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Back to School!

Barrington Chinese Immersion Council - August 2021

A Note from our new BCIC President - Jay Murphy!

Ni hao Chinese Immersion families! The Barrington Chinese Immersion Council (BCIC) welcomes returning students and their families back to school, and welcomes new participants to the program! The Chinese Immersion (CI) program started over 10 years ago, and now our first class is entering their junior year of High School. During this time, BCIC has been here to support the program by offering resources to educators, community outreach, and hosting social and cultural opportunities for CI students and their families.



We look forward to the new school year, and seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Keep an eye out for announcements of future events, and please feel free to join our open BCIC Board meetings to stay involved. On behalf of the leaders of BCIC,

Jay Murphy

Barrington Chinese Immersion Council Board President

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About BCIC

The Barrington Chinese Immersion Council (BCIC) was founded in 2014 by a group of parents from the original cohort that started at Barbara Rose Elementary School in 2011. Over the years we had observed and then acted upon a need to advocate for our program on several fronts: in the classrooms and at cohort schools, at district board meetings and in our neighborhoods. Much like a traditional PTO/PTA, our intention is to support the students, teachers, administrators and parents that are a part of the immersion community.

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which is why some of our events are open to the entire community.



Here's What's Going on at the Moment . . .



Ice Cream Social for Incoming Kindy CI kids

At the start of each school year, BCIC likes to organize a meet-and-greet among incoming Chinese Immersion kindergarteners. Stay tuned for more info where will have everyone meet up at Ice Cream Social and Cook Street Coffee. Their addresses are both 100 East Station Street in Downtown Barrington. The buildings are directly next door to each other (they just have different suite numbers).

It will be sure to be a great and memorable event!



Help Build our Homecoming Parade Float

Especially for all families new to Chinese Immersion, you have GOT to check out Barrington's Homecoming Parade! It will be held on Saturday, October 2 and travels through Main Street in downtown Barrington.

Better yet, how would you like to PARTICIPATE in the parade as part of the Chinese Immersion organization? We've built several amazing floats in years past, and are looking to continue our first place winning streak!

Our float building entails a good bit of coordination, design work, and of course the actual building of it! If you have any interest in being a part of this super-fun initiative, please contact Jay Murphy at gerald_murphy30@hotmail.com.

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So save October 2 in your calendars, and keep a lookout for advance notices!



Gifts for our CI Teachers

We wanted to recognize the Chinese Immersion teachers for all their hard work and dedication through the crazy COVID school year. It certainly isn't easy teaching kids a foreign language via Zoom every day, teaching all the nuances of pronunciation and other techniques.

With that said, what BCIC did was provide each CI teacher with an abundance of requested Chinese books for their class libraries.

About 120 books were passed out to our teachers from Kindergarten through high school! The intent is for the books to be incorporated into the grades' class libraries.



Speaking of Books . . .

In years past, most Chinese books were located in the school libraries of Rose, North Barrington, Countryside, and Station. The books are of high quality, but many times the Chinese book area is "hidden", therefore they tend to not receive much use among the CI students. In the latter part of the 2020-21 school year, a movement was started to accumulate Chinese books, with the intent of them being allocated as part of each grades' classrooms. By having the books reside within the classrooms, our hope is to enable the

books to become a greater top of mind for the students.

As kids grow, so do their reading levels. Does your family have any Chinese books no longer used by your children? If so, provide them to your child(ren)'s CI teacher. They will get allocated to the appropriate grade.

Thanks for donating your Chinese books!

Fall Class Schedule Available for Xilin Northwest Chinese School

Are you familiar with Xilin Northwest, a non-profit organization with classes in Hoffman Estates? Xilin School serves children in grades Kindergarten through 10th grade, and they offer adult classes too! Their Fall session classes are on Sundays and run from August 29 through December 19.



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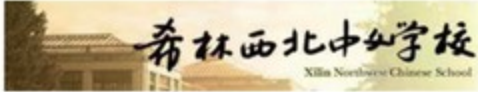
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What a great array of classes to help your child(ren) grow!

Check out all class opportunities on Xilin's website! <http://www.xilinchinese.org/>. Should you have any questions about the program, contact Roger Yang at roger.yang@zilinnorthwest.com.



XILIN NORTHWEST FALL SEMESTER

Time:
Sundays, Aug 29 - Dec 19, 2021

Location:
Conant High School
700 East Cougar Trail, Hoffman Estates, IL 60194
In-person Or Remote Learning

Course Details and Registration



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TEST/CONTEST PREP
(Math Contests, SAT)

MUSIC
(Chorus, Violin, Piano)

BCIC Membership for 2021-22 School Year

The new year brings a call for renewing your membership to BCIC - or becoming a new member, for those new to the Chinese Immersion program. A Family Membership is \$25, and supports the organization in numerous ways. It keeps you up to date on CI happenings across all grades. Funds turn into donations for CI teachers who need items in their class that are specific to Chinese CI learning. BCIC also puts on events and get togethers so we can mingle and get to know each other. We also spend time in the community, especially with senior residents at Greencastle Manor. Sometimes we play BINGO with them and offer small prizes for the winners.

To become a BCIC member, or to renew, visit www.bcic220.org/family-contribution.

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over Kate Baker's role as President is Jay Murphy. Kate will stay with the BCIC Board in a Director role. New on the board is Zimin Mineo, who accepted the appointment as Treasurer. Mary Cook previously was Treasurer and is now a Director of BCIC.

Thanks for the amazing work you have done for BCIC, Kate and Mary!

Jay Murphy - President

Kate Baker - Past President/Director

* Zimin Mineo - Treasurer

Rebecca Patchak - Secretary

Julie Carani - Vice President

Mary Cook - Director

Michelle Chase/O'Connell - Director

Cory Flahaven/Lohmeyer - PR/Newsletter

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* New on the BCIC board. Welcome!

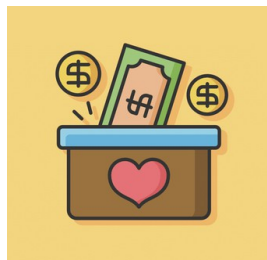
Community Resources for Support

BStrong Together has been created to support parents, children and youth, community members and others impacting the lives of Barrington area children in our shared goal of raising happy, healthy, resilient, and adaptable children capable of successfully navigating the world of today and the future. Website: www.bstrongtogether.org.



Volunteer Opportunities!

We always appreciate your help! We'd welcome any time you can offer for projects at Greencastle, a senior living community in Barrington with many Mandarin speakers. Also, we are looking for people who can help continue fostering



Make a Contribution!

Thanks to all families who have contributed so far to BCIC! Your kind donations help support the requested needs of Chinese Immersion teachers. Still want to contribute for the 2020-21 school year? Simply

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organizations in the

community. For the rest of you
non-Mandarin speaking
parents - there are things you
can help with too. Contact us!

**And don't forget two other
super-simple ways to donate:
designate Barrington Chinese
Immersion Council as your
charity of choice with
smile.amazon.com, as well as
with Heinen's Grocery!**



About Us

Our mission is to advocate for and support the Chinese Immersion Program in District 220, Barrington, Illinois: its families, staff and teachers both in and outside of the classroom with advice, materials and experiences not covered by our tax dollars. We aim to build a strong relationship and sense of community between BCIC, the school district, teachers, staff, participating families and the community at large.

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