

BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

Weekly words of wisdom to keep your bucket filled

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Making a Difference

**March 2008
PRESENTATION UPDATE**

Sessions: 45

Attendance: 9,800*

***a new record!**

- Barnes & Noble, Allen Park, MI
- Brooklyn Elementary, Brooklyn, MI
- Churchill Elementary, Muskegon, MI
- Concord Elementary, Concord, MI
- Gudith Elementary, Brownstown, MI
- Hamilton Elementary, Troy, MI
- Huron Valley School District, Milford, MI
- Justus Gage Elementary, Dowagiac, MI
- Kettering Elementary, Westland, MI
- Kincheloe Elementary, Dowagiac, MI
- Michigan Reading Assn Conference, Detroit, MI
- Miller Elementary, Cement City, MI
- Patrick Hamilton Intermediate, Dowagiac, MI
- Sarah Banks Middle School, Wixom, MI
- Schickler Elementary, Lapeer, MI
- Siple Elementary, Davison, MI
- Sister Lakes Elementary, Dowagiac, MI
- Sodt Elementary, Monroe, MI
- South Side Elementary, Effingham, IL
- St. Anthony's Hospital, Effingham, IL
- St. Genevieve School, Livonia, MI
- Thornton Creek Elementary, Northville, MI
- Urbandale Elementary, Battle Creek, MI
- West Side Elementary, Effingham, IL
- Westview Elementary, Warren, MI

**Total Bucketfilling Sessions Taught
through March 31, 2008**

Sessions: 656

Attendance: 73,880

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Bucket Nuggets from Carol McCloud, The Bucket Lady

Snuggle up and READ

March was Reading Month in Michigan and many schools participated as they held reading challenges and author events designed to encourage children to discover the joy of reading.

March was also the Bucket Fillers' all-time busiest month with more presentations and more attendees than ever before.

When the Michigan Readers Association (MRA) held its 52nd annual conference in Detroit last month, I was honored to be invited to speak. My topic? *"How to Create a Bucketfilling School."*

We held two workshops during this event and both were packed with enthusiastic listeners from all corners of Michigan and beyond.

I want to take a moment to fill the buckets of the teachers who were present. They had taken personal time to attend this wonderful event in order to improve their teaching skills. These teachers, and so many others like them, fill their classrooms with warmth, creativity, enthusiasm, and discovery on a daily basis.

I felt privileged to meet so many dedicated educators and made many new friends.

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"**Snuggle Up and Read,**" an evening spent in the new, beautiful Westview Elementary School in Warren, Michigan, included another March event that I will always remember.

Earlier in the day, we presented two assemblies, one for Kindergarten through second grade and another for third through fifth-grade children.

Then, at 6 p.m. that evening, braving the cold, rain and snow, more than one hundred children, wearing pj's and accompanied by their parents, came back to Westview with blankets, pillows, and stuffed animals.

They all snuggled down on their blankets and read "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" with their families.

Hundreds of buckets were filled that night as parents hugged and snuggled with their children. The evening ended with cookies and milk along with generous helpings of the warmth of love.

Denise Kluck, Westview Principal, told me that this was her school's third annual author or storyteller event. Title I teacher and organizer, Christine McCarthy, said that "Snuggle" night has been a huge success and many parents and children look forward to it each year. One parent added that her children would not miss it.

Congratulations to Westview School and all the schools who are filling buckets with wonderful family memories.

Editor's note: Carol McCloud has been invited to MRA's Summer Literature Conference in Bay City July 16-18. She will be a keynote speaker and workshop presenter. For more information, visit www.michiganreading.org.

This week's winners

Congratulations!



Jan Bernethy, of Pinedale, Wyoming is our Bucket Filler of the Week.

Congratulations, Jan! You have a book coming your way.

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

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Quote of the Week

"If you give your son or daughter only one gift, let it be enthusiasm."

Bruce Barton—1886-1967



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