

# BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

Weekly words of wisdom to keep your bucket filled

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## Making a Difference

### Better to be a bucket filler

The following are excerpts from an article written by Chad Frey and published on Monday, December 31, 2007 in the Newton Kansan newspaper

When one of his students at Slate Creek Elementary hurled an insult at principal Kevin Neuenswander he got called a "bucket dipper."

"At least he gets it," Neuenswander said. "He gets the idea that it's not good to be a bucket dipper."

The theme of Slate Creek this year is borrowed from the book *"Have You Filled a Bucket Today?"* by Carol McCloud.

The idea is each person has a bucket, and the daily goal of each member of the Slate Creek staff and student body is fill each other's buckets.

Being a bucket filler means you have shown one of several positive traits, including integrity, respect, pride, honesty, sportsmanship and responsibility — while being a dipper means you haven't.

**"Teachers have said that our school's climate has improved drastically since last year," Neuenswander said.**

Each classroom has a pair of buckets, one full of blank stars and the other with names.

Each month student names are drawn to find three winners at each grade level. Each winner is given a T-shirt.

"It is a lot of fun for us," Neuenswander said. "We get to recognize good behavior."

Students are part of trying to solve disciplinary problems; coming up with a plan to deal with what happened and preventing it from happening again.

He also said the concept has been good not only for students, but for the staff as well.

"We have been looking for ways to encourage each other," Neuenswander said. "This keeps that in front of us."

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### Bucket Nuggets from Carol McCloud, *The Bucket Lady*

## A wonderful gift

*Katherine Martin, M.A., a member of the bucketfilling team, has discovered another opportunity to fill buckets.*

Without realizing it, Carol McCloud has given me a gift that I'd like to pass along to you.

When Carol encounters people who serve the public, she will often ask, with a smile, "Excuse me, what's your name?" And for the duration of her interaction she will call that person by his or her name.

Did you know that the average person is more interested in his/her own name than in all the other names on earth?

In his book, *Lifetime Plan For Success: How to Win Friends and Influence People*, Dale Carnegie explores this concept:

"We should be aware of the magic contained in a name and realize that this single item is wholly and completely owned by the person with whom we are dealing... and nobody else. The name sets the individual apart; it makes him or her unique among all others.

The information we are imparting or the request we are making takes on a special importance when we approach the situation with the name of an individual."

As you interact with people where you work, worship, or shop take a moment to ask their name and then remember to use it in the conversation that follows.

What's in a name? A bucket filling opportunity.

### This week's winners

## Congratulations!



**Tracey Cormeny**, of Ottumwa Community School District, Ottumwa, Iowa is our Bucket Filler of the Week. Congratulations, Tracey! 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

[www.bucketfillers101.com](http://www.bucketfillers101.com).

Joanna?  
Francesca?  
Samantha?  
Felicia?  
Kenisha?  
Jane?



### Quote of the Week

**"Appreciation is a wonderful thing; it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well."** *Voltaire*