

# BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

Weekly words of wisdom to keep your bucket filled

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## Making a Difference

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**Presentations**

Sessions: 52

Attendance: 10,630

- Ashley Elementary, New Baltimore, MI
- Bobcean Elementary, Flat Rock, MI
- Cantiague Elementary, Jericho, NY
- Collins Elementary, Sterling Heights, MI
- Dibble Elementary, Jackson, MI
- Dundee Elementary, Dundee, MI
- Fiedler Elementary, Flint, MI
- Freeland Learning Center, Freeland, MI
- Grand Blanc Academy, Grand Blanc, MI
- Ida Elementary, Ida, MI
- Jack Harvey Elementary, Utica, MI
- Meridian Elementary, Sanford, MI
- Salem Elementary, Apex, NC
- Salk Elementary, Fraser, MI
- South River Elementary, Harrison Twp., MI
- Southern Bluffs Elementary, LaCrosse, WI
- St. Mel Catholic School, Flushing, NY
- Townsend Elementary, Jackson, MI
- Washington Elementary, Bay City, MI
- Winn Elementary, Winn, MI
- Woodland Meadows Elementary, Saline, MI

Total Bucketfilling Sessions through 2/28/09

Sessions: 1,161

Attendance: 150,630



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Bucket Nuggets from Carol McCloud,  
The Bucket Lady

## A lesson in looking beyond



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We love to hear about new “bucketfilling schools” and from educators about the positive results of bucket filling.

One such story of a bucketfilling school warmed our hearts and we’d like to share it here.

It involves a physically-challenged little fellow.

Picture a small boy with a drooping eye and mouth, one arm shorter than his other arm and a hand with just three fingers.

We’ll call him “Peter”.

His teacher considers Peter her special friend.

We’ll call this caring teacher, “Miss Smith”.

Peter and Miss Smith drink hot chocolate together and when she can spare the time, she joins him for lunch. Because Peter understandably has difficulty dealing with some of the materials used in his art classes, she’s there to help him with his art projects.

Peter used to struggle when his adult helpers or teacher would attempt to help him. He didn’t enjoy going to school, where the other children stared at him. He responded with defensive and stubborn behavior to those around him.

Then Peter, his parents, his classmates, his teacher and the entire school learned about filling buckets.

Now each time Peter and Miss Smith enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or lunch together, Peter will point out the bucket filling or bucket dipping he sees. He realizes that being a bucket filler is something special he can do for others and that, as a result, his life has become happier and easier.

Bucket filling has also inspired others to look beyond Peter’s physical appearance and limitations and see his inner beauty.

Everyone, young or old, with or without physical or mental challenges, deserves to have their buckets filled often.

*This week’s winners*

## Congratulations!



**Marie Alvis**, School Counselor at E.P. Foster Elementary School in Ventura, California is our Bucket Filler of the Week. Congratulations, Marie! 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).

*Quote of the Week*

**“You make the world a better place by making yourself a better person.”**

*Scott Sorrell*