

BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

Weekly words of wisdom to keep your bucket filled

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Making a Difference

Sessions: 42

Attendance: 7,350

in September 2007

Congratulations to these new Bucketfilling Schools!

- **Eagle Bluff Elementary**, Onalaska, WI
- **Eagle Elementary**, Farmington Hills, MI
- **Edmonson Elementary**, Madison Heights, MI
- **Forest Elementary**, Farmington Hills, MI
- **Green Elementary**, West Bloomfield, MI
- **Hiller Elementary**, Madison Heights, MI
- **Jane Addams Elementary**, Redford, MI
- **Jefferson Elementary**, Wyandotte, MI
- **Lathers Elementary**, Garden City, MI
- **Lessinger Elementary**, Madison Heights, MI
- **Lighthouse Elementary**, Anchor Bay, MI
- **Lincoln Elementary**, Alpena, MI
- **North Pennfield Elementary**, Battle Creek, MI
- **Novi Meadows School**, Novi, MI
- **Purdy Elementary**, Battle Creek, MI
- **Shoemaker Elementary**, Macungie, PA
- **Simonds Elementary**, Madison Heights, MI

Total Bucketfilling sessions taught through September 30, 2007
Sessions Taught: **423**
Attendance: **37,250**

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It's good for you

It should be noted that when the Bucket Fillers speak in faith-based schools, we tie bucketfilling to religious education.

Another aspect of all our assemblies is to inspire children to *think*.

Last month, at an assembly for K-4 children in St. Thomas More Catholic School in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, I posed some questions I hoped would begin the thought process.

I explained that there are bucket fillers and bucket dippers throughout the Bible and used the Good Samaritan parable as an example.

The children's level of understanding impressed me.

They quickly picked out the bucket dippers and the bucket fillers in this well-known story. They agreed that the band of thieves who had beaten and robbed the man on the road to Jericho were bucket dippers. The children also thought the next two travelers who crossed to the other side of the road to avoid the injured man were bucket dippers.

They recognized as the story's bucket filler, the Samaritan, who stopped to bind the man's wounds, put him on his own donkey and take him to an inn to care for him.

They clearly saw how each person in the parable had chosen either a bucketfilling or bucketdipping life.

I then asked the children, "What are the two great commandments?" Hands shot up as they chorused, "Love God and Love Your Neighbor as Yourself."

"Does anyone here think they know WHY loving others is so important to God?" I asked. This time only one hand went up. It belonged to a boy in the first grade. Leaning toward me he said, "Because God knows it's good for us."

He's right.

Filling people's buckets and showing love to others *is* good for us. This young man understands something that many adults don't realize: when you fill someone else's bucket, you fill your own.

And, it really is good for you.



This week's winners

Congratulations!

Charlotte Lahti of Anchorage Alaska is a new subscriber to BUCKET FILLosophy 101 and our Bucket Filler of the Week.

Congratulations Charlotte! Every bucket filler is a winner. Encourage your friends to get their bucket filled every week by signing on for our newsletter at

www.bucketfillers101.com.

Quote of the Week

The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for and deserted by everybody. The greatest evil is the lack of love and charity.— Mother Teresa