

# Highlights



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Our Mission

The mission of the Yakima Schools Foundation is to enhance educational programs offered within the Yakima School District No. 7 by raising money to fund immediate needs and by establishing and maintaining perpetual funding sources, as well as increasing community involvement in Yakima.

The Yakima Schools Foundation, founded in 1991, is a private non-profit (501) (c) (3) organization.



*Welcome to our new Executive Director...Amy Neal*

### *A Message from the President...*

The Yakima Schools Foundation started off the 2011-2012 school year with a transition in our staff leadership. As I began my term as your Board President we were thanking our outgoing Executive Director, Patty Dion, as she headed into retirement. Patty provided 12 years of dedicated service to the students of the Yakima School District. We thank her for strengthening partnerships and building community awareness. Overall we thank her for making a difference for students and educators. As happens with change it is a time to build upon the good work of the past and look forward to new adventures. Looking to the future we see increased funding requests from innovative teachers, which provides us with an opportunity to seek out funding so their dreams can become a reality. Celebrate Our Youth Breakfast, Tour de Harvest, corporate support, service club generosity and individual donations all come together so that students can achieve great things through enhanced educational activities. The future is bright for the Yakima Schools Foundation and we thank you for your involvement.

Sincerely,  
Aaron Arndt, Board President

## *Celebrate Our Youth Breakfast*

March 22, 2012      6:30 AM - 8:00 AM  
Yakima Convention Center

### **Make a Difference Today**

*Join us March 22 to donate, make a difference and celebrate our youth.*

Students in the Yakima School District are inspired by innovative ideas and motivated through enhanced activities. The YSF provides the bridge between *educators* who apply for funds and *donors* who generously support their efforts. Funded programs include enhanced educational activities such as musical instruments, books, leadership opportunities and drama programs. Unfortunately, our school system cannot provide all that children require—that is why your support is so important.

### **How to Attend**

RSVP (reservations required) before March 8 by calling 457-0898 or register online by visiting our website [www.yakimaschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.yakimaschoolsfoundation.org) Guests are asked to donate \$40 per person.

### **Keynote Speaker**

*Walking through the door marked "Do Not Enter"*

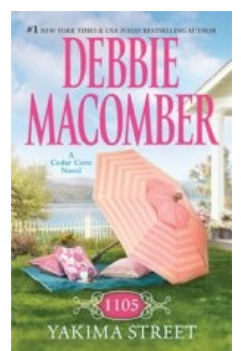
## **Debbie Macomber**



*Wherever you are, Debbie takes you home. . .*

Yakima's own Debbie Macomber has more than 150 million copies of her books in print worldwide and is one of today's most popular authors. The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of novels for adults and children, of cookbooks and inspirational non-fiction is best known for her ability to create compelling characters and bring their stories to life in her books.

*Book signing available at event.*



### ***Wilson Middle School receives Adaptive Tricycle***

Wilson Middle School's self-contained special education classroom has just received a new Adaptive Tricycle to be used in their combined adaptive Physical Education class. Students are now able to enjoy a Large Adaptive Tricycle that allows for students to benefit from P.E. class who are either mobility-challenged or have developing gross motor coordination skills. Teacher Wally Kaufer submitted a grant request to the Yakima Schools Foundation after visiting Children's Village and saw how this model is "adjustable so that students of a wide range of sizes could access it. The YSF in turn located funding through Yakima Specialties Foundation.

"It is our pleasure to provide the funding for this very worthwhile and versatile Adaptive Tricycle for the P.E. class of Wilson Middle School," says Roy Robeck, Executive Director of Yakima Specialties Foundation. "Who knows, someday the children that have the opportunity to benefit both physically and emotionally from its use may someday cross the threshold of Yakima Specialties, Inc. and benefit from our services."

The **Yakima Specialties Foundation** was formed in 2003. It is a 501(c) (3) corporation directed by a seven person volunteer board of directors, a cross section of leaders from our community. The scope of Yakima Specialties Foundation is vast. Whereas Yakima Specialties, Inc is designed to provide employment opportunities for those with disabilities, Yakima Specialties Foundation is here to help improve the lifestyles of those within the entire disabled community. As we grow, we will also be able to provide support for other charitable organizations serving the disabled as well. For more information visit [www.yakimaspecialtiesfoundation.com](http://www.yakimaspecialtiesfoundation.com)

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Character Word of the Month for February is **Caring...**  
 Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you.  
 When you care about people, you say and do things that help them.

*A Message from the Executive Director...*

“Enhancing educational experiences for students” – that is why I am excited to be your next Executive Director of the Yakima Schools Foundation. Helping children grow and learn is a passion for me and why I am honored and thrilled to have been selected for this position. Our Yakima School District provides quality education to our students. The Yakima Schools Foundation exists so a student or educator can dream about doing something beyond what is in the YSD budget. It is a gift that we can enhance educational opportunities such as sending students to a statewide journalism conference, providing African Drums for a music class and presenting an engaging anti-bullying assembly. Students and teachers enhance the curriculum through advanced microscopes, art supplies, and afterschool drama programs. This is all possible because of the caring, dedicated donors who believe in quality comprehensive education. YSD employees donate monthly through Payroll Deduction, memorials are established for loved ones, caring community members give generously and corporations provide valuable funds.



Thank you to our students, our educators, our donors and our volunteers – you all make it possible to enhance educational experiences for students.

Sincerely, *Amy Neal*

**~ Tour de Harvest 2011 ~**

The 16th Annual Tour de Harvest was held Saturday, September 17th, 2011 at the beautiful Bradley House. Guests enjoyed another great evening while supporting youth. Whether they were dancing to the Fabulous Epic’s, bidding on tempting silent and live auction items or enjoying their delicious meal the guests knew their support means quality programs for students in the Yakima School District.



*Thank You to our Event Sponsors*

- Pacific Power
- Yakima Federal Savings
- Elliott Insurance
- Bothwell and Hamill
- Loofburrow Wetch Architects
- Memorial Hospital
- Tree Top
- Marvin and Pat Sundquist



The event raised \$27,000 to help the foundation continue its mission to enhance educational programs offered within the Yakima School District.

Thank you for your continued support.



**Mark your calendar now...**

Tour de Harvest 2012  
 is September 9th!



Newsletters, information on upcoming events, special funding projects, grant applications and more is available online.

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Send us your e-mail address and get the latest information delivered right to your inbox.

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**Yakima Schools Foundation  
 Grants Funded  
 Fall 2011 - Winter 2012**

**Franklin, Lewis & Clark, Wilson, Washington - \$6,000**  
 Middle School Planners  
 Funding provided by US Bank

**Davis - \$1,000**  
 Classroom set of high interest/low level novels for instructional units

**McClure - \$692**  
 Capitol Kids Magic School Bus Climate Challenge Presentation

**Adams - \$403**  
 African Drums for Music Class

**McClure - \$620**  
 Homework folders K-5

**Yakima Online - \$300**  
 Paperback books for Satellite program

**Whitney - \$816**  
 Mileage Club supporting healthy lifestyle and fitness

**Eisenhower - \$1,431**  
 Student Newspaper conference attendance

**Hoover - \$1,435**  
 Cooking in the Classroom  
 Special Education Preschool

**Garfield - \$700**  
 Writing, Science & Art activities

**Garfield - \$612**  
 Afterschool Drama Program

**Robertson - \$136**  
 Walking fieldtrip to Gymnastics Plus for students with physical disabilities

**Washington - \$266**  
 K’Nex intro to structures

**Whitney - \$500**  
 Social Studies and Science supplemental curriculum for library

**Wilson - \$1,770**  
 Adaptive Tricycle for Special Education P.E.  
 Funding by Yakima Specialties Foundation

**Franklin - \$1,000**  
 Microscopes for Bacteriology/  
 Microscopy/Cellular activities

**Lewis & Clark - \$328**  
 Signing Time, sign language,  
 Special Education

**Hoover & McClure - \$1,350**  
 Handwriting without Tears: Math and Literacy

**Ridgeview & Garfield - \$220**  
 La Mar Hudson Assembly:  
 A Positive Message for Life

**Hoover - \$1,258**  
 Husky HOW Store, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

**Lewis & Clark - \$900**  
 Technology State Competition

**Gilbert - \$434**  
 Homemaking Area, Special Ed. K-1,  
 teaching the important of parallel play

**Adams & Garfield - \$2,050**  
 Author Ken Nesbitt visit: writing and poetry workshops

**Lewis & Clark - \$749**  
 Music Lockers to store instruments

**Martin Luther King - \$385**  
 Software for non-verbal learners

**Discovery Lab - \$1,066**  
 Physical Education equipment:  
 Scooters

**Davis - \$255**  
 Skills USA State Competition

**Davis - \$1,968**  
 Musical Instruments  
 Funding provided by the Gordon Fields Music in Education Fund

Funding of these programs has been made possible by generous contributions from our community, Yakima School District employee payroll deduction, dividends from our investment accounts and our well attended fundraising events.

**Thank You for your generous support!**