



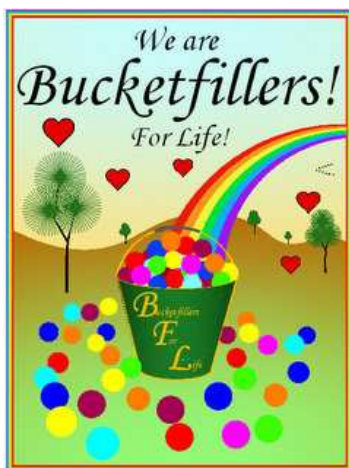
BFL News & Views

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Another School Year Begins: New BFL Regions Announced

Labor Day is just around the corner, so that means many of our nation's students will return to school on Tuesday, September 8th.

This summer, July 18-25, we had the pleasure of presenting six assemblies at the Fowlerville Family Fair in Fowlerville, MI. What a wonderful experience it was! We met with hundreds of families, many of which had never been exposed to our bucketfilling-based program. Our thanks go to the Fowlerville Family Fair Board, and in particular Jennifer Rhodes for her tremendous support of what we do at Bucketfillers For Life.

On August 21, we were pleased to present our 2.5 hour program for adults to over 200 Lutheran School educators from the Michigan District, Missouri Synod. We have several Lutheran schools scheduled for student programs this year with more anticipated. It is a pleasure working with such a wonderful group of principals, teachers and students.

For the 2009-2010 school year, we are proud to announce 3 new BFL Regional Training Centers to add to the existing Michigan and New York Regions. Of course, our program is available nationally as always, but we realize that having presenters available regionally helps minimize program costs to our customers, and helps us provide the best service possible to our Bucketfilling Schools.

The 3 new BFL Regions and their Direc-

tors are:

Washington D.C. Metro Region
Director—Liz Fletcher Brown
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Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio Region
Director—Carol Hamilton
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Northern California Region
Director—Kelly Nickel
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We are very pleased that Liz, Carol, and Kelly have joined us at BFL, and know that they believe as strongly in the value of our message as we do. You can expect the same level of professional service from them as you have come to expect from the existing centers in Michigan and New York.

We will also be launching a new web site in the coming days. This new site will reflect the regional expansion and introduce new improvements. We hope you enjoy your visits to the new site, and your comments are always welcome.

From all of us at BFL, we wish our readers a wonderful school year full of bucketfilling opportunities and experiences. As always, feel free to share your thoughts and bucketfilling stories with us at any time via our web site or directly to peter@bucketfillersforlife.com.

The New School Year Gears Up with Two Great Schools and Six Transportation Departments

By Stacey Lundgren

Well, here we go! In August, we have presented programs to two schools and to six district transportation departments. It was wonderful to return to Emmons Lake Elementary School in Caledonia, MI, for the third year in a row. We had a great time, as always, with the younger students during the assembly, and the new fifth graders did a terrific job in their workshops. Thanks go to Mr. Silveri and his supportive, caring staff!

Also in August, we presented programs to the teachers and students of Hill Elementary School in Davi-

son, MI. This was our first time with them, and it was a great day. The Teacher Orientation was a powerful time of openness and sharing. Although we have done many of these programs, some leave an indelible impression upon the presenter. The staff at Hill left such a mark. Not only were they cheerful and welcoming at 7:30 in the morning, they wore the love for their students on their sleeves. The students were enthusiastic and did a great job of listening and offering thoughts, questions and answers, but most importantly, sharing feelings. Thank you; we look forward to seeing you next year!

We enjoyed presenting Professional Development programs to the Transportation Departments in Stockbridge, Mason, Leslie, Dansville, Walled Lake and Ferndale, MI. The dedicated drivers who get our children safely to and from school deserve recognition for their efforts in doing this challenging job. Parents, please remember to express appreciation to your children's bus drivers this school year! I have failed to do that myself, but this year I promise to positively acknowledge my daughter's bus driver at least three times during the upcoming school year!

1st Grade Teacher at Trinity Lutheran School Shares A Great Idea

We recently received the following letter from Donna Brunk, a 1st grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Utica, MI.

"I attended the Bucketfillers For Life seminar on Friday August 21st at St. Peter Lutheran school. I am on Tom Wrege's (Trinity Lutheran School Principal) staff so this was the second opportunity I had to learn about the program.

After attending your seminar last October at Trinity, I was able to participate in bucketfilling practice with staff members but was unable to find

a way to implement the concepts with my 1st grade students who are basically unable to write by themselves at the beginning of the year.

At today's seminar it finally occurred to me. I will include all the names of my students, my name, the principal, Jesus' name, etc. into my classroom bucket. Each day one or two names will be drawn from the bucket and then students can feel free to edify the people's names who have been chosen.

It is my hope that this practice would be an effective way to imple-

ment the program on a daily basis throughout the school year.

I see this being effective for grades K-3 as well. Please feel free to share this idea."

Donna Brunk

Thank you Donna! We are happy to share your creative bucketfilling idea with our newsletter readers.

We would love to add more bucketfilling ideas and stories to this monthly newsletter, so keep the ideas and letters coming!

Join the Bucketfilling Yahoo Group!

Please join us in the new Bucketfillers For Life Yahoo Group:

http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/Bucketfillers_For_Life/

Program Comments, Feedback, and Words from our Student and Adult Bucketfillers

I love and respect you because no matter how much we fight, I know we'll love each other forever.

6th grade student to sister

Dad, I love and respect you because I asked you to be strong during the divorce, and you did it.

5th grade student to father

Mark, I love and respect you because you work two jobs so I can stay home full-time with our children.

Mother to husband

Suzanne, I love and respect you because you stick by me even when I make so many mistakes.

4th grade teacher to wife

This written expression of love meant the world to me. (My son) read it to me, even though he was so nervous his hands were shaking. I cried through the entire thing! He and I have had some difficulties lately, and this was a much-needed reminder to me that the love between a child and parent remains consistent no matter what issues come up that threaten to come between them.

Feedback from mother of 5th grade student

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