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Extra Curricular Program Summary

Grace Brethren Elementary School offers a broad array of programs to enhance our core academic curriculum. Each offering could have pages written about it and the impact it has had on students. We have provided you a summary to give you a better idea of what these programs are and to enable you to make an informed decision regarding the programs you can select for your child.

Extra Curricular (outside the regular academic curriculum)

Choir

Elementary Choir (fourth through sixth grades) is a performance choir. It is offered once a week after school. Students participate in the ACSI Choral Festival where they are evaluated by a judge and perform with other southern California school choirs. Students audition and perform their own concert at the end of the school year.

Worship Band

Worship Band is offered two to three times a month after school. It is geared toward a contemporary style. Students who play guitar, bass, drums or sing can try out to be on this band each year. It is a small group specifically selected from all those who audition. Instrumentalists must be able to read chord charts and singers must be able to harmonize. This group leads worship in chapel once a month and will also play any other requested venues.

Drama Club

Drama is an after school program for fourth through sixth grade students that meets weekly in the second semester. Students develop performance skills such as stage presence, body mechanics and expression, diction and creative interpretation of dramatic material. The students are encouraged to explore and develop their talents and capabilities through theatre games, exercises and skits. The skits are based on moral and Godly principles. Students then perform at the end of the school year.

Beginning Band

Beginning band is offered one day a week after school. It is offered to children in second through sixth grades. They are taught the basics of the instrument they choose to play as well as note reading,

counting and beginning theory. This opportunity offers the child the experience of learning to play an instrument, as well as learning to play with a group. It helps develop their listening skills and their coordination. This band performs for spring chapels, concerts and other venues. This band prepares the child to move up to the advanced band if they are dedicated to growing their gift.

Advanced Band

Advanced band is offered two days a week before school to children in third through sixth grades. They need to have already played their instrument for one year privately or with a group such as beginning band. In this band the foundations already put in place are grown by playing scales, arpeggios and very challenging music. More difficult theory is presented to this group. This band also participates in ACSI Band Festival and plays for chapels, Christmas and spring concerts and other miscellaneous venues. This award winning group is for the child that is serious about growing in knowledge and technique and that is dedicated to practicing.

Athletic Programs

The prospective student athlete at Grace Brethren School is mentored in the Christian view point on sportsmanship. They are provided a way to grow and develop their skills two to three times a week and have a chance to compete at the highest level of competition at their grade level. Grace Brethren School participates in the highly competitive San Fernando Private School League. This league is composed of southern California private league schools and was established in 1995. Sports are provided for fourth through sixth grades. The boys have the opportunity to play flag football, basketball

and soccer. While the girls can chose to participate in basketball, soccer and volleyball. Grace Brethren School also has an intramural basketball league for both girls and boys in the spring, grades third through sixth.

Golf and Tennis

This is a unique program that is for beginner and junior players. The emphasis is on the importance of fun in learning while preparing the students for the discipline and dedication that is so important to the game. Safety is paramount in the design of lesson plans and the quality of equipment.

Drill Team

This program is for girls in third through sixth grade. This program trains them in performing basic marching and choreographed routines. The team performs in school events at the elementary and high school campuses, as well as in the local community.

Powerline Remedial Reading Program

This program is a versatile program used to develop a students' comprehension and writing skills. The program helps strengthen both auditory and visual memory and processing skills. With the small student to teacher ratio and with classes four days a week, the student receives the reinforcement needed for success.

Summer School

We offer students a six-week intensive summer school program for first through sixth grade. The curriculum is designed to sharpen academic skills, and is tailor-made to meet the needs of the individual student. With a student/teacher ratio of eight-to-one, this enables students to maximize progress and mastery of concepts.

Science And Math Club (SAM Club)

This is an enrichment program for those who excel in school and need an additional challenge along with their regular school work. It is a weekly after school program for students where students are selected based on academic criteria. The program is meant to challenge and allow students to probe into areas that are not covered in regular classes. It will cover a variety of science topics and develop the students thirst for knowledge.

Camp Champion and Holiday Camp

Grace Brethren School offers two types of camps for students. The camps provide opportunities to take part in age-appropriate, engaging activities with friends. The activities are seasonally relevant and can include

trips to swimming pools, beaches and other water activities. The camp day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Extended care is available from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. and from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Camp Champion includes three four-week sessions, each with a variety of programs, running from mid-June through the third week of August. Holiday Camp is offered during Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Extended Care

Grace Brethren School is pleased to provide an extended care program for our students. This program is offered at an additional cost to the parents. We open at 6:30 a.m., and close at 6:00 p.m. to accommodate our working parents.

Extended care is a well organized and well supervised place to leave your children while you are at work. Our entire staff has training and experience in working with children. While your student is in extended care they can take part in many exciting activities including organized crafts, group games, board games, movies, playground time and much more! We also have a study hall program in the afternoon where students can complete their homework. Snacks are included and provided in the afternoon.

Student Council

Student Council is a representative structure for students only and plays an important role at GBES. The student council helps share students' ideas, interests and concerns by working in partnership with school administrators, staff and parents to benefit the school and its students. They often help raise funds for school-wide and community projects and social events. Being involved with Student Council will help students become responsible and active members of the community. Students in grade 3 through 6 may participate.

Spanish

This 8 week program is specifically designed for beginning Spanish language learners. Half-hour classes are available after school once a week. We emphasize the importance of learning a new language in a fun environment. Students learn words and associate those words to pictures. They will also learn conversational Spanish as well. The class follows a curriculum and is available for students in K2 through 6th grade. It is never too late or too early to start learning a second language. These classes will be taught multiple times during the school year.