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Barrington Chinese Immersion Council - February 2022

Happy New Year to All!

Ni Hao, Chinese Immersion Parents!

We at BCIC are happy to wish you a special upcoming holiday. In the coming days, your children's teachers will be busy preparing for their class Lunar New Year Activities! Year after year, all the teachers do a wonderful job putting their New Year events. Afterwards, they will be posting videos of students at their parties, working on crafts and singing songs.

We'll be sure to pass you a link so you can see all the fun that took place! But in the meantime, there are SO many ways you can help your child(ren) celebrate Lunar New Year outside of class! Below is a compilation of some wonderful ideas, provided mainly by Michelle Chase, BCIC Board member (whose daughter is in 8th grade), and our middle school teacher Mr. Hangxin Yu. Be sure to check them out, and have fun!

And, if you find any other great Lunar New Year events or virtual activities, feel free to share them with us via Facebook, Instagram or Twitter! We'd love to hear what you all are doing to celebrate the year of the Tiger!

虎年大吉 - Wishing you luck in the year of the Tiger!

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Lunar New Year BINGO



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YEAR BINGO



On Saturday, February 12, BCIC is celebrating the Lunar New Year with Mandarin Story Time and Lunar New Year BINGO at the Barrington Area Library, first floor meeting room (both sides A & B). This FREE event is designed for CI students K-3 with parent/caregiver. We will begin with several festive stories and then play a special game of Lunar Year BINGO!

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044bafaa2da5f58-lunar>

We hope to see you there!



Come to PL8 for their Dragon Dinner!

They're having it again! PL8 Restaurant at the Foundry in Barrington will be having their super-fun Lunar New Year dinner on February 20 at 5:00 pm. If you haven't been to their New Year Dinner before, you must come and experience it! At 5:00, they'll put on a show with big drums, a dragon dance, and even fireworks and a bonfire outside (weather permitting). The lion dancers walk through the restaurant and will likely pass by your restaurant booth (and if by chance they don't, you can still get up and crowd around the

booths of your friends!). At the end of the show, the students can take pictures with the lion dancers.

PL8 is located at 736 Northwest Highway and their phone is (847) 382-1988. You can call for your reservation, or make it online at www.opentable.com.



Chinese Lunar New Year in Chicago!



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colorful parades, cultural celebrations, dining specials, shopping offers, and more. Explore some of the top things to do during Chinese New Year in Chicago. Some activities include:

- (Jan. 30) Lunar New Year Kickoff in Chinatown Square, 2:00-3:00 pm
- (Feb. 5) Argyle Lunar New Year Celebration on Argyle and Winthrop in Uptown. Full details at exploreuptown.org
- (Feb. 5) Chinese New Year at Navy Pier. The Aon Grand Ballroom will be transformed into a festive and family-friendly Chinese marketplace, with dance, music, martial arts, and more
- **(Feb. 13) Chinese New Year Parade in Chinatown**

More information on these events can be found at: https://www.choosechicago.com/chicago-chinese-new-year/?fbclid=IwAR14r7CUfm-YHoXCggFUS84B7JUtACCImbT_poYCnkBdCwY2KtX9oy8SIL8

Chinese New Year Online Family Festival - presented by Chinese Institute, New York

(Jan. 29) Experience an interactive cartooning workshop, a New Year read-aloud storytime, and a creative lantern art exercise from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET to welcome and celebrate The Year of the Tiger. Register online- the participation link will be provided in advance- and gather materials to experience our immersive, engaging, cultural activities!

Registration required: <https://www.chinainstitute.org/chinesenewyear2022/#eventbrite-widget-container-239446339447>



Visit the Art Institute to see Wu Zhang's "Flowers of the Four Seasons" 四季花卉图

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Virtual Events and Exhibitions

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art (Kansas City) -- virtual celebration available anytime, includes performances, crafts and activities -- including a Zodiac Animal Art Hunt and a virtual "Lively Creatures in Chinese Art" exhibition. https://nelson-atkins.org/nelson-atkins-at-home/virtual-lunar-new-year-2022/?utm_source=homepage&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=lunar-new-year&utm_content=homepage-square



Also, from the Nelson-Atkins museum, make your own dancing lion puppet (tutorial and download). <https://nelson-atkins.org/nelson-atkins-at-home/virtual-lunar-new-year/lion-dance-activity/>

(Feb. 5) Smithsonian American Art Museum is holding a Virtual New Year Celebration. Enjoy streamed video performances of dances, acrobatics, and yo-yo tricks by the Madison Chinese Dance Academy. Then watch demonstrations of traditional Chinese crafting and Lunar New Year traditions including the classic lion dance.

<https://americanart.si.edu/events/virtual-lunar-new-year-celebration-february-5-2022>

(Feb. 12-19) Virtual Celebration with the Seattle Chinese Garden

<https://www.seattlechinesegarden.org/events/virtual-lantern-festival-2022>



Announcing the 2022 National Chinese Speech Contest (NCSC)

Middle and high schoolers, this speech contest is for you! Read this announcement, and it details all the dates, judging criteria, awards, and more! Check it out!

Last day to submit is **Monday, February 28.**

<https://www.aaiceusa.com/2022ncsc>

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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