

K-GRAMS

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Get Ready for Kids-Fair

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Kids-Fair Checklist

- ☒ Sign up to be a Buddy online at www.umich.edu/~smile OR turn in a Buddy Sign up form to your Rez Hall front desk.
- ☐ Sign a friend up to take your place at Kids-Fair if you are unable to attend.
- ☐ Sign a friend up who is not in K-grams to be a Buddy. Anyone can participate!
- ☐ Submit a picture of yourself for your pen pal's passport.
- ☐ Read your Buddy Mailing thoroughly. (Look for it in your mailbox soon!) This packet will contain specific details such as shift times and transportation.
- ☐ Wear your K-grams T-shirt to Kids-Fair.
- ☐ Send any questions to kidsfair@umich.edu.

Once your list is checked off you are ready for Kids-Fair!

See you Friday, March 22nd!



March 22, 2002
Crisler Arena



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**LAST
LETTER
DUE MON.
MARCH
25, 8PM**

A Look Behind the Scenes...

PR Team

As we get close to Kids-Fair, the PR committee is finishing up the last of the Kids-Fair posters. Throughout the year we have had a lot of fun doing everything from Union banners and Diag boards for pen pal recruiting to advertising for K-Day, BookMARK, Buddies, and projects. With the help of many SPC (Smile Programming Council) members we have been able to get the word out about K-grams through chalking, flyering, banners and Diag boards. Although Kids-Fair is our largest work load, it has been fun seeing everything come together. The "Smilin' Around the World" theme has provided a interesting and creative background for our designs. At Kids-Fair look out for all the hard work the PR committee and the SPC has put into all the decorations. Enjoy!

~Kristen Hewell, PR Chair

Student Group Liaison

Although Kids-Fair is only a few weeks away, Student Group Liaisons have been planning since last September! These Smile Programming Council Members are the direct contact between K-grams and student groups and are vital in executing Kids-Fair . The 11 liaisons have been actively recruiting student groups to sponsor booths --so far over 120 student groups are participating. In addition, Liaisons help brainstorm Kids-Fair from logistics to the implementation of the theme. Another job for liaisons is helping groups generate activity ideas that fit into this year's Kids-Fair theme: "Smilin' Around the World." Kids-Fair may be the highlight of the year, but Liaisons also coordinate Swing Sessions, bringing student groups into the elementary classrooms to participate in projects through the year. If you would like to be involved in Kids-Fair, one of the most exciting K-grams events, apply to be a Student Group Liaison!

~Sergio Navarrete, Student Group Director



Swing Kids



SPC Members

Position

Application Deadline

Interviews Begin

Swing Kid

Tues., Mar. 26

Mon., Apr. 1

Programming Council

Tues., Mar. 26

Fri., Mar. 29

Director

Tues., Mar. 26

Wed., Mar. 27

The PR Committee and Student Group Liaisons are just two of the ways YOU can be involved in K-grams.

Become a SPC member by applying online today!

The perfect
Kids-Fair attire!



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M, L, or XL

Visit www.umich.edu/~smile and click
on the T-shirt for ordering details.

VALENTINE'S VIP

Have you ever been to the Botanical Gardens? The 4th and 5th graders of Mrs. Miller's class (Holmes Elementary) had a rockin' Valentine's party there! Organized by Circle K and K-grams, this event featured numerous activities, great music, and delicious treats. The kids had a chance to meet their college pen pals, hang out with other awesome volunteers from K-grams and Circle K, while decorating Valentines cookies, making cards for friends and family, visiting the "Hershey Hugs and Kisses booth," and playing the Valentine's game "Cupid's Arrow." There were also tours of the Botanical Gardens greenhouse.

Among the highlights was the snow-cone machine, which pumped out frosty treats in cherry or blue raspberry. The dim lighting and the warm, misty, tropical atmosphere made it feel like walking through a jungle! An all-out balloon tossing battle began and the chaos was contagious! The Macarena freeze-dance competition and the human knot activities were especially fun! Overall, it was an incredibly fun and entertaining evening; definitely a night to remember.

~Carolyn Jacobs, Circle K Chair

A PLETHORA OF PROJECTS AT HOLMES ELEMENTARY

February was a great month for projects at Holmes Elementary! We worked with Mrs. Delaney's third grade class to make valentines for community helpers (police, fire, and EMS). The kids were studying community, so it fit right into their curriculum. When the valentines were delivered, one paramedic expressed how good it made her feel to have the kids thank her for her hard work. A few days later, we did a project with Mrs. Vonck's third graders in which we constructed a mural of a typical Australian neighborhood (you can check it out at Kids-Fair on March 22nd). One little girl was so excited to meet her college pen pal, she asked, "Is this really my pen pal, my real pen pal?" Our last project, the Friday before spring break was the most energetic! Imagine 15 first graders wearing their pajamas (it was PJ Day) making guitars out of shoe boxes and rubber bands. There was so much excitement, and the class put on a rock concert before we left. If you haven't been able to attend a project yet, I highly recommend doing so. The little pen pals love when you visit and spend time with them. Check out the website for the most up-to-date listing of projects.

~Jennifer Bess, Associate Director - Pen Pals

Joke Corner - Kids-Fair Edition

Jokes with an international flair to get you
ready to "Smile Around the World."

What is the most slippery country in the world?

Greece!!

Why is Russia a very fast country?

Because the people are always Russian!!



What birds are found in Portugal?

Portu-geese!!

Name three famous poles.

North, South, and tad!!

Visit our online guestbook and tell us your jokes!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Project @ Northside	7 Project @ Ford	8 Letter Pick Up	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Dance Marathon
17 Dance Marathon	18	19	20	21	22 KIDS-FAIR! 9:30am - 1:30pm	23
24/31	25 Last Letter Due! 8pm Rez Hall Libraries	26 SPC Applications Due	27 Directors Interviews	28 Letter Drop Off	29 SPC Interviews	30

See the Online Calendar for Updated Projects!!



And the Winner Is...

K-grams Kids-Fair was selected for “2002 Program of the Year!!” This university-wide award is very prestigious and is awarded to two programs each year. The Program of the Year Award is intended to highlight those student-initiated programs that contributed to the enhancement of the University community and institutional values. Kids-Fair will receive its award at the Michigan Leadership Awards held at the Mendelssohn Theater on Monday, April 8th.

Come to Kids-Fair March 22nd and be a part of the “Program of the Year!”

Congratulations K-grams Kids-Fair!

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