

# BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

Weekly words of wisdom to keep your bucket filled

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## Making a Difference

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**PRESENTATION UPDATE**

**Sessions: 25**

**Attendance: 4,650**

- Beechview Elementary, Farmington Hills, MI
- Borders Express, Novi, MI
- Buchanan Elementary, Livonia, MI
- Cherokee Elementary, Fraser, MI
- Great Start Collaborative Family Day, Wayne County, MI
- Harvest Elementary, Saline, MI
- Jefferson Elementary, Manistee, MI
- Madison Elementary, Manistee, MI
- Manistee Area Public Schools, Manistee, MI
- Monterey Elementary, Roanoke, VA
- South Bendle Elementary, Burton, MI
- St. Robert Bellarmine, Redford, MI
- West Bendle Elementary, Burton, MI
- WHRC Elementary, Pontiac, MI
- Williams Elementary, Jonesville, MI

**Total Bucketfilling Sessions Taught through April 30, 2008**

**Sessions: 681**

**Attendance: 78,530**

### BUCKET CHUCKLES

A father was helping one of his cows give birth, when he noticed his 4-year-old son watching, with eyes wide and mouth open.

His dad thought, "Great...he's 4 and now I'll have to explain the birds and bees. Maybe I'll just let him ask questions and I'll answer them."

After everything was over, he walked over, looked down at his boy and asked, "Well son, do you have any questions?"

The still wide-eyed lad found his voice and asked, "How fast was the calf going when he hit that cow?"

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

#### PART TWO

## Get on board with Bucket filling

*Linda Dobis is a bus driver for Hartland Consolidated Schools. She sent us a letter that describes how she learned of bucket filling and how life has changed on bus #45.*

Linda was introduced to my book through the Lakes Elementary School students who rode her bus last year. One day she overheard them saying, "You are bucket dipping," and she asked them to explain what they meant.

When they told her about "*Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*", Linda purchased the book and began using it with her elementary school students.

She said in her letter, "I couldn't believe the difference in their behavior! Bucket filling is such an easy concept for them to grasp."

This year, she read the book to Village Elementary students.

Linda writes: "I have set up my whole bus on this concept."

All too often we cringe as we read or hear of bullying on our school buses. Linda agrees that things happen without a driver's knowledge and when something that has been disturbing children for too long is finally discovered, it can be difficult to deal with.

She has put a bucket in the front of bus #45 where her young passengers can drop notes, signed or unsigned, that tell her about students who are dipping. And because Linda has made signing the notes optional, they are more willing to use the bucket to let her know there is a problem. These notes allow her to address problems sooner rather than later.

She has also designated the rear seats of her bus 'Bucket Filler seats' and reserved them for bucket fillers only. Each week, she chooses three children to sit in these seats. Linda tells us that by doing this she has completely eliminated the problem of the older students upsetting the younger students who want to sit there.

When her Hartland High School and Ore Creek Middle School students asked, "What's this bucket filling thing all about?" she explained the concept to them, and now she hears them saying to one another, "Hey, you're being a bucket dipper!"

Linda ended her letter with, "I want to thank you for writing this book—you have made my job a lot easier!"

And, Linda, you have filled my bucket.

*Editor's Note: Linda has been driving a bus for 13 years and believes in positive reinforcement for her passengers. Call us at the number below to schedule a seminar for your transportation specialists.*



*Linda Dobis and her new Bucket filling bus*

### This week's winners

## Congratulations!



**Jan Reilly**, a teacher in Melbourne, Australia is our Bucket Filler of the Week.

Congratulations, Jan! 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).

### Quote of the Week

**"One of the most obvious facts about grownups to a child is that they have forgotten what it is like to be a child."** — *Randall Jarrell (1914 - 1965)*