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Making a Difference

Learning can be fun



Peggy Johncox, Carol McCloud with Larry Jenne

We love meeting the many dedicated and talented educators who make learning fun.

Larry Jenne, principal at Lawrence Avenue Elementary in Potsdam, NY, is one of many bucket fillers we met this past year. Larry had written to tell us that he had personally “read the bucket book to every classroom, grades K-Grade 4. As a first-year principal, I wanted to assure students understood what I expected regarding behavior at our school.”

And when we arrived at his school on St. Patrick’s Day, there was Larry, dressed in a plaid kilt with suspenders, a green tie, red beard, and bowler hat.

The funny thing was ... no one seemed to notice his unusual attire as he greeted them in the morning. “He’s always doing fun things” the kids told us.

To Larry Jenne and all the other bucketfilling teachers, principals, counselors, and parents

Thank you for Making a Difference!

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Bucket Nuggets

By Carol McCloud, *The Bucket Lady*

Looking ahead...

Second of a two-part Bucket Nugget

Phoebe Prince. Alex Harrison. Matt Epling. These are just three of the many bright, caring, young people who ended their lives in order to end the pain of being bullied.

I know that you join me in never wanting to hear another story about a young person dying because they believed there was no other way to end the hurt caused by cruel words and malicious actions of another young person.

For the past four years, our talented Bucket Fillers team has taught the concept of the “bucket lid” and how to use it.

With this groundwork done, we are now ready to

concentrate on helping to resolve what has become one of the most threatening social problems in schools today: Bullying and its negative, and too often, tragic effect on our young people.

The concept of the “bucket lid” has the potential to solve the growing problem of “bullycide” in our schools. Our children must understand how to use their lids to protect their buckets. They must realize that people who are mean have empty buckets and often attempt to fill them at the expense of another child’s physical and mental well-being.

Therefore, as the new school year begins, the Bucket Fillers Team will introduce the bucketfilling concept in middle schools and offer staff presentations and products. The keystone of this exciting new program is our new book, *Growing Up with a Bucket Full of Happiness: Three Rules for a Happier Life*, a full-color chapter book for pre-teens and early teens, which will be published in the Fall of 2010.

Growing Up is filled with the captivating illustrations of Penny Weber, a very talented artist and mother of three, who lives in New York. Her colorful drawings beautifully capture the emotions of young people when their buckets are full and when they are empty. In a straightforward, practical way, *Growing Up* teaches tweens three rules for keeping their buckets filled and feeling good about themselves. *Growing Up* is filled with terminology that will resonate with this age group: “big-time bucket filling”, “long-handled dipping”, and “using your lid”. It also focuses on positive character traits: being kind, accepting responsibility, being compassionate, and explains how to make these a part of daily life.

It promises to be an exciting school year. We want to thank you for your enthusiasm and support this past year.

Have a wonderful bucketfilling summer and we’ll see you right back here next September.

Editor’s note: Pre-orders for Growing Up With a Bucket Full of Happiness will be accepted in September 2010. Spaces for staff development workshops for the fall are filling up fast. For more information, visit our website or email us at info@bucketfillers101.com.

This week’s winners

Congratulations!



Laura Duchaine, School Social Worker, Lindbergh Elementary School, Little Falls, MN, is our bucket filler of the week. Congratulations Laura! 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

“The purpose of life is the expansion of happiness.”— *Maharishi Mahesh Yogi*

