

# Michigan Campus Compact Member Spotlight



Lunch Buddies is a new mentoring program offered to Central Michigan University students through the CMU Volunteer Center. This program matches CMU students with a child from Vowles Elementary School in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. CMU student mentors spend lunch and recess with their mentee twice per month, and attend special events together throughout the year.

Some of these events include a Halloween parade, a presentation at the Story Festival, and the Vowles Elementary Carnival. Lunch Buddies are also pen pals to each other during weeks that they are not spending lunch together.



Lunch Buddies mentors are positive role models for their mentees and encourage them to have positive attitudes about school, nutrition, and exercise. Lunch Buddies spend time together eating lunch, playing at recess, and talking. The Lunch Buddies Program currently has 11 mentor and mentee pairs, and will be expanding to 20 matches by the end of November 2005. The Lunch Buddies program is funded through a Venture Grant from Michigan Campus Compact.

