IN STEP

studio news from maranatha









Our Core Values:

We Strive to Inspire Character in our Students

This month, we're focusing on another of our Core Values: **inspiring character in our students**. At Maranatha, we are committed to challenging, teaching, and equipping students in ways that both inspire character and encourage passion. We believe dance has lasting value because dance lessons are life lessons. Through dance, students have opportunities to develop perseverance, humility, discipline, respect, and courage, virtues that reach far beyond the studio walls. Our teachers are dedicated to creating an environment where in-class discipleship and training in God's Word can flourish, helping each student grow not only as a dancer but also as a person of strong character and faith.

--Andrew & Amy, Studio Directors



Discipleship Corner

The Great Adventure

JAMI B.

November: Flashlight/Lantern
Theme: God is with us in the dark
Big Truth: We do not need to be afraid. Adventures can sometimes feel a little scary... especially in the dark! Just like a lantern lights up a dark trail, God's presence brings comfort and peace when things feel uncertain or frightening. This month, we're reminding kids that they never have to be afraid because God is right there with them.
Key Phrase: "God is with me when I'm afraid!"
Memory Verse: "Do not fear, for I am with you." — Isaiah 41:10

Meet Our Staff



Children's Dance Instructor

Jessah R.

Jessah has been a part of the Maranatha family since she was 9 years old. In the summer of 2024, she took some time away to get married and start a family. Being a wife and mother is her greatest joy. In her free moments she enjoys reading, spending time outside, and cooking/baking. Jessah felt the Lord calling her back to teach and now leads our Tiny Tutus, Ballet Kids and Primary Ballet classes. She is so happy to be back at Maranatha and is so excited for what the Lord has in store for her.



Costume Coordinator

Mandy F.

Mandy is married to Brett, and they have three awesome kids: Brecken, Brighton, and Brooklyn. They love traveling together as a family and even spent three years in an RV touring North America! This is her second year on staff but her girls have been dancing at Maranatha for almost 15 years. In her free time she loves to read, spend time outside, and try to keep plants alive!

Studio Calendar

Nov. 5 - Costume Fees Charged
Nov. 6 - Costume Measurement Forms Due
Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day - Studio Open
Nov. 13-15 - Dance Revolution in Orlando
Nov. 16-19 - Fun Week: Notes of Thankfulness
Nov. 23-27 - Thanksgiving Break*
Dec. 6 - Momentum at CCF Christmas Village
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1 - Christmas Break*
Jan. 18 - MLK Jr. Day - Studio Open
Feb. 15 - President's Day - Studio Open
Feb. 25 - Recital Fee Charged

***Studio Closed, No Classes**



Preschool & Children's Dance Program

ALICIA W.

Our next dance concept is DIRECTIONS! As dancers explore moving forward, backward, up, down, left, and right, they strengthen their balance, coordination, and spatial awareness. Practicing movement in different directions also helps dancers build confidence, challenge their bodies in new ways, and develop strength and control on both sides. These important skills lay the foundation for learning choreography, navigating formations, and moving confidently throughout the dance space!

Fun Week to Focus on Thankfulness & Gratitude

It's time for one of our favorite fun weeks: **"Notes of Thankfulness"** week. During the **week of Nov. 16**, our dancers will take a few moments at the end of class to reflect on the meaning of thankfulness and share the people, places, and blessings they are grateful for. Each dancer will have the opportunity to write down or draw what they're thankful for as we celebrate the joy of having a grateful heart!



Let's Get Recital Ready: Save the Date!

Children's & Leveled Recitals | Saturday, May 22 at Christian Life Fellowship



Submit Your Dancer's Costume Measurements

As we prepare for our recitals later in the dance season, it's time to start thinking about costumes! Each dancer's costume is unique to their performance, and taking accurate measurements helps ensure a perfect fit. We recently texted and emailed a **Costume Measurement Form** that includes an instructional video. If you have any questions, please see one of our friendly front desk staff. We can't wait to see our students shine in costumes that reflect our values, build confidence, and celebrate all of their hard work on stage!

Click here for costume measurement form:
https://forms.gle/osJtrGtCmqFxtmtn8

Nov. 5: Costume Fees Autocharge | Nov. 6: Measurement Forms Due

DANCE WITH ME is a unique class designed for **little ones ages 1 to 3** and their caregivers to dance, laugh, and make lasting memories together! Through movement activities and music, this class encourages bonding, creativity, and joy. This non-recital class is perfect for young dancers who aren't quite ready to dance alone. We still have space for our little dancers and their caregivers in the following classes:

Mondays: 5-5:30 PM | Wednesdays: 9:30-10 AM or 10:15-10:45 AM or 5:25-5:55 PM

Register here: maranathadance.com



Leveled & Teen Dance Program

MS. AMY

The Gift of Correction

No dancer loves hearing, “Try that again,” but correction is actually one of the greatest gifts a teacher can give. When a teacher corrects your posture, points out an alignment issue, or asks you to change the way you are executing a step, it doesn’t mean you are doing a bad job. It means your teacher sees potential in you and wants to help you grow. Learning to receive correction with a good attitude is an important part of becoming a strong dancer. Instead of thinking, “I must be doing everything wrong,” try thinking, “My teacher is helping me become better.” Sometimes correction can be hard to hear, especially when we feel like we’ve already worked hard. But humility and teachability will take a dancer much farther than talent alone. The next time your teacher gives you a correction, pause, listen, thank them, and try it again. You may discover that the correction that challenged you today becomes the skill you are most proud of tomorrow.

Momentum Company in our Community

Maranatha’s **Momentum Company and MCREW** dancers had a great time performing their dances for the first time this season at the North Fort Myers Fall Festival. Check out our recap with photos and videos through the following link: **FallFest**



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, Dec. 6. Momentum Company at Cape Christian Fellowship Christmas Village



November Birthdays

Ellianna M
Haley V
Lili W
Jonah G
Jake K
Amilia Z
Amy M
Peyton K
Elia M
Ariela F
Celine L
Melissa G
Amy Y
Bennett S
Daniel M
Parker H
Dinah C
Meghan G
Leah R
Taylor L
Charlie I
Gilbert A
Sophia H
Ariella O
Isabelle B
Emma M
Ryleigh P
Tutela M
Mia H
Ariyah O
Elliotte S
Genevieve G

Sneak Peek Week Takes a Break

In November, we’ll be taking a break from **Sneak Peek Week** as we celebrate Thanksgiving. We are so thankful for our wonderful dance families and the joy you bring to our studio!

Burkina Faso School Update



School is back in session at the Love Does School in Burkina Faso!

Students were welcomed back to start the new school year on Oct 1st. The school now serves 301 students, including 24 in preschool, 207 in primary school, and 70 in secondary school, with enrollment continuing to grow! A dedicated team of 34 teachers and staff works hard to provide quality education despite ongoing economic and security challenges.

During the school holidays, students participated in extra academic classes to strengthen their skills and prepare for the new school year. They also had the exciting opportunity to explore music through introductory lessons in guitar, piano, drums, traditional tam-tam, and vocal training!

These creative experiences allow students to discover new talents, build confidence, and express themselves beyond the classroom. We are grateful to see the school continuing to grow and provide opportunities that enrich the lives of these children!

At Maranatha, a portion of every student's tuition helps support the school. As you begin to think about your family's year end giving, we would love for you to consider supporting the school or one of Love Does' other projects that care for children who live in some of the most difficult places in the world.

DONATE ♥

Love Does has been fighting for human rights, caring for the vulnerable and providing education in conflict zones since 2002.

School Medical Clinic



Thanks to the generous support of one of our studio families, construction has begun on a medical clinic that will soon serve the students and staff of the school!



For more information about the Burkina Faso school, visit www.maranathadance.com/burkinafaso