

BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

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Making a Difference

May 2010

PRESENTATION UPDATE

Sessions: 15

Attendance: 2,950

- Bright Elementary, Lawrenceburg, IN
- Glenwood Elementary, Kentwood, MI
- Riverside County Early Childhood Conference, Palm Desert, CA
- Round Hill Montessori School, Roanoke, VA
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, Anchorage, AK

Total Bucketfilling sessions taught through May 31, 2010

Sessions: 1,693

Attendance: 243,000

BUCKET CHUCKLES

Geography Lessons

Teacher: "Name two states in the United States."

Mary: "Pick me! Pick me!"

Teacher: "Mary?"

Mary: "I'll name one Taylor and the other one Charley!"

Teacher: "Suzi, go to the map and find North America."

Suzi: "Here it is!"

Teacher: "That's correct. Now, Bobby, tell us who discovered North America?"

Bobby: "Suzi."

Editor's note: If you look closely at the list of May presentations, you will find that Alaska has discovered bucket filling.

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Bucket Nuggets

By Carol McCloud, *The Bucket Lady*

Looking back...

First of a two-part Bucket Nugget

We've come a long way since June 2006 when we received the first printing of our book, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids*. We still find it hard to believe the exciting events that were to follow.

That first summer, we were encouraged by the wonderful response to our book, which explained, in clear and simple terms, the concept of bucket filling.

Three thousand books were sold that first year (mostly to schools and at local fairs). Then, in January 2007, a representative from Hallmark Cards contacted us. They wanted to list our book in their spring catalog. This resulted in another 10,000 books sold that month in Hallmark stores across the country.

A deluge of phone calls and email quickly followed. Elementary school educators asked us to do presentations about bucket filling in their schools. They wanted their schools to be recognized as "official bucketfilling schools".

Our small group of Bucket Filler teachers and counselors began traveling in teams giving presentations across the state and nation. We produced a weekly e-newsletter and developed lesson plans to expand the bucketfilling concept. We wrote a second book for new parents, *Fill a Bucket: A Guide to Daily Happiness for Young Children*, and began to offer bucketfilling products to serve as reminders to fill buckets.

To date, we have distributed more than 200,000 books around the world and given 1,700 presentations in 30 states and one Canadian province. Because our mission is to create bucketfilling schools, families, and communities, we are so pleased and grateful to have come so far in such a short time.

At the close of this school year, our presentation follow-up surveys reflected a 100% satisfaction rate. Amazon.com has given both of our books a Five-Star Rating with more than 100 very positive reviews.

The bucketfilling concept has helped thousands of children and adults discover happiness and our buckets are filled with the joy of knowing that we have touched so many lives.

Editor's note: We will publish our final newsletter of this school year on June 20th with a look ahead at 2010-2011.

This week's winners

Congratulations!



Stacey Bailey of Timberlake High School, Helena, Oklahoma, is our bucket filler of the week. Congratulations Stacey! 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.

Quote of the Week

"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together."— Vincent Van Gogh

