



Kids-Fair and YOU!

Kids-Fair is just around the corner. In less than 80 Days, your pen pal along with 1,000 other little kids will arrive at Crisler Arena, ready to spend a day with you. You can sign up online to be a Kids-Fair Buddy. As a Kids-Fair Buddy, you will be a part of the largest student-run event on campus, and it is YOUR chance to meet your pen pal and spend a fun-filled day with your little kid. Over 200 student groups will line Crisler Arena with games, activities, projects, and smiles. You and your pen pal will walk from booth to booth, laughing, learning, and sharing a memorable day together!

Mark your calendars, because this event on **February 9, 2001** is something that you can't miss!

For more information, email: kidsfair@umich.edu
Sign up to be a Buddy online @ www.umich.edu/~smile

Contact K-grams ...

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The kids are screaming for you. Join them for tons of fun and smiles at Kids-Fair 2001!

What other ways can you help with Kids-Fair?

This year, we would like to present each of the little kid pen pals with a picture of their college pen pal. In order to do this, we need your help.

The mission: To collect every college pen pals' picture for Kids-Fair (that's 1,000 pictures!)

How you can help: Turn in a picture of yourself to the letter drop box in the library. Please label the back of the picture with the following:

- 1) your name
- 2) room number and residence hall
- 3) the classroom to which you write your letters

Sign Your Student Group up TODAY to sponsor a booth at Kids-Fair
Next Deadline is Dec. 13!



Thank you....



Maybe you've seen this guy, maybe you haven't, and maybe you'll never see him, but if it wasn't for Swing Kids like **Steve Heinz**, things would be a lot more difficult in the world of K-grams. Steve is an integral part of K-grams. He is not only a Swing Kid for Mr. Larson's class at Carpenter Elementary, but he participates in many of the different aspects of K-grams and does a great job - his packages rock, he comes to projects, he gets excited... he even comes to the K-grams office!! (note, you should all come to the K-grams office, 4217 Union). Earlier in the year at a letter writing party in Markley, Steve came an hour early to help recruit pen pals.

Basically, he's everywhere, always willing to help and go out of his way for everyone in the program. Thanks for your help Steve, the rest of the year is going to be awesome!

By: Matt Kish

K-Day Brings Smiles

Smiles generated on the faces of all 50 Ford Elementary School fifth graders on October 20th. This was the day that the K-grams kids from Mrs. Strumwasser and Mrs. Warner's classes came to U of M for their very own campus day. When the bus arrived at the Big House at 9:30 the morning of the 20th, the excitement from elementary students, college students, and teachers filled the air. The kids had the stadium to themselves, where they met four football players, sang "The Victors," and learned many facts about the U of M Stadium.

Next, they took a tour of the Art Museum and then proceeded on a guided tour of campus. Along the tour, they learned about the different buildings, the legends of the "M" on the Diag, and saw many of the residence halls. They had their own private dining room in Markley's cafeteria, where they got to experience what it is like to eat in a residence hall. The day ended with a tour of Mosher Jordan residence hall, where all of the kids got to see the inside of the residents' rooms. The highlight of the day for many of the kids was meeting some of their college pen pals who took time out of their day to spend with their little kid pen pal. The fifth graders left campus at 1pm that day with smiles and memories that will last forever!

Congratulations to the winners of October's T-shirt Contest!

Jennifer Fong, Maxine Ng, and Elizabeth Herr all answered the question from the crossword correctly.

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

Answer: Mitchell Elementary

Messages from fifth grade pen pals after K-Day...

Dear K-grams,
Thanks for inviting us on the field trip to campus. That was the best place ever since 1st grade. My favorite thing that we did was meeting the football people. I want to go to U of M when I am in college.
Sincerely,
Ashley S.



Dear K-grams,
I really liked the trip, it was very fun! I hope we can do it again sometime. I really liked when we went to the dormitories because my friend met her pen pal! I liked the lunch room too! It was so good especially the ice cream. I think I would like to go to Michigan when I go to college.

Sincerely,
Jasmine C.

A Spooky Day at Alice Lloyd

Ghosts, spiders, skeletons, and witches greeted over 140 third through fifth graders from Vetat Elementary School in Detroit in the lobby of Alice Lloyd on October 29th. As the kids entered the residence hall, their excitement for their very own Halloween Party at the University of Michigan was overwhelming. Organized by K-grams and the Lloyd Hall Scholars Program, this year's Halloween party featured many fun games and activities for the kids including face painting and cookie decorating. The kids also spent much of the afternoon trick-or-treating through the halls of Alice Lloyd. Led by college students, the elementary students took an awesome tour of the residence hall, stopping by several rooms on each floor to receive candy and other fun prizes. The kids had a great time going from floor to floor, peeking in different rooms, and seeing tons of college students throughout the hall.

In addition to candy, prizes, games, and fun, the kids from Vetat Elementary also left the University of Michigan with something else. The weekend before the Halloween Party, several classrooms at Vetat were broken into, vandalized, and left in disarray. Many of the supplies in the classrooms were stolen. Due to the huge support from both K-grams and Alice Lloyd residents, a school supplies charity drive was organized in order to help out these classrooms at Vetat. College students and volunteers brought school supplies to the Halloween Party for the charity drive. K-grams Hall Head for Alice Lloyd, Amy Christiansen, also brought two computers that her father donated to Vetat. Not only did the students, teachers, and parents from Vetat leave with candy and tons of school supplies, they left with big smiles on their faces!

By: Fernando Yarza

Box Tops For Education



Box Tops for Education is a program sponsored by General Mills. By collecting the little squares on the tops of General Mills products, we can raise money for the K-grams elementary schools to purchase school supplies and other necessities. You can help just by pulling off these Box Tops and placing them in the collection bins in your dining halls. For each Box Top that you collect, \$.10 will go toward the school. Tell your friends and family about the new craze of collecting Box Tops - It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Election 2000

Election 2000 was a hot topic in elementary school classrooms this year! Through an awesome K-grams project that took place on Tuesday, November 7th, kids from Mr. Monash's class at Dicken Elementary School were involved with the election as much as adults in America.

While at Dicken, these fifth graders registered to vote, participated in their very own presidential debate, and voted in a special mock election. The students had the opportunity to discuss political issues and voice their opinions. Several college students attended this event and helped the kids through the American political process throughout the way. Not only did these kids participate in an event that only happens every four years, but they had tons of fun!

By: Kelly Wells

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• **Do you want to get more involved?** •
• **Sign up on the web to be a mentor** •
• **and tutor with BookMARK!** •
• **For more information, email:** •
• **bookmark@umich.edu** •
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The fifth graders at Dicken Elementary became registered voters and cast their ballots in their own Election 2000.

K-Stories

Last week, I went to a project at Ford Elementary. It was awesome! After the project, a bunch of the college students stayed and played with the kids at recess. All of the girls wanted me to push them on the swings and wouldn't let me leave their sight. At the end of recess, 3 little kids came up to me and gave me the biggest hug and thanked me for coming to school that day. I could do nothing but smile for the rest of the day!

By: Ani Shehigian

November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Festigrams in the Diag! Project @ Ford	3 Recess @ Ford	4 Football game vs. NU
5 Kids-Fair Volunteer Meeting	6 Kids-Fair Volunteer Meeting	7 Project @ Dicken & Ford	8	9 Dance @ Pittsfield	10 Project @ Dicken, Ford, & Recess @ Ford	11 Football game vs. Penn State
12 Swingfest Letter Writing Party!	13 Letters Due	14 Project @ Bryant	15	16 Project @ Ford	17 Project @ Dicken Project @ Carpenter	18 Football game vs. Ohio State
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27 K-grams goes Door to Door!	28	29 Kids-Fair is only 71 Days Away!	30		

Win a K-grams T-shirt
in 3 easy steps!

1) Come by the K-grams office (4217 Michigan Union) between now and Friday, December 8th

2) Bring 3 Box Tops with you

3) Sign the guestbook

The first 3 people to stop by will win!



Campus Mail