

YOUR BUCKETFILLING WORKSHOP

Bucketfilling Ideas to Create Bucketfilling Schools

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STEP FIVE

From Your Bucket Fillers Team



Distributing buckets to staff

As adults, we are responsible for keeping our own buckets filled. We can do this by being bucket fillers, not dipping, and using a lid when we need it. Of course, there is nothing more enjoyable than living and working with people who care about you and fill your bucket on a regular basis. Thoughtful words of encouragement can get us through some of our most challenging times.

We realize that a school environment is a very busy one, therefore, the easier you make bucket filling, the more often you will witness buckets being filled.

You will make bucket filling easy and fun for everyone when you distribute individual buckets to each staff person.



IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS:

- Purchase buckets for all staff, volunteers, etc. *Suggestion: Colorful plastic pails, paint buckets, clear plastic containers, or metal buckets all work well.*
- Purchase hooks for hanging the buckets outside classroom doors. Hallway buckets are more visible, but other buckets can also be placed on desks.
- Print each staffer's name on their bucket and decorate it. Be creative and personalize. Ask yourself, "What would this person enjoy seeing on this bucket?"
- Initially, fill each bucket with items you think your staff would enjoy. Yummy chocolate, funny jokes, hearts and stars, a small book, or golf tees are possibilities. Imagine what fun you'll have when classroom teachers, assistants, and other staff discover their new buckets.
- Continue to fill the buckets with good stuff on a regular basis. Encourage others to fill them, too, because, in order to truly be a bucketfilling school with a genuine bucketfilling atmosphere, you'll need to get everyone involved. *Suggestion: Consider printing "I wanted to fill your bucket today" note pads or slips that everyone can use to fill buckets.*
- Invite parents and children to fill the buckets. Good news, positive affirmations, congratulations, compliments, kudos, and notes of appreciation, thanks, and encouragement are great bucketfillers.

Bucket Fillers Team note: There is nothing more exciting than walking into a school where buckets are prominently displayed on desks in the school office, on bulletin boards in the hallways, and hanging on classroom doors. They look great in the lunchroom and on school buses too. Displayed where they can be seen, they will serve as friendly reminders that your school practices bucket filling.

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