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Welcome to K-grams 2002-2003!!

This is an exciting time in the evolution of Michigan K-grams! Our Kids Programs have grown to include on-campus & off-campus volunteers, one-time & regular volunteers, parents & teachers, and everyone in between! As we move into our fifth year, Kgrams continues to build community across the University campus and beyond.

Through its fundamental programs – ranging from pen pal letter exchanges, classroom projects, weekly mentoring and reading sessions, on-campus visits, and Kids-Fair – K-grams provides a unique opportunity for college and elementary students to form



personal and lasting relationships. Your enthusiasm and dedication to K-grams will help to brighten the day of an elementary school kid through simple, meaningful ways—by providing a role model, a reason for reading and writing, an insight into the college experience, as

well as the simple pleasure of getting mail!



Moreover, K-grams provides University of Michigan students with the distinctive opportunity to interact with other college students while at the same time expanding their knowledge and interaction with the off-campus community. It's a great way to meet new people, get involved, and have fun at the same time!

As a part of K-grams, you are a part of one of the largest and strongest programs here at Michigan. We hope you take advantage of the numerous opportunities offered by K-grams and can't wait to see you!

Smilin'

Cathie Hawke Executive Director, 2002-2003 Michigan K-grams



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LETTER DUE DATES

Fall Term 2002

Monday, September 23 Monday, October 21 Monday, November 18

Winter Term 2003

Monday, January 20 Monday, February 17 Monday, March 24

Due 8pm in **Residence Hall Libraries**

Pen Pals • Projects



HALL HAPPENINGS

→ ATTENTION WEST QUAD PEN PALS!!! ←

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A LETTER WRITING PIZZA PAJAMA

PARTY NEXT MONTH (OCTOBER) BEFORE THE LETTER DUE

DATE! BE SURE TO WATCH FOR SIGNS AND EMAILS REGARDING
THIS. IT WILL BE SOOD MUCH FUN, AND MORE DETAILS

WILL BE COMING SHORTLY. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! GOOD

~ MEGAN AND JENN (WA HALL HEADS)

→ATTENTION EAST QUADERS!!/←

LUCK ON YOUR LETTERS THIS MONTH!

WE WILL BE PLANNING A PROJECT IN EARLY OCTOBER FOR OUR NEXT LETTER DUE DATE. COME JOIN US IN ALL THE FUN AND GET A PREVIEW OF THE SMILES YET TO COME! PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL US WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS.

~KAVITA AND YITING (EQ HALL HEADS) LXPADIYAR @UNICH.EDU X YITINGII @UMICH.EDU

Don't miss out on all the smiles!!

Joke Corner

Which is faster, hot or cold?

Hot, because you can catch a cold!

How do you get a tissue to dance?

You put a little boogie in it!

Why didn't the pirate let his kids watch the movie?

Because it was rated ARRRR!

What makes music on your head?

A head band!

Visit our online guestbook and tell us your jokes!

Residence Hall

Elem School

Alice Lloyd, Oxford Dicken Bursley **Northside** Couzens **Holmes** East Ouad Mitchell Carpenter Mary Markley Mosher Jordan Ford Gompers, Vetal South Quad **Bryant** Stockwell West Quad, **Pittsfield** Betsey Barbour, and Helen Newberry

BookMARK • Kids-Fair

Come Join the Fun... Be a BookMARKer!!!

BookMARK is one of the great programs that K-grams offers the University of Michigan community. You form close bonds with the elementary and other college students that will last a lifetime. As a mentoring program, BookMARK provides college students with the opportunity to visit el-

e m e n t a r y schools in Ann Arbor, Detroit, and Willow Run.

In any given week, there are twelve opportunities to attend a BookMARK session. While mentoring is a consistent theme among



It takes two to tango

all of the BookMARK sessions, the specific activities that take place vary from classroom to classroom. Whether reading with the students, writing a story, completing a math assignment, or partaking in a science experiment, the opportunities with BookMARK are endless.

Visit the K-grams website www. umich.edu/~smile to sign up be a BookMARKer, a volunteer. BookMARK is here to fit your schedule- simply sign up for as few or as many sessions as your day permits. You are always welcome to sign up to participate in BookMARK!

Coming soon in 2003...

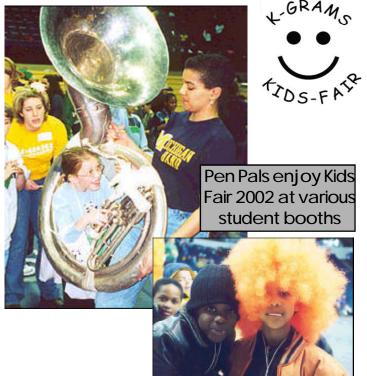
One of the highlights of the Kids Programs is our year-end culminating event-Kids-Fair! This event allows University students to meet and interact with their elementary pen-pal and other elementary school kids. This Winter term, the 5th annual K-Grams Kids-Fair will bring over 100 student groups, and 2000 kids, both big and small, to campus for the largest single one day event at U of M.

Kids-Fair 2003 will be amazing and we are looking for enthusiastic student groups interested in participating. If you would like to get more in-

volved, or help plan Kids-Fair 2003 send us an email at kidsfair@umich.edu, or check out the Kids-Fair photo album on the K-grams



webpage: www.umich.edu/~smile.



September/October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22	1st Letters Due by 8 pm!!	24	25	26	Letter Drop off @Elementary Schools	28
29	30	OCTOBER .	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Festigrams!!	10	11	Football vs. Penn St.
13	Fall Break NO CLASSES!	Fall Break NO CLASSES!	16	17	K-Day!!	19
20	21 2nd Letters Due by 8 pm!!	22	23	24	25 Letter Drop off @Elementary Schools	Pooling Football vs. Iowa



Check out the online calendar for upcoming Project and BookMARK times @ www.umich.edu/~smile!



Campus Mail