

University of Michigan's Third Annual



“From ABCs to College Degrees”

February 9, 2001

Crisler Arena

Hello! My name is Mikey and I'll be your program guide for the K-grams Kids-Fair. Today is exciting because this event brings so many of us together for a day of learning! Join in the fun as you help to create wonderful memories for everyone involved!



Welcome!

I would like to thank every individual who has been involved with our program. Today's event is just a small part of a community in which many diverse aspects come together for fun and learning. Whether you have been one of the thousands of pen pals who has developed a lasting relationship with another or have come to Kids-Fair for the first time with the program, we are thrilled to have you here! It is the dedication of our students which has allowed for K-grams to strengthen and grow.

Today, we have the unique opportunity to share a plethora of knowledge with each other, while discovering the fun that learning can offer. We hope that the experiences you have here at Kids-Fair and throughout the year in K-grams will continue to stay with you. You may log onto our website afterwards to find out about this program, share a story about your favorite activity with a parent, check out another service opportunity on campus, or (for our younger guests) be inspired to attend college in about 10-12 years! On behalf of the Smile Programming Council, I welcome you to join in the excitement and learn a few new things yourself -- from the big kids, the little kids, and everyone in between.

Elena Marin
Executive Director

Kids-Fair Itinerary

- I. Kids of all Ages Arrive
- II. Opening Ceremonies
- III. Fun at Booths
- IV. Lunchtime Activities
- V. More Fun at Booths
- VI. Closing Ceremonies

(listen for the U of M Fight Song for each shift!)



Since 1998, K-grams has delivered over 25,000 letters and smiles. Kids of all ages have learned and grown together. Let's find out how it all started.



K-grams was officially founded in the summer of 1998 by Rishi Moudgil, an undergraduate student at the University of Michigan. During his Circle K Presidency, Rishi saw the need for establishing an ongoing relationship between college students and the rest of the Ann Arbor community. In

June of 1998, he had already developed a new pen pal program for college and elementary students called K-grams, short for Kids Programs. With the help of friends and colleagues, K-grams officially began with over 750 college students and included six Ann Arbor elementary schools: Bryant, Carpenter, Mitchell, Northside, Pattengill, and Pittsfield.



The program proved to be a great success during its first semester. At the beginning of the second semester, K-grams expanded to its first elementary school outside of Ann Arbor – Holmes Elementary School in Ypsilanti. New classroom projects also brought together pen pals. These successful interactions between “big kids” and “little kids” sparked the idea for Kids-Fair, the culminating event at Oosterbaan Fieldhouse that brought together teachers, parents, faculty, pen pals, and volunteers to conclude a successful first year for K-grams.



The popularity and success of the first year of K-grams led to an even better second year. By the year 2000, K-grams expanded to include all the traditional residence halls, over 1,000 university pen pals, and hundreds of off-campus volunteers.

The inclusion of Vetral School in Detroit helped move the mission forward by bridging communities and creating even more positive relationships. Teachers began including K-grams as part of their curriculum more and more as the program became well respected.

Deepening pen pal relations was a goal implemented throughout the year by offering college students multiple opportunities to interact with their pen pal. Projects in the classrooms were offered more regularly and became “edu-active” to further benefit the kids. A reading program entitled BookMARK (Mentoring And Reading with Kids) was also created and established in five classrooms.

The culmination of a phenomenal K-grams year occurred at the second Annual Kids-Fair 2000. In Crisler Arena on Friday, March 17, Kids-Fair encompassed eight elementary schools, 150 student organizations, and thousands of pen pals.



The third year of K-grams is bringing continual growth and more smiles for everyone. With the expansion to Ford Elementary in Ypsilanti and Dicken Elementary in Ann Arbor, there are now nine participating schools. Through more on campus events such as K-Day and the Alice Lloyd - Vetral School Halloween Party, students of all ages are learning and making friendships that will last a lifetime.



The relationships that K-grams maintains between the U of M residence halls and elementary schools has been made possible by our dedicated Hall Heads and teachers. Check out how many years each school has worked with the program.

Third Year

Carpenter Elementary

Mr. Larson
Mr. MacMillan
Mrs. Nappier
Mrs. Luce / Mrs. Freeman /
Mrs. Skinner
Mrs. Barnett

Markley Residence Hall

Matt Kish - Letter Head
Manish Mehta - Project Head

Mitchell Elementary

Ms. Church
Mrs. Hagan
Mrs. Thompson
Mrs. Gibbs / Mrs. Huff

East Quad Residence Hall

Steve Moss - Letter Head
Sarah Politziner - Project Head

Bryant Elementary

Mrs. McManus
Mrs. Kitzmann
Mrs. Joseph
Mrs. Hooker

Stockwell & Martha Cook Halls

Jessie Nowak - Letter Head
Linnea Nyberg - Project Head

Holmes Elementary

Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Delaney
Mr. Thiel

Couzens Residence Hall

Elizabeth Post - Letter Head
Lauri Nesselrode - Project Head

Pittsfield Elementary

Mrs. Knight
Ms. Deckard
Mrs. Smith
Mrs. Parkus
Mrs. Lynch / Mr. Guttierrez

West Quad & Barbour / Newberry

Vanessa D'Anna - Letter Head
Sarika Khare - Project Head

Northside Elementary

Mrs. Lutz
Mr. Barnes
Ms. Haaxama
Mrs. Popper
Mrs. Haddas / Mrs. Gracey

Bursley Residence Hall

Carlos Remedios - Letter Head
Alicia Foster - Project Head

Second Year

Vetal Elementary

Mr. Davis 4 & 5
Ms. Butts
Mrs. Washington
Mrs. Fulton

Alice Lloyd Residence Hall

Colleen Romzek - Letter Head
Amy Christiansen - Project Head

First Year

Ford Elementary

Mrs. Strumwasser
Mrs. Warner
Mrs. Dzialo
Mr. McIntyre

Dicken Elementary

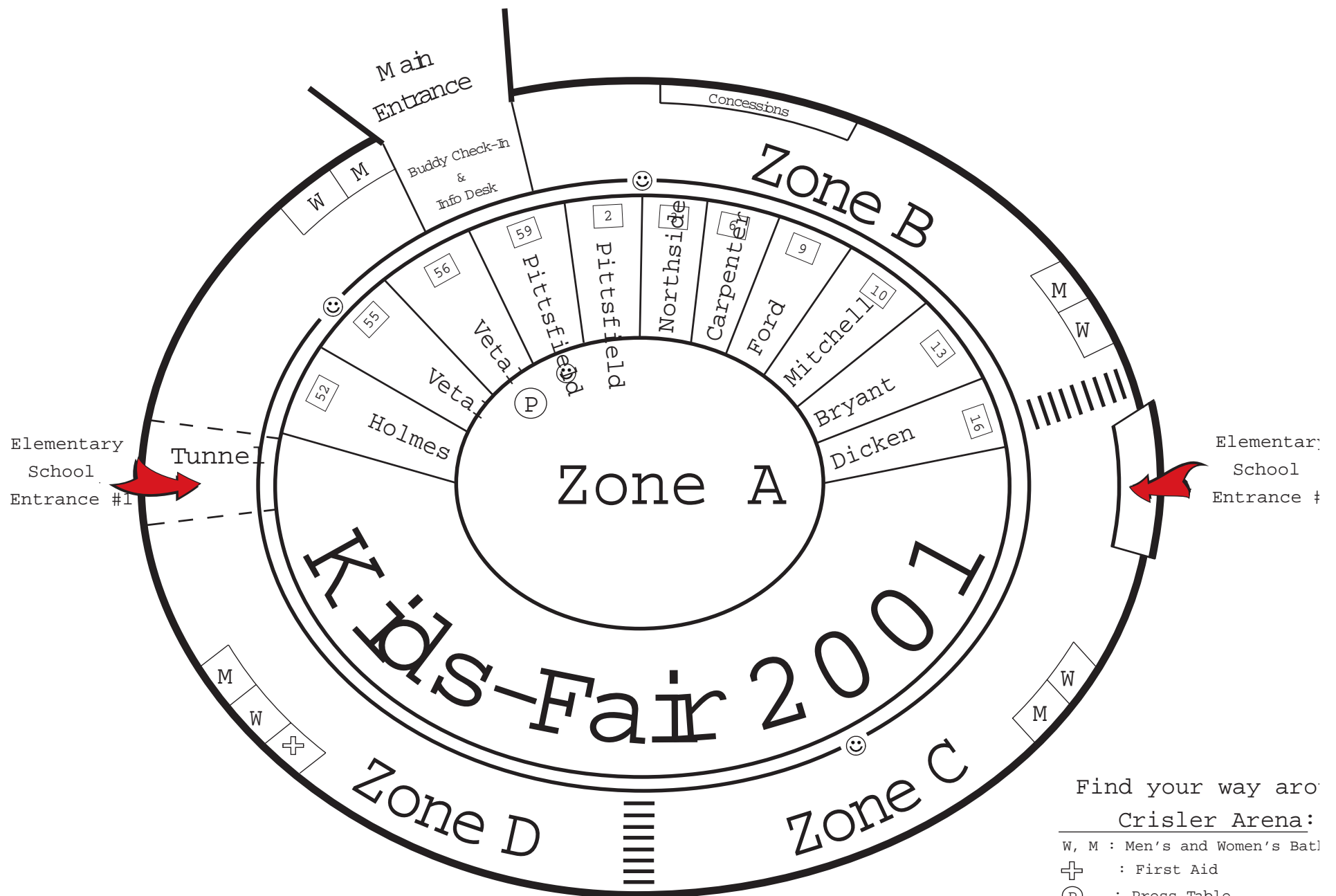
Ms. Cieglo
Ms. Steward
Mrs. Schneider
Mr. Monash

Mosher Jordan Residence Hall

Ashley Scott - Letter Head
Jennifer Reiners - Project Head

South Quad Residence Hall

Kelly Wells - Letter Head
Eugenia Edmonds - Project Head



Find your way around
Crisler Arena:

W, M : Men's and Women's Batl

✚ : First Aid

(P) : Press Table

☺ : Buddy Station



Wow! Look at all of the interactive activities here for you! Over 100 student groups can't wait to see you. Make sure to check them all out! (Continued on the next page)

B13 Academy of Students of Pharmacy, Phi Delta Chi, & Pharmacy Student Government	Focus on Poison Prevention
C36 ADC	Write Your Name in Arabic Calligraphy
A78 Alpha Chi Omega and Pi Kappa Alpha	Magic Tricks
A71 Alpha Delta Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta	Twister and Fun with Fitness
D44 Alpha Delta Pi and Theta Xi	Make Valentine Bags
A70 Alpha Epsilon Delta	Erupting Volcanoes
A93 Alpha Epsilon Phi	Tattoo Parlor
D58 Alpha Gamma Delta and Beta Theta Pi	Bubble Stationary
D62 Alpha Kappa Delta Phi	Paper Pinwheels
B9 Alpha Kappa Psi	Pencil Animals
B10 Alpha Phi Omega	Valentine Cards
B6 American Chemical Society	Make Slime
A87 Arab Student Association	Counting in Arabic
B17 Armenian Students' Cultural Association	Create Your Nation
D46 Association of Black Social Work Students	African Mask and Necklace Painting
B12 Betsey Barbour House Council	Face Painting
B3 Black Volunteer Network	Black History Hollywood Squares
A76 Chinese Student Association	Chinese Lanterns
B19 Circle K	A Scrapbook For Your School
A80 Dance Marathon	Rehabilitation Activities
B16 Delta Delta Delta and Sigma Nu	Tambourines & Picture Frames
C28 Delta Epsilon Iota National Honor Society	Color Careers

B20 Delta Gamma "Kids on the Block"	Puppet Shows
C32 Delta Nu Epsilon	Multicultural Jeopardy
B7 Delta Phi Epsilon & Alpha Sigma Phi	Decorate Cookies with Greek Letters
D45 Delta Sigma Phi & Chi Psi	Learning About Shapes
A83 Diabetes Support & Education	Sugar & You
C37 Environmental Action	Milk Carton Bird Houses
A79 Field Hockey	Shooting Lax Baskets
C23 Gamma Phi Beta & Pi Kappa Phi	Making Play-Doh
C30 Golden Key National Honor Society	Candy Bobbing in Flour
D59 Greek Week Steering Committee	Color Wheel
B5 Habitat for Humanity	Build Your Own Gingerbread House
A72 High Road	Rock Climbing Basics
D64 IEEE & UMEC	Battery Powered Cars
A89 Indian American Students Association	Cricket & Dress Up in Indian Clothes
C29 Intervarsity Christian Fellowship	Finger Puppets
B1 Jonathan Taft Society	How to Have Healthy Teeth
C31 Kaleidoscope	Pin the Ear on Van Gogh
C21 Kappa Delta Pi	Smiling Animation
D57 Kappa Kappa Gamma & Psi Upsilon	Cookie Decorating
A73 Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma	Instrument Petting Zoo
B8 Kappa Sigma	Macaroni Necklaces
C22 Knitwits	Decorate Fleece Mittens For Others
D48 Lambda Chi Alpha	Tabletop Football
D53 Lambda Phi Epsilon	Fishing for Language Candy
D63 Lambda Theta Alpha	Make Bead & Macaroni Necklaces
B11 LSA Student Government	Vote For Your Favorite Cartoon
D50 MARS Rover Society	Design Your Own Mars Vehicle
D47 Medstart	Interactive Health & Safety Education
A94 Michigan Business Women	Face Painting
A69 Michigan Dance Team	Dance Games
D51 MKMillan	Hat Painting, Cookie Decorating
A91 M-Pride	Showing School Pride with Treats
C41 National Society of Black Engineers	Making Paper Airplanes
D52 Orthodox Christian Fellowship	Pizza Toss
A75 Phi Alpha Delta	Create a Constitution

A81 Phi Beta Sigma
 D68 Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity
 D49 Pi Beta Phi & Sigma Phi Epsilon
 D54 Pre-Med Club
 C39 Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology
 B4 Reach Out!
 C43 Residence Hall Association
 C34 SHARE
 B15 Sigma Chi & Alpha Phi & Sigma Alpha Mu
 D55 Sigma Delta Tau
 D56 Sigma Kappa & Chi Phi
 C42 Sigma Lambda Gamma
 A96 SKITT
 A77 Solar Car Team
 C40 Student Mediation Services
 C27 Student Nurses Association
 A88 Students Against Violence Everywhere
 B14 Students for Life
 A90 Students for the Advancement of Neuroscience
 D66 Tau Beta Pi
 D60 Tau Epsilon Phi & Chi Omega
 C35 Tau Kappa Epsilon, Delta Chi, & Delta Gamma
 A82 The Detroit Project
 D67 Theta Chi
 D61 Undergraduate English Association
 C26 Undergraduate Psychological Society
 C25 University Student Against Cancer
 A74 Varsity Crew Team
 C33 Volunteers in Action

 C24 WOLV-TV
 A92 Women's Ice Hockey
 A95 Women's Lacrosse Team
 A84 Women's Rugby
 D65 Zeta Phi Beta

Liquid Nitrogen Experiments
 Paper Plate Mardi Gras Masks
 Cartwheels for Candy
 Fake Injuries
 Stroop Tests
 Silly Straw Gliders
 Residence Hall Card Tricks
 Make Recycled Jewelry
 Sand Bottle Designing
 Face Painting
 Hair Wraps & Bracelets
 Make Stickers & Name Plates
 Acting Workshop
 Learn About the Solar Car
 Paper Flowers
 Finger Cast Puppets
 Sign a Pledge to End Violence
 Yo-Yo Tricks
 How Neurons Work
 Make Boats out of Clay
 Pie-Eating Contest
 Eye Tattoos
 Recreate the Detroit Skyline
 Lego Building Competition
 Word Games
 Face Painting
 Staying Healthy
 Simulated Rowing
 Get Well Cards for
 Children's Hospital
 Be a Movie Star
 Shooting Tennis Balls
 Shooting Lacrosse Baskets
 Rugby Games
 Smile Necklaces

K-grams brings our communities together in many ways!

The mission of K-grams is to establish a strong community of learning for a wide range of university and elementary students, staff, and families by developing positive relationships and experiences that extend beyond the classroom.

Monthly letter exchanges -- All of our 1,000+ pen pals share their experiences and learn about each other's lives on a bi-weekly basis. College students write and drop off their letters in their residence halls, where Swing Kids collect and package all of their thoughts. Then, the Letter Heads deliver the letter packages in person to their school and eagerly await the response back.

Regular classroom projects -- Project Heads initiate educational projects that bring college kids into classrooms to work side-by-side with the younger kids. Student groups also participate in "Swing Sessions" where they demonstrate their skills working with the kids. Past projects have ranged from learning about leaves to carving pumpkins to doing science experiments.

BookMARK (Mentoring And Reading with Kids) -- This second-year program successfully pairs up young readers with college students for reading time and other necessary activities determined by the teacher. The program runs each day in various K-grams classrooms and participation is open to the entire University community.

Box Tops for Education -- U of M students actively participate in collecting "Box Tops" off of General Mills Cereal boxes in order to raise money for their schools' use. So far, this initiative and various school supplies charity drives have allowed us to raise thousands of dollars for our pals.

This is just a small portion of what K-grams has to offer. All of these programs work to build stronger relationships within our community and leave smiles on the faces of our participants.



K-grams receives a lot of support from the University and the community. Thanks to our financial sponsors for believing in a program for kids of all ages!

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U of M Dining Services
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U of M Business School
U of M Department of Housing

Professor Level

Student Affairs Programming Council
West Quad Hall Council
LSA-SG

Masters Level

South Quad Hall Council
Residence Hall Association
East Quad Hall Council
Markley Hall Council
PepsiCo.
Ginsberg Center for Community
Service and Learning

Undergrad Level

West Quad Multicultural Council
Stockwell Hall Council

Buddy Level

NYPD
Tubby's (State & Hill)
Barry's Bagels
Main Street Vendors
Meijer
Mongolian BBQ
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