



On Thursday, October 20, 2011 **Village School** welcomed the **“Bucket-Fillers” organization**, who presented a total of three school-wide assemblies to both the children and parents of Village School! These assemblies were arranged through the **Village School Character Education Committee** to serve as a “kick-off” celebration of Village School’s commitment to being a “Bucket-Filling” school environment.

The **Bucket-Filling Philosophy** is a supplement to Village School’s character education program and promotes social competency, positive self-image and the importance of kindness to others in the development of both. Children had the opportunity to meet Carol McCloud who is the author of the book, Have You Filled a Bucket Today? This book is the one that every Village School teacher used as the introduction to the Bucket Filling philosophy. This was one of the highlights of the visit, as the children were delighted to know that they were meeting the book’s author! Funding for each teacher to receive a copy this book, as well as, for the assemblies was made possible through the Holmdel Alliance.

The parent assembly was held on the same evening at 4:30 pm in the Village School All-Purpose Room. The focus of the parent assembly was to assist parents in creating “bucket-filling families!” Children were welcomed to join their parents for the parent workshop which proved effective in achieving a good representation of the Village School parent population at the assembly. Before leaving the assembly, parents were given the opportunity to complete a survey which gave feedback about the assembly and, based on survey results, most parents found the parent assembly both enlightening and informative.

At the school assemblies, the children of Village School were delighted when Carol McCloud presented Mr. Schillaci and Dr. Ledford a plaque that affirms Village School as an official “Bucket Filling School”.

Overall, it was a great experience for the children, staff and parents!