



Special points of interest:

- BookMARK times and dates will be posted after fall break! Check out which session works with your schedule and sign up to volunteer in the classroom! Read more about BookMARK and how you can get involved
- Pen pals have been matched up, and the letter-writing program is ready to go
- Fall 2013 K-day is rapidly approaching—Mitchell pen pals will be visiting campus!

Fall Recruitment a Huge Success

Olivia Bueno

K-grams kicked off the start of a new year by recruiting new pen pals and BookMARK members during all welcome week events and Festifall. Tables were set up at different events with excited returning members telling the wide-eye freshman or curious upper-classman about the best club on campus. The events took place over two weeks filled with hours of non-stop talking, fly-ering, and laboring

chalking. The hard work and now sore throats paid off. Overall, the KPC recruited 900 penpals and 100 Book-

Mark members— twice as many members as the club had last year. A big thanks goes out to the KPC members, Abby Ingall (Executive Director of K-grams), and most importantly the new members. We all look forward to once again an amazing year with working with elementary students in the nearby area!



Student groups take over the Diag at this year's Festifall

Source: umichiss.blogspot.com

Living Off-Campus? Check out BookMARK!

Amy Rusch

For those who don't live in the dorms but still want to volunteer with K-grams (and if you are a pen pal), we offer a great program called BookMARK. BookMARK sessions are set up by our coordinators during many different times throughout the week at participating schools. During these times, volunteers go into the classrooms for an hour to do projects with the kids and help with activities the teachers ask for. It is a great time to go and have some one on one interactions with our pen pals

while providing help to the teachers and acting as great role models to the kids in the schools. You even can meet your pen pal if you sign up for a session in their classroom. You can sign up to go to BookMARK sessions every week, once a month, only one time, or whatever works best with your schedule; your level of commitment is totally up to you. Check out our website to sign up for a BookMARK session today!

Get YOUR Group Involved With K-grams

Are you in a student group that wants to connect with kids in the community? Host a booth at the K-grams Kids' Fair! We need a wide variety of student groups to host fun & educational activities for 1,000+ elementary students from Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Detroit. Kids' Fair is in late March/early April in Cliff Keen and the IM Building. If you're interested or want more information, please contact Paola at paolagm@umich.edu or check out the K-grams website!

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A new school year means a new K-grams web-site! Get ready for new colors, a new layout, and a more modern looking K-grams site. Be sure to check out the office hours located on the sidebar, so you can meet with our Directors' Board without a problem! If you have any comments or questions about our make over, feel free to contact us!

Inside the Classroom: BookMARK Stories

Eberwhite-

Today we worked with Sally Brieloff's class. The children are in fourth grade and were doing science today. We discussed how animals, specifically bison, decompose. We discussed the process of decomposition, focusing on putrefaction, and causes of decomposition such as insects, bacteria and weather conditions. The kids cut out pictures of the bison at 6 stages of decomposition and glued them into their science books. The kids were really excited to meet us! It was a fun start to BookMark.

Pattengill-

Claire and Alyssa went to Pattengill for the first time on Friday and it was really great! Mrs. Rudberg just let us take the kids out to recess after they finished "Get to Know You Bags" and we just got to go around a get to know the kids a little bit. It was fun!

Bach-

We've had two Bookmark sessions at Bach so far, and both have been a success! We spent some time getting to know the students since we'll be

working with them all year, and they're already cracking jokes with us. We've been working on geometry in the classroom by making different polygons on geo-boards, as well as learning the proper way to take notes. They're pretty excited about that, since we assured them that taking notes is indeed important in college! We're looking forward to more BookMARK sessions.

**Sign up for a
BookMARK session on
our website after
fall break:
umich.edu/~smile to
experience BookMARK
for yourself!**



Pen Pals Come to Campus October 25th

Amy Hua

Join us for K-Day this year on October 25th! K-Day is a special event each year when K-Grams brings our elementary student pen pals to the University of Michigan to experience "a day in the life of a Wolverine". College volunteers and mentors help give the students a tour of the campus in hopes of inspiring students to continue their education. Visiting elementary students have

lunch in a residence hall, view cool science demonstrations, and tour the University of Michigan Museum of Art, among other activities. Last year, the Big Ten Network generously sponsored K-grams in a hugely successful event. This year, Mitchell Elementary school will be attending K-Day. We are looking forward to meeting our visiting pen pals and hope to see you there!



Students watch an exciting chemical demo with Dr. Ed
Source: Detroit Free Press



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