



Get ready for K-Day!

Mark your calendars because Friday, October 20 is K-Day.

Fifty fifth-graders from Ford Elementary in Ypsilanti will be visiting U of M's campus and participating in a plethora of fun activities. If you are interested in being a part of the K-Day experience, please e-mail smileschools@umich.edu. Remember to smile if you see a bunch of little kids running through the Diag or eating in Markley's cafeteria on K-Day!

Congratulations to Katie Yonkers & Krista Milich, winners of the first K-grams T-shirt contest!

The correct answers to the questions appear on page 2, and check out page 3 for your chance to win a brand-new K-grams T-shirt, too!



The Countdown Begins

Kids-Fair 2001 is coming up fast! On February 9th, 2001, over 1,050 kindergarten through 5th graders will be invading Crisler Arena, and we need you to help make their experience a unique and exciting one. Your student group can participate by setting up a booth the day of Kids-Fair with an creative activity for the the big and little kids. We are currently accepting group applications for this year's Kids-Fair. The first group deadline is November 16th, so sign up now! Don't miss out on the fun!!

www.umich.edu/~smile or kidsfair@umich.edu

2000-2001 Letter Schedule

All letters are due on Monday nights by 8pm in your residence hall library. Wear your K-grams shirt and spread the smiles!

October 16
November 13
January 8
February 12
March 19

Festigrams will be held this year on the Diag on Thursday, November 2, from 11am to 3pm. This year we are expanding the event by making it more visible to Michigan students who are not already involved in K-grams. You will have the chance to sign up for BookMARK, get involved in Kids-Fair, and find out about more fun K-grams events such as upcoming projects at the elementary schools. Don't forget to check out the virtual Kids-Fair booths and get a sneak peak at what to expect on February 9, 2001, at Crisler Arena. Please come down and join us in the Festigrams madness on Thursday, November 2 on the Diag!!!

K-grams is everywhere!

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The first letter delivery of the year

The 2000 Olympics in Sydney was the theme that **Lauren Levy and Sarah Leonard** chose to incorporate into their first Swing Kid letter package of the year. They put their creativity to work when they designed a gold medal bearing Kangaroo who held the pen pal letters in it's pouch. Sarah and Lauren also included a letter they wrote themselves welcoming Mrs. Butts' class from Vetal Elementary to K-grams. Not only do these Swing Kids show great artistic ability, but they also put in the extra effort to drop by and personally welcome each college pen pal to the program as well as to thank them for their letters and make helpful suggestions. K-grams would like to thank Lauren and Sarah for all of their hard work as well as all the other Swing Kids from Alice Lloyd who worked together to make this first letter delivery a success!!

By: Amy Christiansen

Go For the Gold!

Students at Carpenter Elementary had the chance to become olympic atheletes for the day! K-grams kicked off a year of fun, interactive classroom projects with Mrs. Luce and Mrs. Freeman's 3rd and 4th grade class on September 29th. During the opening ceremony each group of little kids marched in to the Olympic Fanfare and presented their make believe country and flag. The Olympic events included the high jump, paper plate discus, and straw javelin throw. The little kids practiced measuring and recording these distances. During the closing ceremonies, each athelete received a K-grams medal (all gold of course!) The K-grams volunteers and Carpenter pen pals all had an awesome time. They can't wait to do another sweet project together!

By: Erin Krumrei

K-Stories

When we went into Bryant Elementary at the beginning of hte year, Mrs. Kitzmann introduced us to her entire second grade class as K-grammers. She asked her students where they thought we went to school. When no one volunteered, she gave them a hint. "You now, they had their big football game last Saturday..." Then one kid burst out, "The Michigan Stadium?"

By: Erin Krumrei



Sarah and Lauren display their creative letter delivery package

BookMARK

Read and mentor with kids today! BookMARK takes place every day in five different K-grams schools. Join today!

Monday at Northside: 2:45-3:30
 Tuesday at Pittsfield: 1:10-2:10 & 2:40-3:30
 Wednesday at Northside: 1:40-2:40
 Thursday at Dicken: 12:15-12:45
 Friday at Mitchell: 1:00-2:00

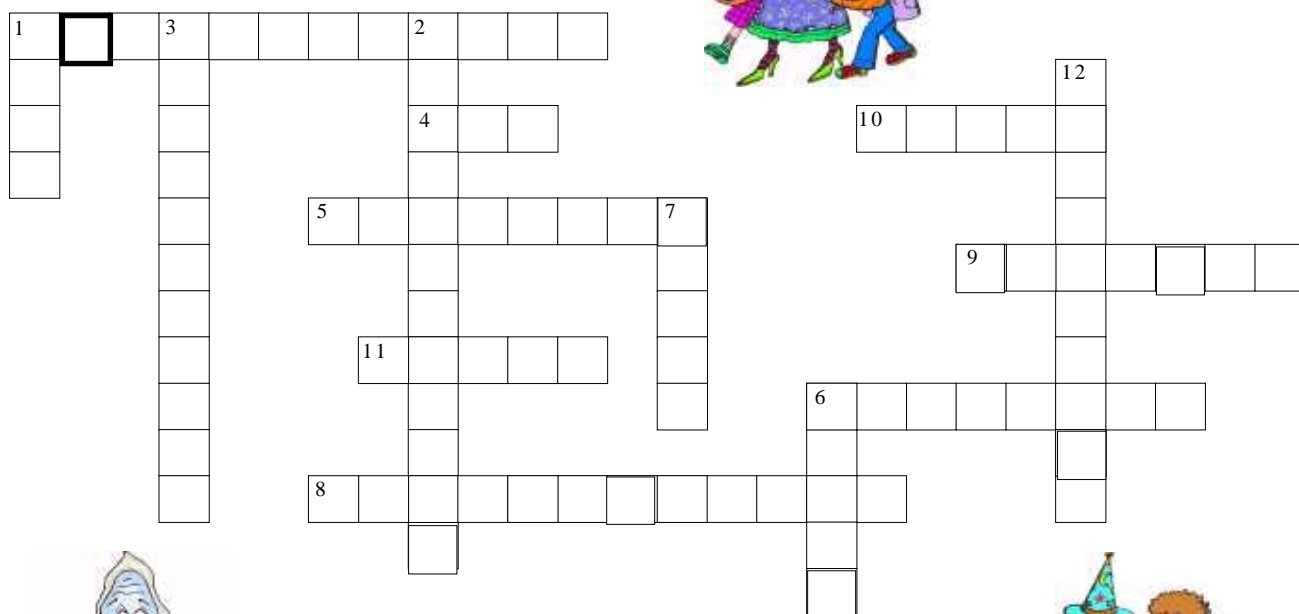
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The hottest item on the street! Get your K-grams T-shirt for only \$10! Check out how to win a free T-shirt on Page 3!

Win a K-grams T-shirt!


Unscramble the letters in the bold boxes to answer the question at the bottom! Submit your answer on the website and win a T-shirt!



1. K-grams stands for _____.
4. Number of schools that participated in the first ever letter exchange (1998)
5. A pair of Swing Kids is called _____.
6. Mentoring and Reading with Kids
8. When a student group goes to an elementary school to do a project, it's called a _____.
9. Location of the Kids-Fair 2001?
10. How many years old is K-grams?
11. Even if you are not a pen pal you can still participate in Kids-Fair as a _____.
1. This fun, new K-grams event taking place Friday, October 20
2. Founder of K-grams
3. One of the new K-grams schools
6. To get involved in Kids-Fair, a student group can sponsor a _____
7. A teacher at Holmes Elementary
12. Event taking place on Thursday, November 2, from 11am - 3pm on the Diag

Question: Which elementary school was the first to join K-grams in 1998?



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Liaisons hit the streets!	3	4	5 125 days till Kids-Fair 2001	6	7 U of M v. Purdue
8	9	10	11 Second Annual Rock the Gram!	12	13	14 U of M v. Indiana
15	16 Letters Due 8pm	17	18	19	20 K-Day Fun with Ford Elementary School	21 U of M v. MSU
22	23	24 Fun on the 4th Floor!	25	26	27 K-grams goes out West	28
29 Halloween Party at Alice Lloyd with Vetal Elementary 2-4:30 pm	30	31 Halloween				

Answers to September T-shirt Questions:

* The first Kids-Fair
took place at
Oosterbaan Fieldhouse

* Martha Cook pen pals
write to Mr. Joseph's
class at Bryant Elemen-
tary School



Campus Mail