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**Flamenco Dance Classes**  
**Fall 2010 Session**

**What is Flamenco?** (from Wikipedia)

Flamenco refers to both the Spanish musical genre and the impassioned style of dance that is part of the culture of Spain. Flamenco dance is characterized by its powerful yet graceful execution, as well as its intricate hand and footwork.

**About Maestra "Carmela"**

Originally from Spain, Maestra "Carmela" came to Culver City to teach in the Spanish Immersion program at El Marino Language School. Although she now teaches Spanish at Culver City High School, she returns each year to El Marino to teach Flamenco Dance.

**Dates and Times:**

A Fall and Spring session are offered. The Fall session will begin on September 21st for Flamenco 1 & 2 and the 23rd for Flamenco 3, both ending on December 7th (No class on November 9th, 11th, 23rd & 25th). Class meets every Tuesday for Flamenco 1 & 2 and every Thursday for Flamenco 3 afterschool. The Fall session will meet for 10 classes and each class is 40-50 minutes long. Students are encouraged to continue Flamenco in the Spring. Spring session will begin on January 4th for Flamenco 1 & 2 and the 6th for Flamenco 3\*. Spring session will meet for 16 classes. Spring session enrollment forms will be sent home with students at the end of the Fall session. \*Spring session class schedule may change.

**About the classes:**

Flamenco 1, 2 and 3 are taught each session. Flamenco 1 is for first-time students. Flamenco 2 is for students who have completed one year of Flamenco (Fall and Spring sessions) or for teacher recommendation and Flamenco 3 is for adults and students who have completed two years of Flamenco class or for teacher recommendation.

**Where are the classes held?**

The classes are held in the Cafetorium. Parents are welcome to stay and watch, but are asked to keep talking to a minimum out of respect for the instructor.

**How will my younger child get to class from afterschool care?**

The students will be pick-up from aftercare programs at El Marino and bring them to Flamenco Class. At the end of the class, students will be escorted back to their aftercare programs.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with Flamenco 1 y 2.

**Will my child perform?**

All three Flamenco classes will get the opportunity to perform at school assemblies, Culver City Lighting Tree, Children's Day, and at an authentic Feria Sevillana that celebrates the culture of Spain and, of course, Flamenco. We will also have a recital and potluck on the last day of class.

**How much does it cost?**

The fee for Fall Session (10 classes) is \$12.00 per class; a total of \$120.00 and 20% discount now extended to siblings- courtesy of **A.L.L.E.M.** Checks should be made out to **A.L.L.E.M.** YOU MUST BE AN A.L.L.E.M. MEMBER TO ENROLL. (Membership is \$15.00) To enroll in the class, please complete the attached form and place it in the envelope marked **FLAMENCO** in the school office or mail to **A.L.L.E.M.**, P.O. Box 5532, Culver City, CA 90231.

**What will my child need?**

Girls will need shoes with a heel, a long, full skirt and a fan. Other accessories include a hair comb, shawl, earrings, and a flower for the hair. (Maestra "Carmela" has these items, excluding shoes and skirts, available for sale.) Boys will need shoes with a low heel, vest and a black hat. For new students, you can buy a pair of inexpensive black shoes with a heel (Payless or Target). Parents often network and get hand-me-downs from other students. If any of you can sew and would be interested in sewing skirts for the girls, please let us know!

**Where do I find Flamenco Shoes, Skirts & accessories?**

The following stores carry Flamenco accessories:

Selle's Dance and Costume Wear at 2089 Westwood Blvd.  
Danny's Warehouse at 5701 West Adams Blvd. 1-800-552-5385.  
The Dance Store at 1446 S. Robertson Ave., (310) 271-3664

**Can I learn more about Flamenco?**

Yes! Last year we produced an instructional DVD so that students can practice at home. Maestra "Carmela" performs dances from Flamenco 1, 2 & 3, and talks about the origins of each dance. A CD of the music from class is included. This DVD/CD box set sells for \$15.00 and all proceeds go to **A.L.L.E.M.** (Available at class)

**Flamenco Coordinators:** Jenny Manriquez at (310) 291-9944 or Ines Benitez (323) 496-4174.

**SIGN ME UP NOW**  
**Flamenco Puro Dance Class Fall 2010 Enrollment Form**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Is child in after care? Yes or No If yes, which room? \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check appropriate class:  
Flamenco 1 (beginner) Tuesday, 3:30 - 4:05  
Flamenco 2 (intermediate- at least 1 full year or teacher approval)  
Tuesday, 4:10 - 5:00  
Flamenco 3 (advanced- at least 2 yrs., teacher approval or adult student)  
Thursday, 3:20 - 4:10  
**A.L.L.E.M. Member 2010-2011?** Yes No (if no, please add \$15.00 membership to your total)  
Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_