughout the year. All of the prizes were donated by local area businesses. Congratulations to the winners listed below!

Hilary Alpert	Rachel Hersch	Erika Rubinstein
Amelia Deschamps	Craig Isakow	Eric Schmidbauer
Aimee Eskinazi	Neha Kansal	Alissa Schottenstein
Pamela Fisher	Sarah Leonard	Lauren Steier
Desiree Harrison	Julie Merchant	Lauren Sunness
Eryn Helfant	Natalie Morgan	Lauren Yeager
Hillary Hersch	Robin Mosberg	

Prizes included gift certificates from the following businesses:

The Bagel Factory	Steve & Barry's	Mongolian Barbecue
Domino's Pizza	Stucchi's	Y&S Sandwich Cafe
Meijer	Target	

Dance Marathon 2001

On March 10th and 11th, over 250 University of Michigan students stood on their feet for 30 hours as participants in the annual Dance Marathon. About 50 of your fellow K-grammers were dancers at this event. Congratulations to the K-grams members who participated in this event. You did an awesome job!

Aarti Aurora	Amy McConnell
Sosun Bae	Melissa McGivern
Tracy Bell	Elizabeth Meza
Christina Benedict	Sarah Mill
Lena Bloom	Tara Miller
Lauren Boismier	Mychau Nguyen
Stephanie Davis	Andrea Pappas
Kelly Dazell	Deepa Patel
Lauren Epstein	Sheila Rajan
Jennifer Hanson	Erika Robbins
Heather Harlan	Sara Rowe
Emily Harris	Heather Rudy
Elaina Hauk	Katie Schmidt
Erin Hayden	Lisa Sew
Ami Hidaka	Shreya Shah
Karen Hwang	Ani Shehigian
Rahul Guha	Kimberly Spitz
Sandeep Jani	Polly Stevens
Matt Kish	Katie Stirling
Nicholas Kuhl	Scott Velasquez
Ijun Lai	Nicholas Yoder
Weasan Liang	Melissa Young
Nicole Matti	



BookMARK!

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All About Our Schools



Carpenter

Years Old
Enrollment
Mascot
Traditions

Principal
Hours Open
Did you know?

Built in 1837, joined K-grams in Fall 1998
330
Cougars
Fall Kick-off Craft Fair: each student sells their homemade crafts, Carpenter Carnival, Ice Cream Social
Mrs. Jackson
8:50am to 3:31pm
Carpenter school was rebuilt 3 times...originally built in 1837, and then in 1854, 1914, and finally in 1952, as it stands today.



Years Old
Enrollment
Mascot
Traditions

Principal
Hours Open
Did you know?

Built in 1964, joined K-grams in Fall 2000
344
Dolphins
Family Reading Night, Oct. 13th Pumpkin Patch Night, PTO picnic in the beginning of the year
Mrs. Allen
8:30am to 3:31pm
Ford is one of two newest K-grams schools, and came to U of M this year for the first K-Day



Ford



Years Old
Enrollment
Mascot
Traditions

Principal
Hours Open

Built in 1939, joined K-grams in Fall 1998
328
Polar Bears
Picnics, Carnivals, Field Day, Ice Cream Social, International Dinner
Mr. Karr
8:50am to 3:36pm

Northside



March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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K-Stories

*Messages from the K-grams
kids after Kids-Fair...*

Dear K-grams,
Thank you for inviting my
school to the Kids-Fair. I had
so much fun. I am really glad
that I got to meet my pen pal.
She is so cool. I hope I can
go to the Kids-Fair next year
and have a lot of fun again.

*-Nathan T. from Carpenter
Elementary*

Dear K-grams,
Thank you for setting up K-
grams. I just realized it takes
you around a year to set it
up. I love this program. I like
meeting my pen pal year after
year and if they are not there,
you can always have a
buddy!

*-Nicole S. from Carpenter
Elementary*

Reading, Writing, Swingin', Smilin'!



Campus Mail