

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

YAKIMA SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

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NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We have been hard at work these last few months! Our President and myself have spent time visiting schools within the Yakima School District to introduce ourselves and meet with staff. We are grateful for the opportunity to go out in the community and schools to meet and speak with educators who teach and shape the minds of students in our valley. We are excited for the plans we have for the future at YSF!

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year has been amazing supporting teachers through grant awards to enhance the educational opportunities for students across the Yakima School District. We are on track to far exceed the number of schools with approved grant requests as compared to last year; and we attribute this to the amazing cooperative of principals making time to meet with myself and Shawna and give us time to present about YSF at staff meetings.

We have some big things planned for the remaining months of the 2023-2024 school year including the return of our Celebrate Our Youth fundraising event this May and developing the framework to welcome two students to the Yakima Schools Foundation Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 school year!

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS **\$27,000 AWARDED BETWEEN 14 SCHOOLS**

- Washington DC Historical Trip - Davis High School
- LeaderTech - Boeing Museum of Flight - Franklin Middle School
- Four Student Wagon - Early Learning
- Adapted Shoes - Early Learning
- Math Flash Cards - Barge Lincoln Elementary
- Second Grade Point Defiance Field Trip - Adams Elementary
- STEAM and Lunch - Ridgeview Elementary
- Reading Intervention Screens - Robertson and Roosevelt Elementary
- Family Resource Fair - District Wide



FUNDRAISERS

We have been partnering with local business's to host monthly fundraisers! Thank you to everyone that has been able to participate in the multiple events we have had so far! So far, during this school year we have partnered with The Kiln, Single Hill Brewing, Skateland, Bier Den, Panda Express and the Yakima Valley Museum who have all been generous in hosting fundraisers and donating to our Foundation.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- February 2nd - 5th Line Brewing Pint Night
- March 5th - Bale Breaker Pint Night
- April 12th - Five Guys
- May 14th - Celebrate Our Youth
Fundraiser Dinner

Keep an eye out for future fundraisers!

