



YOUR BUCKETFILLING WORKSHOP



Bucketfilling Ideas to Create Bucketfilling Schools

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STEP TWELVE

Creating a school-wide event

Congratulations! You've reached the final step in your journey to create a bucketfilling school. We hope you've had fun and made some great memories along the way. You've introduced the concept to staff, students, and parents and made a school-wide statement in a positive way.

Learning and developing any skill requires encouragement, reminders, practice, and time. Bucket filling is no exception. Bucket fillers learn that caring about others and being responsible for their own actions are important keys to forming the good relationships that are necessary for happiness.

You've worked hard to create a bucketfilling environment; now it's time to celebrate your accomplishments with a school-wide event.

Here are a few ideas:

- **Honor a "Bucket Filler of the Year":** Ask each staff member to submit the name and accomplishments of at least one student who demonstrated the highest level of bucket filling during the year. Decide how many students to acknowledge, i.e. one student per class or grade or one person for the entire school. Create an annual Bucket Fillers award and publicly honor their contributions. Consider creating a "Bucket Fillers" photo wall in your school. Send local media information about the award and how the recipients qualified to receive it.
- **Have a Bucket Fillers' Fun Day:** At the end of the school year, have a fun day or school party to acknowledge and celebrate bucket filling. If possible, present prizes to everyone for being bucket fillers. One school told us that they announced that they would give three iPods as top prizes. Announce the party in advance and let your students know that staff will look for and report students who are "caught in the act of bucket filling".
- **Produce a Bucket Filler School Musical:** Invite parents and the community to a musical production using skits and songs that reflect bucket filling (love, kindness, and respect) and discourage bucket dipping (meanness and put-downs). Have your students design the program cover, help with the scenery, and serve as greeters on the night of the show. You could also "pass a bucket" or sell your students' bucketfilling artwork and use the proceeds to fill the bucket of a local charity.

Note: Some song ideas are: *I Think You're Wonderful* by Red Grammer, *It Starts in the Heart* by Maxi Priest, and *Don't Laugh at Me* by Peter, Paul & Mary.

These 12 steps to create a bucketfilling school have given you the tools to keep bucket filling alive in your school. You have not only used them to create a positive, bucketfilling school culture, you've taken the first step in creating happier and more purposeful lives.

We'd love to hear from you and learn about your successful bucketfilling ideas and experiences. We'll look forward to your email.



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