

# A Year of Smiles

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## Thank you!



### Letters

The teachers, parents, as well as the Smile Programming Council thank you for making these kids smile and providing them with fun, authentic, educational experiences throughout the year!

You have played an integral part in advancing our organization's mission: to establish a strong community of learning for a wide range of college and elementary students, staff, and families by developing positive relationships and experiences that extend beyond the classroom.



### Projects

In addition to helping your elementary school pal read and write this year, you have also established a friendship that will never be forgotten.



### Kids-Fair

## Teacher's Pet! Teacher's Pet!

In 5th grade, it wasn't cool to be the "teacher's pet", but 10 years later, K-grammers have realized how meaningful helping teachers can be. On Thursday, April 5th, volunteers helped Pittsfield teachers create and post bulletin boards and also correct papers. We've learned a teacher's work is never done!

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## OFF-CAMPUS + K-GRAMS = FUN!



Living off-campus next year, but would still like to be in K-grams? Although K-grams pen pals are limited to students living in Residence Halls, don't fret! There are some exciting opportunities for you including BookMARK (Mentoring And Reading with Kids) and classroom projects. Make sure to check out the website in the fall for all the most updated information.

[www.umich.edu/~smile](http://www.umich.edu/~smile)



# Ford Talent Show

## *Get Your Talent On*

Stars weren't only in the sky the night of April 9th. Ford Elementary "stars" got their talent on at the 1st K-grams Talent Show! Acts included dancing, singing, gymnastics, comedy and karate. Even K-grams teachers and University students had a chance to strut their stuff. Although each performance was unique and special, judges awarded the following students for their awesome talent.



MoJo Hall Heads Ashley Scott (left) and Jennifer Reiners (right) receive thanks from Ford teachers.

## AND THE WINNERS ARE...

**1ST:** **"Rumblin' Tumblin' Stumblin' "**, *Gymnastics*  
Robert K., Jeffery J.

**2ND:** **"Shackle on My Feet",** *Vocal Performance*  
Iola K.

**3RD:** **"Not this Time",** *Dance Performance*  
Raven B., Jasmine C., Kelicia A.

**3RD:** **The Jokers,** *Comedy Routine*  
Adam T., Darrell S.

## Upcoming Events

### DATE

### TIME

### PLACE

May 4th

TBA

Sock Hop, Carpenter Elem.

June 1st

5:30-8:30pm

Carnival, Carpenter Elem.

June 8th

All Day

Field Day, Carpenter Elem.

June 8th

Evening

Ice Cream Social, Pittsfield Elem.

June 18th

Noon

Mrs. Hagan/Church Pool Party,  
Buhr Park

Reading, Writing, Swingin', Smilin'!



# All About Our Schools



## Holmes

***Years Old***  
***Enrollment***

Built in 1957, joined K-grams in Winter 1999  
358

***Mascot***

Vikings

***Traditions***

Family Reading Night, Picnic

***Kids' Favorites***

Jeopardy, Valentine's Project

***Did you know?***

Holmes is paired up with Couzens and Circle K.

## Pittsfield



***Years Old***  
***Enrollment***

Built in 1945, joined K-grams Fall 1998  
269

***Mascot***

Penguins

***Traditions***

Ice Cream Social, Fishing with the Principal

***Kids' Favorites***

Cookie Decorating, Solar System Projects

***Did you know?***

The Pittsfield Dance was a K-grams 2001-2002 highlight!



## Vetal

***Years Old***  
***Enrollment***

Built in 1928, joined K-grams in Fall 1999  
993

***Mascot***

Vikings

***Traditions***

Halloween Party at Alice Lloyd

***Kids' Favorites***

Penguin Project, Letter Packages

***Did You Know?***

The Detroit Project built a new playground at Vetal.

