

January 20, 2012

Dear Chestnutwold Student and Family,

Chestnutwold Elementary School is asking you to help our school community celebrate our faculty's efforts and work. We recently adopted Dr. Donald Clifton's enduring *bucketfilling* story and Tom Roth and Carol McCloud recently authored children's books, "How Full is Your Bucket," and "Have you Filled a Bucket Today," as a way to affirm the efforts, energy and persistence of our teachers and staff.

For those unfamiliar with the story, "the *bucket* represents a person's mental and emotional health." The story tells how "each of us is born with an invisible bucket" and we *fill another person's* bucket when we recognize them, give them positive attention and/or share positive thoughts about that person with that person. At Chestnutwold, we do this by recording these thoughts on a slip of paper and depositing the note into the faculty member's bucket.

Each month, three faculty members are randomly chosen as our "people of the month." It is the buckets of these persons we want to fill with affirmations and/or notes of positive recognition. Please take a few minutes to consider the positive contributions and effects this person has had on our school community and *fill* their bucket.

Additional information:

For more information about the bucket story please read: *A Book Report on "How Full is Your Bucket?" By Tom Rath & Donald Clifton, Ph.D.*

Three faculty members will be selected at our monthly staff meeting. An announcement will be sent home with each child who interacts with that faculty member. Attached to the announcement will be a slip of paper like the one shown below. Record your note on the paper and return it to your child's homeroom teacher or office staff. These will be placed in that faculty member's *bucket*.

The buckets are located in the office. You can deposit additional notes if you wish. Just send the note to school or leave it with a member of the office staff. They will deposit your "*fill*" appropriately.

Thank you for your support with this celebratory activity. We look forward to reading your *fill*.

Sincerely,
Joel DiBartolomeo

I would like to fill _____'s bucket by saying:

From: _____