



Barrington Chinese Immersion Council - September 2022

Get Ready for Some Fall Fun!

Yay! We got the first few weeks of school under our belts! And believe it or not, everyone survived, so we can collectively breathe a sigh of relief. Whew!!



Now that we've had a chance to settle into the new school year, we have a few upcoming dates we'd like you to consider putting in your calendar. This newsletter will discuss in further detail:

- [Barrington Homecoming Parade](#) . . . **Saturday, October 1** at 10:15 am
- [October BCIC Board Meeting](#) - all parents welcome. We will have a special guest, Rebecca Weigel, Director of Chinese and Spanish Immersion for District 220 . . . **Thursday, October 13** at Barrington Area Library, Zimmerman Room!
- [October Mandarin Bingo at Greencastle](#) . . . **Friday, October 28** at 4 pm Sign up using this link: [BCIC/Greencastle: October Mandarin BINGO at Greencastle \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com/signup/BCIC-Greencastle-October-Mandarin-BINGO)
- [November BCIC Board Meeting](#) - **Thursday November 10** at Barrington Area Library, Meeting Room Side A. All CI parents welcome!

So read on to learn more about these important CI events!



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Barrington Homecoming Parade



Homecoming is THIS SATURDAY, October 1!

We'll be walking alongside a decorated Jeep, and have candy to throw!

This **Saturday, October 1, meet us at 10 AM** in the Metra North parking lot (intersection of Wool Street and Klingenberg Lane)

Please wear red or any traditional Chinese clothing. Feel free to ride your decorated scooters and wagons! And, if you happen to own a Chinese parasol, bring that as well!

The parade begins promptly at 10:15 this Saturday, October 1! Can't wait to see you there!

Come to our Next Open Board Meeting - October 13

The BCIC board members meet at least once monthly. And at times, we open the meeting up for all our members. On Thursday October 13, we will be doing just that! And this is an extra special meeting since Rebecca Wiegel will be our guest!

Rebecca is District 220's Director of Chinese Immersion and Spanish Dual Language (among other responsibilities), and we have found her to be among the biggest cheerleaders for our organization within the district!



At our meeting, she will offer us a presentation that tells us where CI students fit in the realm of all things academic. And, she'll tell us the latest plans for what happens when our CI students become high school students, and beyond!

This is a meeting you won't want to miss!

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Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 pm

Barrington Area Library - Zimmerman Room

Welcome, new BCIC Board Members!

We're grateful for **Xiaoyan Anderson, Kamala Diefenthaler, Kiley Humbert, Jennifer Naddeo, and Xiang/Lucia Serrano**. for volunteering to serve on our BCIC Board of Directors.

The Barrington Chinese Immersion Council Board of Directors is an all-volunteer board of CI parents and one teacher sponsor. We have representatives from each host school serving on the board to help ensure we are providing programs and services across the CI community.

Countryside School: Jay Murphy, Zimin Mineo, Becca Patchak and Kiley Humbert

North Barrington: Xiaoyan Anderson, Kamala Diefenthaler, Jennifer Naddeo, and Xiang/Lucia Serrano

Rose School: Jay Murphy, Zimin Mineo and Kiley Humbert

Station Middle School: Cory Lohmeyer and Becca Patchak

Barrington High School: Michelle Chase and Jennifer Naddeo

Teacher Sponsors: Mrs. Mary Wei Weerts and Mr. Hangxin Yu

Are you interested in helping with our upcoming initiatives and events? Please reach one of our Board members directly, or to bcic220@gmail.com.

Ice Cream for Incoming Kindy CI Kids

September 21 was a great day for the kindergarten CI students! After school, we all met up at the fun and yummy ice cream shop downtown, Ice Cream Social.

At the event, it was wonderful for the parents to meet and get to know each other, and for the CI students to visit and play as well! Already being in school for almost four weeks made it a little easier for the students to connect with each other.

Thank you to Jay Murphy, BCIC Board President, for sponsoring and hosting this event.



Mom and daughter entering the shop!



Look at these three kindy kids having a fun visit!



The Chang family even brought along a visiting relative from



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中秋快乐! Happy Moon Festival!

BCIC celebrated Moon Festival with the residents of Greencastle of Barrington on Friday, September 9. The students and residents had SO much FUN!

The event included activities for students different grade levels:

- The K-2 grades drew with chalk outside and learned to draw Moon Festival characters
- Inside, students and residents played dice games, practiced calligraphy, and played a vocabulary word game
- And, for all to enjoy, the Greencastle Community Room turned into the "Riddle Room", where many lanterns hung that were written with riddles! Residents and students spent time guessing the answers to riddles for prizes!

Special thanks to Sylvia Shen, Greencastle's Activities Director and Hangxing Yu, our middle school CI teacher, for all your help and guidance! Also, thanks to Steve Wang, Xiang/Lucia Serrano, Zheng You and Jin Gong for volunteering.

Thank you to our high school volunteers: Daniel M, Mariana N, Zosia K, Kendall L, Flora S, Chloe, and Carolyn O.

Lastly, thank you to the O'Connell and Lohmeyer family for donating prizes for the event.

Greencastle of Barrington is an affordable independent senior living community in the village of Barrington. Many residents speak Mandarin. Our Greencastle programs provide a unique way for students to practice their Mandarin language skills and learn about Chinese art and culture in a multi-generational learning environment.



The calligraphy table is always a hit with the kids!



The weather outside was beautiful and so was story hour!



The residents helped to fasten the riddle ornaments to the ceiling

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Funds are primarily used to:

- purchase books and supplies for the Chinese Immersion program not provided by the district
- host cultural and educational enrichment events throughout the year, such as Mandarin story time, Homecoming parade, Chinese New Year celebrations
- recognize student achievements, such as 5th and 8th grade recognition and Chinese honor society ceremonies
- recognize our wonderful teachers for their many contributions to the program.

If you'd like to contribute and haven't already donated when making your school registration payment, either click this link: [BCIC Donation](#), or use the QR code below to the far left. The Paypal QR code is below, too.

We appreciate your support and look forward to a great year!



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* newly appointed board member for 2022-23 school year

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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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