

GRANDE RONDE ACADEMY

Established 2001



Parent-Student Handbook 2011-2012

Grande Ronde Academy

Christ-Centered ~ Academic Excellence ~ Character Building



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Parent-Student Handbook
and Application Forms for the
2011-2012 Academic Year

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*Developing the whole child for the Glory of God
Colossians 2:7*

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Welcome

Grande Ronde Academy, *Biblically Based, Striving for Academic Excellence and Character Building*, offers a Christ-centered educational environment for your children. We are encouraged by God's blessings from this past year and are looking forward to the new academic year. Thank you for working together with us and expecting God's blessing on the upcoming school year.

Core Documents

Mission Statement

Grande Ronde Academy exists to provide Biblically-based education that challenges students to seek academic excellence and to serve the Lord Jesus Christ with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Educational Philosophy

With the principles of God's Word central to the curriculum, Grande Ronde Academy strives to prepare each student spiritually, academically, physically, socially, and emotionally. Students are challenged to achieve their fullest, God-given potential, using a variety of instructional methods and materials. The school uses an accelerated curriculum aimed at academic excellence and training in Christ-like character.

Grande Ronde Academy is an independent, interdenominational school located in La Grande, Oregon. In Matthew 28:19-20 Christ commissions the church to make disciples or learners who will observe the ways of the Lord. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 is God's commission to parents to teach their children to love and serve Him with their whole heart.

It is, therefore, the purpose of Grande Ronde Academy to assist parents in fulfilling their responsibility under God to train their children to please God, to attain high values and morals, and to take responsibility for their lives and conduct.

Statement of Faith

We believe...

1. In the Bible as the inspired and infallible Word of God. (II Timothy 3:15-17)
2. In one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, Mark 12:29)
3. In the deity of Christ (John 10:33), His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35), His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His vicarious and atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His resurrection (John 11:25, 1 Corinthians 15:4), His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19), and His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:1).
4. In Salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ. (1 John 5:10, Romans 10:13-15)
5. In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit who enables a believer to live a holy life acceptable to God. (Hebrews 12:12-14, 1 Peter 1:15-16)
6. In the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-28)
7. In world evangelization and missionary work in accordance with the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15)

Core Values

1. The Holy Bible, the Word of God, is the only standard from which we derive our values and is taught as truth.
2. All employees, board members, and support organization leaders must be born again Christians who accept and support the Grande Ronde Academy doctrinal and philosophical statements.
3. All employees, board members, and support organization leaders must seek to role model in attitude, speech, and actions a consistent daily walk with Jesus Christ.
4. Every student will be given the opportunity to receive Jesus Christ as Savior, and will be encouraged to devote their lives to Him.
5. We attempt to instill Biblical morals and a Biblical world view in each student and equip them to better serve their local church and community.
6. We will strive to use Biblically based curriculum in every class when possible; others may be used when not in conflict with core values.
7. We will teach the young earth creation model outlined in Genesis chapters 1 through 11.
8. We will maintain an academic program that promotes scholastic excellence.
9. Through a consistent discipline program we strive to maintain a safe learning environment where the value and respect of the individual is upheld.



School Government

Grande Ronde Academy is an independent, board operated school. The board of directors meets monthly to serve as the oversight of the school. They establish policies for operation, oversee facility needs, establish and review the annual budget, plan for growth, participate in staff hiring, and act as the final authority on areas in need of resolution. The administrator/principal reports to the board.

Staff

We currently have an administrator/principal, six full-time teachers, and four part-time teaching assistants who handle duties ranging from lunch/recess duties to leading reading groups and tutoring in all subjects. Additionally on staff, we have an art, music and P.E. specialists. The office staff consists of an administrative assistant.

Affiliations

Grande Ronde Academy is registered as a private school with the Oregon Department of Education. GRA is also a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). ACSI strives to equip Christian educators and schools worldwide to effectively educate children and young people with the mind of Christ. They seek to equip schools for greater effectiveness through the programs and services they offer member schools.



Admissions

Minimum Admission Standards

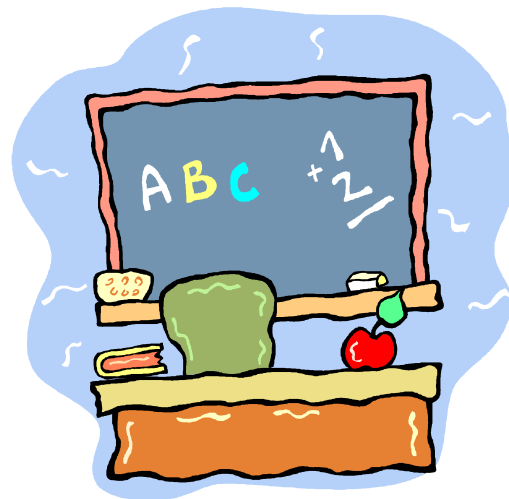
- Placement testing will be required for all new students in grades K-8.
- For pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students, the birthday cut-off day is September 1st.
- Educational records must be reviewed before admission is finalized. Students may be admitted conditionally while awaiting transfer of records.
- *Grande Ronde Academy may be unable to meet the needs of I.E.P. (Individual Education Plan) students or students with serious behavior problems.*

Registration Procedure

- *Make an appointment for an interview and testing.*
- Complete the appropriate forms in the back of this booklet and return them to the school at: Grande Ronde Academy, 507 B Palmer Ave., La Grande, OR 97850.
- Include a check for the appropriate enrollment and fees.
- Sign the request for transfer of records from your child's previous school if your child is transferring from another school to GRA.
- Submit copies of your child's birth certificate and immunization records if your child is new to GRA.

Statement of Non-Discrimination

Grande Ronde Academy admits students of any race, color, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of our educational policies, scholarships, athletics, or any other school administered program.



Medical Information

Included on the application form is a consent section for medical emergencies, as well as, general medical information. This information is very important to the welfare of your child at school. Please be sure that we are aware of any condition which may need special attention.

The State of Oregon requires verification of immunization for admittance to school. An updated Certificate of Immunization is required in each student's file. Any child who has not been immunized will, by law, be released from class until such time as immunizations are complete.

In the event your child becomes ill or sustains an injury which is of an emergency nature, while in care of Grande Ronde Academy, 911 will be called and the child transported to the hospital for care. If the illness or injury is of a less serious nature, GRA personnel will evaluate, treat if necessary (example: cleansing a wound), and notify the parent.

We encourage parents to medicate their children at home whenever possible; however, we understand there are cases requiring medication to be given during the school day. No medication (over-the-counter or prescription) should be in the possession of a student during the school day. It must be kept at the school office.

Before any medication (including cough drops) can be given to a student during school hours, we need written permission from a parent or legal guardian. There are two categories of medication consent forms we will need (filled out and signed) *if you want your child to have medication administered during school hours*:

1. For Doctor/Dentist prescribed medications, as well as, non-prescription medication brought from home (to include cough drops), please fill out the double-sided *Medication Consent Form*.
2. For the unforeseen rare case when a student might need one of the GRA provided medications, please fill out the ***GRA Provided Non-Prescription Medication Form***. Please note, before we give any GRA provided medication, we will need your verbal consent for each instance, as well as, the written consent on file in the office.
3. If options one and two are not needed, please check the opt out box, sign and date the forms and return with your registration forms.

* ***Bring any medication you are providing to the front office yourself; please do not send any medication with your child.***



Insert Immunization Information

Financial Information

Tuition

Grades	First Child	Second Child	Third Child
Kindergarten	\$2,800.00	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00
1st - 5th grades	\$3,500.00	\$2,980.00	\$2,630.00
6th - 8th grades	\$3,800.00	\$3,230.00	\$2,850.00

4th Child: \$2,000.00 per school year

Discounts

Grande Ronde Academy offers families in full time Ministry a 50% discount.

Administrative and Registration Fees

Grades	Administrative Fee (due March 15th for Returning & New families)	Returning Students Registration Fee Per Student (must be paid by March 15th)	New Student Fee (payable upon acceptance)
K-4 & Kindergarten	\$150.00 per family*	\$ 100.00*	\$150.00**
1st - 5th grades	\$150.00 per family*	\$ 100.00*	\$150.00**
6th - 8th grades	\$150.00 per family*	\$ 100.00*	\$150.00**

* The above fees are Non-Refundable and will reserve your student's place in class.

**Returning students who re-enroll after the March 15th, 2011 deadline, will pay the New student application fee of \$150 each, and be accepted on a space-available basis only.

Book Fee

Lost or damaged books will be charged to your account.

Scholarships

FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment will be conducting a financial need analysis for all GRA parent applicants due by the end of September 2011. Please contact the GRA office for further information. Applications will be submitted on-line, if you need a computer to apply, we have a designated parent computer for use in the office by appointment. The FACTS assistance program allows you to enter your information with complete confidentiality. Please see <http://www.factsmgt.com> for more information.

2011-2012 Tuition Plans Available

Plan A:

Payment in Full by August 1, 2011 for a 3% discount

Plan B:

10-month payment schedule starting July 1st, ending April 1st.

Tuition payments, which FACTS Tuition Management withdraws from your account, due on the 5th or the 15th. For more information regarding the FACTS Tuition Management program, please contact the Grande Ronde Academy office.

Plan C:

12-month payment schedule starting June 1st, ending May 1st

Tuition payments, which FACTS Tuition Management withdraws from your account, due on the 5th or the 15th. For more information regarding the FACTS Tuition Management program, please contact the Grande Ronde Academy office.

Plan D:

10-month payment plan, beginning July 1st-April 1st paid by check or credit card, due on the 1st of each month.* A \$25.00 *per* student late fee will be assessed for any payments received after the 15th of each month.

*A yearly bookkeeping fee of \$45 is charged for this plan.

These tuition costs include Books and Materials, although there may be small field trip fees and athletic insurance for team sports fees.

Withdrawal Policies

Tuition reimbursement is only available on the following terms: Upon receipt of your enrollment Agreement and acceptance of your student, GRA recognizes your commitment to the school year.

No registration or administrative fees are refundable. The first two months of tuition, payments, due July 1st and August 1st are not refundable. The tuition payments due September 1st through May 1st are refundable ONLY if the student does not attend any part of that month.

Note: Tuition payments are a commitment between the family and the school, Teachers' salaries and school operating expenses are paid through tuition as GRA is a non-profit organization. Tuition payments cover 70% of the school's operating expenses, while 30% is covered through donations.

The School Day

School Hours

5 year old Kindergarten	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Monday - Friday
Grades 1-8	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Monday - Friday

Snack

Students are welcome to bring their own snack on a daily basis if they would like one. They have time at the beginning of morning recess for a simple, quick snack.

Lunch

We are a cold lunch school. Please have your child bring a sack lunch each day.

Note: There is no refrigerator or microwave available for student use.

Hot lunch is available on Fridays. We utilize a punch card system for hot lunch payment. The punch cards are \$12.50 each and are available at the front office. The cost per hot lunch is \$2.50.

Absences

Because regular attendance is crucial to optimal learning, absences should be kept to a minimum. Class work will need to be made up for absences. The student will be given two days to make up the work for each day he/she was absent. **When your child will be absent, please call the school office by 8:30 a.m. If we do not receive a call, we will call you to check on the status of your child.**

Tardiness

School starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. Punctuality is very important to the classroom. Tardiness not only disrupts the classroom, but also shows a lack of courtesy to the teacher and to the other students. Please teach your child the importance of being on time by making this a priority. Tardiness will be noted with a letter home to parents after the third tardy. Other consequences may be used to help our students understand the importance of timeliness.

Illness/Injury

In the event a student is injured or becomes ill at school, you will be called immediately.

Conditions under which a child may not attend or may be sent home from school include:

1. Fever of 100 or higher
2. Vomiting
3. Diarrhea
4. Communicable disease
5. Head Lice
6. Any rash with or without a fever
7. Jaundice (yellow color to skin or eyes)
8. Serious or sustained cough
9. Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
10. Any other condition which requires more care than the staff can safely or adequately provide.

Red Tickets

GRA utilizes “red tickets” in a school-wide program to recognize positive behavior. Any of the staff who “catches” a student (or whole class) going above and beyond the expected behavior will give a red ticket to that student (or class). The tickets are added to the classroom container, and when an agreed upon number is reached there will be a class reward. Individual drawings are also held from the ticket container.

Drop off and Pick up

Please have your child to the front school entrance between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. We use drive up pick-up lines each day at 3:00 p.m. for you to pick up your child from school. If your student is to ride with someone else, please send a note in the morning or call the office. If you are picking up your student early, you will need to sign out with the office prior to leaving the school. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe and accounted for.

Parents in the classroom

We encourage parents to visit the classroom. Please observe in a way that does not disrupt the learning environment. Because we value the instruction time, we ask that you make specific appointments to conference with the teacher. Please do not take class time to discuss concerns. The teacher will be available after school to visit with you. We request that you not make classroom visits during the first two weeks of school so that the teacher may establish class routines and expectations.

School Closure

Grande Ronde Academy is able to operate when many public schools are not. Please listen to the radio for weather cancellations (98.7 – KUBE, 104.7 – KCMB, 1450 AM – KLBM). You may check out GRA’s Facebook page as well as our website: www.granderondeacademy.org for weather cancellations. We will also call parents between 6:45 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. if there is a closure or a late start.

Emergency Plan

Fire and earthquake drills are conducted throughout the school year. Students are directed to leave the building by specific routes with the supervising staff. In case of a power outage, students will normally remain in their classrooms for the remainder of the day. Your child’s welfare is of the utmost importance to us; you will be notified any time a situation arises in which your child’s safety is in question.

Information Updates

Be sure to advise the school when your personal information changes. We need to keep accurate records including your address, home and cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses, or your emergency contact people and their information. This is important should an emergency situation arise during the school day.

Student Behavior and Responsibilities

The school emphasizes developing godly character in children. We expect students to take responsibility for their behavior by making decisions that honor the Lord, their parents, and each other. We look to Jesus and God's Word for our example in setting standards and expectations for student behavior.

Five School Rules

1. Respect everyone and their property
2. Keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times
3. Use appropriate language
4. Follow directions all the time
5. Be prepared

Attitude

Students are expected to demonstrate an attitude of mutual respect in all relationships. "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5:21

- Student to student
- Student to adult

Language

Students are expected to use edifying language.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Ephesians 4:29

We encourage:

- Problem solving
- Constructive criticism

We prohibit:

- Degrading language; oral or written
- Swearing or other forms of "foul" language
- Name calling and teasing
- Destructive criticism
- Use of obscene gestures
- Crude joking

Safety

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a safe manner.

- Physical safety: no pushing, shoving, or rough play. No unnecessary risks.
- Emotional safety: no intimidation, name calling, degrading talk, teasing, or exclusion of others from participation.
- Facility safety: maintain an orderly, clean environment; personal property will be well-cared for and will not create an unnecessary temptation to others. Do not damage or deface school property. Students will be held responsible for replacement or repair of damaged property.

Dress Code

We believe that appearance and performance of work are related attributes. We also recognize the subjective nature of determining acceptable standards for clothing and appearance. It is necessary for GRA to set standards of dress in order that the attire of students reinforces a Christian testimony in the school and community. GRA does not have a specified uniform for students. We seek to advance the concepts of modesty and tasteful dress styles. All clothing must be in good condition, modest, and honoring to the Lord. The dress code is for all school days and school sponsored events (i.e. school programs or other events).

- Clothing should be appropriate for the function and the occasion (i.e. PE days, cold weather [children will go outside at temperatures below freezing], daily outdoor recess, etc.) and not a distraction to any student's education.
- Hats are not acceptable in the building.
- Clothing must not display any words or images that are offensive to Christian values and teaching.
- Unacceptable clothing:
 - For girls: tank tops, clothing that reveals undergarments, bare midriffs, off-the-shoulder tops, suggestive clothing, or short skirts and dresses. Dresses must follow the same guidelines as tops. The hemlines of a dress, skirt, or shorts are not to be more than one "credit card length" from the top of the knee when standing or sitting regardless of any leggings, tights, etc. that may be worn with the outfit.
 - For boys: sleeveless shirts, oversized clothing, or short-shorts.
 - All clothing must be in good repair.
- Shoes: wear appropriate shoes for playing outside, preferably tennis shoes. Flip-flops are not to be worn to school. Sandals must have a heel strap for playground safety.
- Make-up and Jewelry: girls in grades 6-8 may wear make-up in moderation. For safety precautions, only stud earrings may be worn at any time, including PE. All jewelry brought to school is the responsibility of the student. When not worn, jewelry must be stored in the student's backpack.
- Hair must be clean and neat. No hairstyle will be permitted that is a distraction to other students or the education process unless it is part of the teacher's education plan.
- For cold weather outdoor play in the snow, students need snow pants, mittens or gloves, a warm coat, hat, and boots that can be put on and removed by the child.

Electronic Equipment

Any student bringing any electronic equipment (cell phones, CD players, gaming devices, music devices, etc.) to school will deposit it with his/her teacher upon arrival. It will be the student's responsibility to retrieve it at the end of the day. Parents, wishing to call their child during the day regarding an emergency or to pass along other information, should call the office. The office will then send a note to the student. The office phone is available for student use.

Food, Gum and Personal Items

- Gum is not allowed at school.
- Most toys should stay at home (exceptions are made for "show & tell" in the classroom on a day scheduled by the teacher). The school will not be responsible for any lost, stolen, broken, or misplaced toys. **Bring at your own risk.**
- Generally, no animals are allowed in the school buildings; however, you may make arrangements with your child's teacher to bring an animal for show & tell.

Consequences/Discipline

The classroom teacher will handle most discipline within the room. Teachers are expected to relate to the students in a positive, respectful manner. They will maintain a Christ-centered, orderly learning environment where students take responsibility for their actions. If a child's attitude or behavior escalates to the point where classroom intervention is not adequate, he/she will be referred to the office. We use a discipline program called Conducting Conduct and strive to be consistent throughout the whole school. Conducting Conduct is a series of non-verbal hand signals used for gaining attention, warning a student about their behavior, giving a second warning to students in 3rd grade and younger, and time outs if they do not heed the warnings. Please see the pictures below.

Classroom intervention may include:

- Non-verbal warnings (hand signals)
- Time out in another classroom
- Loss of recess time
- After school detention
- Other consequences appropriate to the infraction

Office intervention may include:

- Time out and visit with office staff or administrator
- Office referrals often result in a phone call to the parents
- Loss of recess for a prescribed number of days
- After school detention
- In-school suspension
- Out-of-school suspension
- Expulsion (only if all other avenues have failed)

In the event of a suspension, a meeting with the parents, child, teacher, and administrator will be required before the child may re-enter the classroom. **Parental support is a crucial element in discipline, as well as, all other aspects of your child's education. Please discuss any concerns you may have with the classroom teacher.**



STOP



ATTENTION



1ST WARNING



2ND WARNING



TIME OUT

Student Progress and Assessment

Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled twice each year (fall and spring); however, parents are encouraged to request a conference any time there are questions or concerns about their child. Parents are an important part of the child's education; your participation insures your child's success at school.

Grading

Report cards are issued three times a year in grades K-8. These reports will record the student's progress academically and socially. They will indicate whether a child is working above, at, or below grade level in each area of assessment. Effort and attitude are also reported on the card. Progress reports are also issued in the middle of the first and last trimester.

Assessment

Tests, quizzes, assignments, and homework are the primary methods used by teachers to assess student progress. Achievement testing in the spring is also taken into consideration.

Our grading policy is as follows:

- Kindergarten will use E, S, I, N.*
- 1st-3rd grade will use letter grades in Reading, Math, Spelling, and Phonics. All other academic areas will use E, S, I, N.*
- 4th-8th grade will use letter grades in all subjects except Penmanship which will use E, S, I, N.*

Grading Scale:

93%-100%=A	83%-86%=B	73%-76%=C	63%-66%=D
90%-92%=A-	80%-82%=B-	70%-72%=C-	60%-62%=D-
87%-89%=B+	77%-79%=C+	67%-69%=D+	59% and below=F

* E	Excellent
S	Satisfactory
I	Improving
N	Needs Improvement

Homework

Homework may include daily reading for all grade levels, studying for tests, and any unfinished assignments. Special projects may also be assigned as homework occasionally. Homework should be approximately 10 minutes per grade level per day. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding homework.



Curriculum

- Basic Ed.: Our core curriculum materials are from A Beka Book including reading, math, spelling, phonics, writing, social studies, and science.
- Bible: Bible lessons are taught daily in every classroom using ACSI curriculum, with an emphasis on godly character development in all grades.
- Chapel: Chapel services, like a mini church service, are held weekly for grades K-8.
- Field Trips: A few field trips are scheduled throughout the year to provide students with the opportunity to learn outside the classroom.
- Music: Music is taught weekly and includes theory, singing, and exposure to instruments. We also have additional music around our Christmas and Spring Programs.
- P.E.: P.E. is offered twice per week for grades K-8.
- Art: Art is offered once a week for grades K-8.

Promotion/Retention

The success of each child is very important to the staff of Grande Ronde Academy. We will continually work to implement the most effective methods to insure that your child progresses satisfactorily.

If at any time, the teacher or parent has a concern the child is not making satisfactory progress, a plan for improvement will be developed. If retention is a consideration, a prescribed process will be followed so that the child's best interest is served. Please note, the school does not advocate social promotion, but rather considers the development of the whole child when making the decision to promote or retain. The decision to retain a student will be made with the parent, teacher, and administrator after careful evaluation.

Standardized Tests

Standardized tests are administered each spring to students in grades K-8. We are currently using the Stanford Achievement Test; a standardized test covering several academic areas. The school uses these scores to determine the effectiveness of our curriculum, to determine the best educational level for our students, and to improve the quality of instruction.

Other Testing and Evaluation

On occasion, a teacher may recommend a student be tested by the school district to evaluate certain strengths and weaknesses. These tests frequently uncover hearing or vision problems that may be affecting the student's progress in the classroom. We also may be able to determine a better way to present material to your child. Parents must sign a permission form to have a child evaluated and will be involved in every part of the process.

Learning Disabilities Policy*

Definitions:

- Severe Learning Disability: Any condition in a potential student which would require a separate classroom, program, and staff in order to provide the educational services desired by the parents (e.g. Down's syndrome, deaf/mute, blind).
- Learning Disability: Any condition in a potential (or current) student which does not require a separate classroom, program, and staff in order to provide the educational services desired by the parents (e.g. hyperactivity, attention deficit syndrome, dyslexia).

Guidelines:

1. Children with a severe learning disability will not be admitted to Grande Ronde Academy due to the lack of adequate staff, funding, and facilities.
2. Children who have been diagnosed as having a learning disability will be required to meet the same academic standards as all the other children in their level.
3. Children who have been diagnosed as having a learning disability will be given as much individual instruction and encouragement as their classmates.

* Individual needs will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

GRA Parent Support Program!

HERE ARE THE FACTS



Fundraisers help keep our tuition costs low.

Tuition covers approximately 70% of the school's monthly finances.

Lower tuition makes quality education affordable for everyone.

Fundraising is necessary at a Christian school to cover the other 30%.



Volunteering !

To minimize school operation costs, we have limited paid staff. For each fundraiser and school function to flow smoothly, parent involvement is necessary for success. This also lightens the load so that all families have volunteer opportunities.

It is ideal that each family serve 15 hours per year of volunteer time.

That's Only
1.6 hrs a
month!

HOW WE SUPPORT GRA



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Fund-raisers and Special Events that bring monies into the school in addition to tuition.



STUDENT SUPPORT

Classroom Helpers and helping at school parties.



SCHOOL SUPPORT

Special Events that require parent involvement.



TEACHER SUPPORT

Encouragement of our teachers.



GRA is a great school because of **YOUR** continued support and commitment to our students!

Parent Communication and Information

Your participation is a vital part in the operation of Grande Ronde Academy. Some significant ways parents can participate:

- Pray regularly for your children, the Academy, and the teachers.
- Review on a daily basis any written communications from the school, homework and completed materials, calendars, and newsletters that your child(ren) bring home. Check their backpack!
- We use a Tuesday Packet system for sending home student work, school communications, necessary sign up sheets, or other information. Every Tuesday a packet will come home with each student containing their class work from the previous week and information for the next week. All school communication not related to the individual student will be sent home in the youngest child's packet for each family (fundraising flyers, newsletters, school calendar, etc.). Please take time to read the information to stay informed about your child's progress and the events taking place for the school.
- Discuss any concerns you may have with your child's teacher first or the teaching assistant who was in charge at the time (i.e. recess monitor). If you still have concerns, please talk to the administrator.
- Some important events parents should plan to attend include Back to School night at the beginning of the school year, registration opening for the next school year, the annual parent meeting in February, and parent teacher conferences.

Fundraisers

Fundraisers are an ongoing part of helping keep your tuition low. Parent and student participation is necessary to make them successful. The major fundraisers we do each school year are listed below.

- Fall Round-Up- in early November
- Spring Fundraiser– a jog-a-thon or hoop-a-thon
- Various bake sales or book fair throughout the year
- Use of gift card purchases through SCRIPZONE
- Use of the eScrip Program - locally available through Safeway
- Use of Albertson's community partners
- Collection of Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup labels and ink jet cartridges

Please plan to be an active participant in your school by being available to help with fundraising efforts and by helping your child be successful during the selling campaigns each fall and spring.

Thank you for your involvement in Grande Ronde Academy!