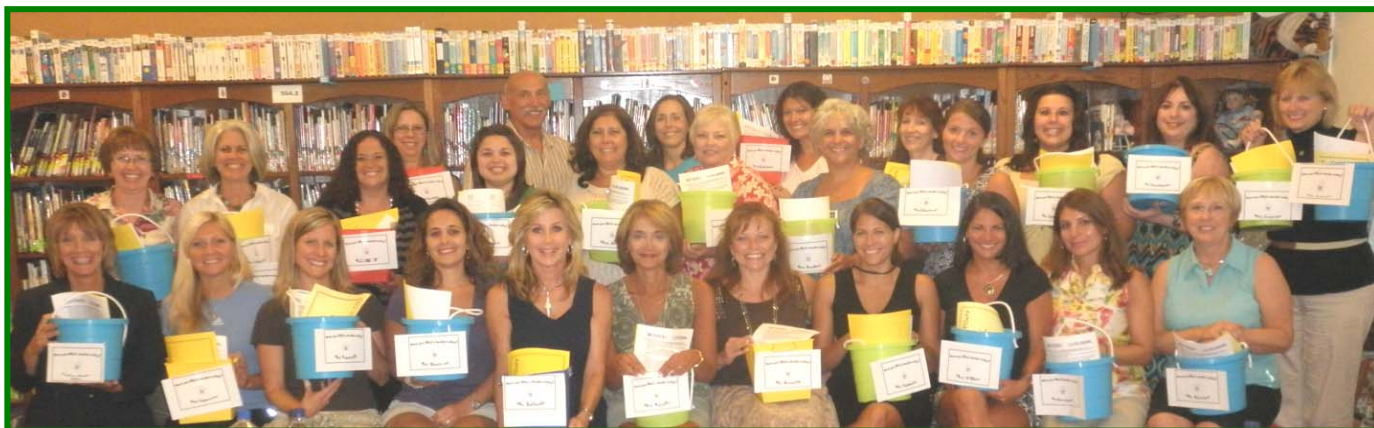


HUDSON MAXIM SCHOOL FILLS BUCKETS!



The staff at Hudson Maxim School in Hopatcong is very excited to bring the concept of Bucket Filling to their students this year! The Bucket Filling theme, based on the book Have you Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud, is very easy to understand: Everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds our good thoughts and feelings. When our buckets are full, we feel happy and when our buckets are empty we feel sad. We want to fill buckets of happiness, and we don't want to dip into buckets and take away good feelings.

Mrs. Lisa Schuffenhauer, program coordinator, will incorporate Bucket Filling into the existing character education curriculum at Hudson Maxim School by focusing on a different character trait to fill buckets each month. Character education helps schools create a positive atmosphere in order for children to achieve success. It helps students practice and improve on social and emotional skills that will be used throughout a lifetime.

Each day begins with a character thought about how to fill a bucket which will be shared on the morning announcements. The students try their best to follow the character thought for the day. September introduces the concept of Bucket Filling, followed by Filling Buckets with Respect in October. Responsibility, Caring, Fairness, Self-Control, Trustworthiness, Honesty and Patience are the other Bucket Filling traits that will be celebrated throughout the year. June will be the time to review how bucket filling made a difference! Students who go above and beyond to fill buckets will receive a certificate and be recognized over the intercom for showing great character at the end of each month. Join our students and staff by trying to fill someone's bucket every day, and don't forget to fill your own!

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