

BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

Weekly words of wisdom to keep your bucket filled

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Making a Difference

September 2010
PRESENTATION UPDATE
Sessions: 54
Attendance: 8,500

- Abraham Lincoln Accelerated Learning Academy, Monroe, WI
- ACSI Mid-America Conference, South Bend, IN
- Clearview Elementary, Stroudsburg, PA
- Crothers Elementary, Warren, MI
- Frank Elementary, Perrysburg, OH
- Greater Plains Elementary, Oneonta, NY
- Hamilton Elementary, Troy, MI
- Jefferson Elementary, Ionia, MI
- Joseph Ferderbar Elementary, Feasterville, PA
- Lincoln Elementary, Bryan, OH
- Morenci Elementary, Morenci, MI
- Morris Central School, Morris, NY
- Palm Springs USD, Palm Springs, CA
- Parkview Primary Learning Center, Mayville, WI
- Patricia A. Guth Elementary, Perkasie, PA
- Peck Elementary, Warren, MI
- Pellston Elementary, Pellston, MI
- Roose Elementary, Warren, MI
- Sacred Heart School, Dearborn, MI
- Stevenson Elementary, Southfield, MI
- W. H Ramsey Elementary, Stroudsburg, PA
- Whittemore-Prescott, Elementary, Whittemore, MI
- Woodland Meadows Elementary, Saline, MI

Total Bucketfilling sessions taught through
September 30, 2010

Sessions: **1,788**
Attendance: **256,500**

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Bucket Nuggets

By Carol McCloud, the Bucket Lady

Celebrate the day!

If you are a regular reader of our e-newsletter, you are, without a doubt, a bucket filler. I know that you regularly fill buckets with daily acts of kindness and occasionally with *special* acts of kindness; the kind that require you to go out of your way for someone.

This month, I would like to ask you to join the millions of Americans across the nation who, on Saturday, October 23, will celebrate **Make a Difference Day** as they do something to help others and make the world a kinder and more caring place.

If you are a teacher, tell your class about this bucketfilling opportunity. If you are a principal, involve your staff or your entire school. Parents, this is something you can do as a family. Visit makeadifferenceday.com for planning guides, supplies, and information about how to enter your project for an award.

If you aren't able to organize a large project, it is still possible to make a difference. Look around and brighten a stranger's or a neighbor's day with a smile and a few kind words. Give someone a small unexpected gift. Think of the people who have made a positive difference in your life and honor them with an e-mail, a card, or simply pick up the phone and tell them how much you appreciate them.

Of course, bucket filling doesn't require a special day, it can be done any day and every day and always makes a difference.

Several months ago we heard from Amy Luczak, who had completed her elementary education senior internship in a Florida kindergarten classroom and wanted to give her students one last lesson to take with them. She chose to read *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* and give each of her students miniature buckets filled with chocolate "Hugs and Kisses" and personalized pencils and bookmarks.

After reading the book and discussing what it means to fill buckets, have our own buckets filled, and giving the children their mini-buckets, Amy received a 17-child group hug with one of the little girls exclaiming, "Look, Miss Luczak, we're filling your bucket!" "They get it," Amy thought as she fought back happy tears.

Amy left *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* with her supervisor, who shared it with the entire kindergarten team. It is now being used in their classrooms and Amy, upon returning to the school as a volunteer was pleased and proud to learn that her supervisor was also using her idea to give room parents copies of the book and tiny, chocolate-filled buckets.

There are many ways to make a difference — on Make a Difference Day — and every day of the year.

Editor's note: The illustration above can be found in *Growing Up With a Bucket Full of Happiness*, Carol McCloud's soon-to-be-released sequel to *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*

This week's winner

Congratulations!



Jessica Petit, a teacher in Irving, Texas, is our bucket filler of the week. Congratulations Jessica! You have a book coming your way. Every bucket filler is a winner! Encourage your friends to get their buckets filled by ordering our free e-newsletter at www.bucketfillers101.com.

Quote of the Week

"I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody." - Lily Tomlin

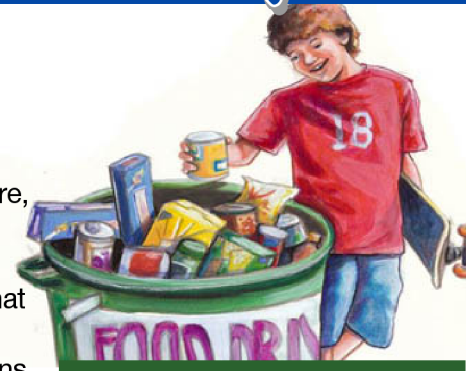


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