



Barrington Chinese Immersion Council - November 2022

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- BCIC Meeting, Nate Rouse is guest speaker ([11/10](#))
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- Career Exploration Event ([11/17](#))
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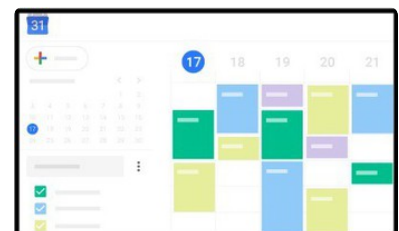
Past Events:

- Homecoming Rundown
- Mandarin BINGO at Greencastle
- Fulfilling Teacher Wish Lists

Read on to learn more!

*** Friendly Note ***

Throughout the newsletter, when you see dates highlighted and underlined, this means that you can click on it and put it in your personal Google calendar!



Come to our Next Open BCIC Board Meeting - with Nate Rouse on November 10

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district's first-ever director of equity, race and cultural diversity initiatives.

For some time, Nate has been making his rounds, speaking with students and school community. And now he will be speaking with BCIC members on [Thursday, November 10 at 7 PM](#) at the Barrington Area Library!



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

BCIC Open Board Meeting with Nate Rouse

All Parents Welcome

[Thursday, November 10 at 7 PM](#)

Barrington Area Library - Meeting Room Side A

Sign up for a Cultural Dining Experience - November 13!

We welcome your **4th through 8th grade students** and respective family members, on [Sunday, November 13](#) from 4-6PM to MingHin Restaurant in Rolling Meadows. During this cultural dining experience, students will learn about Chinese table culture and enjoy mixed region cuisine.



Do you know how many cuisine styles there are in China? What are the signature dishes? When you are with family, friends, or at a business dinner, who sits where at a round table? At the end of the event, we should find all these answers, plus hold a conversation on how to order the food in Chinese.

Cost is \$25/participant (child or adult). Every attendee is considered a participant. The menu has been preselected, so allergy requests and modifications cannot be made.

This event is best suited for older children, and a parent/guardian is required for every student in attendance. Drop off is not allowed. *Due to the venue's space limitations, please consider leaving younger siblings at home.* BCIC understands this is a small group and not all students in the Chinese Immersion Program will be able to attend; however, more cultural events will be happening in future. Stay tuned!

Please use the link below to reserve a spot on the Sign Up Genius (SUG). Space is limited to the first 30 students (grades 4-8) and their parent/siblings. Be sure to include each attendee in your RSVP as we are filling tables. Make sure your email is correct in the RSVP. Example - 2 students + 2 adults = \$100 investment, and each name needs to be added to the RSVP list.

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Mandarin Storytime

Please join us on Saturday, November 12, for Mandarin Story Time and Games at the Barrington Area Library, first floor meeting room (Side B). We are welcoming back our awesome CI 8th grade and high school student-volunteers to lead this session.

This FREE event is designed for CI students K-2 with parent/caregiver. The event theme is "Opposites!" We will be exploring the opposites of things around us through books and games. We will begin with several festive stories and then play some interactive games in Mandarin! Two sessions are available: 10am or 11am. Each session will last approximately 45 minutes. Please sign up for only one session as space is limited.



Details and sign up here: [BCIC - Mandarin Storytime: November Mandarin Story Time and Games - Opposites! \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044BA9AD28A7F85-bcic1)

Links for your calendars:

[Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 AM](#)

[Saturday, November 12 at 11:00 AM](#)

We hope to see you at Mandarin Story Time!



Chinese Career Exploration Webinar

BCIC/Xilin Northwest Chinese School's popular high school discussion event that originated in 2021 is back! At our upcoming Chinese Career Exploration event, our speakers will share their career experiences and speak to the value of Mandarin language skills and knowledge of Chinese culture and business practices.

The attendees at our last two seminars said it was really helpful in gaining an understanding of possible career paths that involve the Chinese language!

We will have speakers from interesting and innovative fields including global business strategy, scientific research, social services! More details are coming soon, but mark your calendars in advance!

Chinese Career Exploration Webinar
hosted by: BCIC/Xilin Northwest Chinese School

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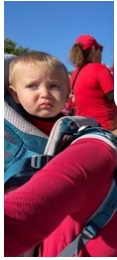
Homecoming 2022 - We had a Blast!

Chinese Immersion Parents and students came together to represent BCIC at the Barrington Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 2. The theme was "Garden Party" and Jay Murphy (our BCIC president) lent us his slick black Jeep to drive alongside all our walkers in the parade.

Jay's Jeep was adorned with large red and white paper flowers, and the walkers carried red Chinese parasols to add to the garden theme. And of course, the older students carried BCIC's time-honored dragon on the parade walk. You can see the dragon in the large photo below!

Thanks so much for all the CI students and their families for participating in a longtime community tradition with BCIC!





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Kamala's daughter Tempe is proudly sporting a red Chinese parasol!

Mrs. Weerts, our middle school Mandarin history teacher, is getting to know her future students!

Halloween BINGO at Greencastle

On Friday, October 28, BCIC students visited Greencastle of Barrington for a Halloween party! BINGO was the main event, but there was also a matching game, pool, and a piano! Some of our CI students play the piano pretty darn well, by the way! It was a perfect pre-Halloween treat for residents and CI kids alike!

We love our activities with the residents of Greencastle!

Check out some fun photos from the event!



In addition to BINGO, students and residents enjoyed a Halloween matching game



8th grade volunteers like Isaac roamed around the tables, helping make sure the players don't overlook a square!



Flora is in charge of the board that shows all the called BINGO Halloween characters



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Fulfilling Teacher Wishlists

As you know, your CI child's day can be a little tricky at times. They need to switch classrooms back and forth from English to Mandarin class, they likely have different school supplies in each room, and so on. Does it sound like chaos? Yes and no. The teachers in the CI program have each developed wonderful systems to help your child's transition run smoothly during the school day.

BCIC comes in to aid in supplying necessary items that will help with the management of two classes with frequent transitions. We also provide enrichment materials to enhance classroom experiences. So far this year, we have provided wish list items including books, Chinese art and culture supplies, and flexible seating for the CI children.

We at BCIC are thrilled to continue helping our CI teachers - both the Mandarin and English CI teachers - in fulfilling their classroom needs! But none of this could happen without your very kind contributions - such as your annual family membership, proceeds from our various get togethers, and even the contributions that come our way from AmazonSmile and Heinen's! **YOU** are the ones that make all this possible! Thank you!

We Appreciate Your Contributions!

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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, high school graduation 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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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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