



BCIC NEWSLETTER

Barrington Chinese Immersion Council - December 2022

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Upcoming Events:

- Help decorate BCIC tree for Winter Wonderfest - Thursday, [December 8](#)
- Winter Wonderfest - Friday and Saturday, [December 9](#) and [December 10](#)
- Dine and Share at Culver's! - Monday, [December 12](#)
- Lunar New Year Story Hour - Saturday, [January 21](#)
- Lunar New Year Celebration at Barrington's White House - Saturday, [February 4](#)



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We are proud to introduce our new BCIC logo!

Special thanks to Petrina Wimer, a Kindergarten Chinese Immersion parent. She is responsible for designing our amazing new logo! The logo highlights the 中 character, a Chinese lantern (signifying

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on our new spirit wear. She went above and beyond to help us out, and we are so grateful!

Petrina's husband Daniel, has also been so kind to offer a BCIC fundraiser at his Barrington retail store, DIBI Menswear. Look for the advertisement below this article.

Thanks so much to the Wimer family for all they've contributed to BCIC this quarter!



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Come Support BCIC's Tree at Winter Wonderfest!

Our District Fine Arts Department and Barrington High School are excited to produce our third annual **Winter Wonderfest** which celebrates the creativity and talents of our 220 community.

Winter Wonderfest is an open house event taking place Friday and Saturday, [December 9](#) and [December 10](#) at Barrington High School and tickets can be purchased through the online [Box Office](#). Come enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of the holiday season through many experiences...from making ornaments & friendship bracelets to enjoying art and music and displays from all of our 220 schools. The following experiences are covered by the price of your tickets:

- Holiday Trees from all 220 schools, including **OUR BCIC TREE!** (Fine Arts Courtyard)
- Carnival games (and prizes) run by BHS students
- Interactive arts and culture experience run by BHS clubs and art students
- A large-scale light show set to music from the BHS Jazz Band (Main Courtyard)
- Many performances by 220 students as outlined in the [Winterfest Program](#), including BHS Madrigal Singers, Ensemble Club, Jazz Bands, elementary choirs, and so many more

Additionally, hot chocolate, cider and snacks will be available for purchase (cash only) and you can participate in the Broncos Committed cookie decorating for charity by making a donation [here](#).

We hope to see you at this BHS interactive celebration next weekend! Note that all events this year are taking place indoors or in the interior courtyards at BHS due to construction. If you would like to attend, but do not have funding for tickets please contact btileston@barrington220.org for assistance.

And - - we're asking you for help with Winter Wonderfest!

The day before the Winter Wonderfest begins (Thursday [December 8](#)), we will need several volunteers that can decorate our BCIC themed tree for this event. All materials will be provided (lights/ornaments/decorations). We just need help decorating the tree that will be located



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take down the tree decorations, ornaments, and lights the day after the event. We thank you for your help in advance!!

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044ba9ad28a7f85-bcic2>

Dine N Share at Culvers!

Save the date for this Dine N Share benefitting our Chinese teachers and students!

The participating Culvers are BOTH Hoffman Estates AND Fox River Grove locations on Monday, [December 12](#) from 4-8PM!

15% of sales will go directly back to Barrington Chinese Immersion Council!



Need Holiday Gift Ideas? Buy Mandarin Books Online!

Trouble reading Chinese characters? Let Luka the Chinese reading buddy read for you!

Support the Barrington Chinese Immersion Council by purchasing Chinese Books!

10% of all purchases will be given back to BCIC!

Free shipping on ALL books, and they arrive in 3-10 days.

To order, visit <https://www.jojolearning.com/?ref=220lovesbooks> or scan the QR code below at the bottom of the advertisement.

The virtual book fair ends **Wednesday, December 28!**

Contact Kamala Diefenthaler with any questions: kdiefenth@gmail.com



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eMail Kamala at kdiefenth@gmail.com with any questions!

BCIC Spiritwear

BCIC has partnered with a great local Barrington small business to help bring you new spirit wear, and as a bonus, BCIC will receive \$5 back for EVERY SINGLE ITEM purchased!!

Order by Sunday, [Dec 4th](#) for guaranteed holiday delivery! Items can be shipped to your home, or delivered to school!

Check out the merchandise here!

<https://theimprintery.com/product-category/spiritwear/bcic/>



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Lunar New Year Celebrations!

BCIC will be celebrating the Lunar New Year in two ways:

- **January 21** - Lunar New Year Storytime at the Barrington Area Library
- **February 4** - Lunar New Year celebration at Barrington's White House, featuring cultural performances and interactive activities. We will keep you posted with all the exciting details!

Photos from 2021 Chinese New Year!



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THINKING OF OTHERS...

Spread a little joy at Greencastle this holiday season!

BCIC families are welcome to fill a gift bag for a Greencastle resident with items such as:

- Paper Products (Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)
- Cleaning supplies (laundry soap, dish soap, disinfectant, kitchen and bathroom cleaner)
- Personal care items (hand soap, shampoo, conditioners, shaving needs)
- Healthy treats such as tea and nuts, Chinese or Asian snacks (high sugar/sodium items are discouraged)

Recommended gift value is \$10. Please feel free include a card with holiday greetings in both English and Mandarin.

To participate quickly and easily via Amazon wish list: [Check out my list on Amazon](#)

Gift cards in small denominations for gas, grocery, pharmacies in downtown Barrington are also appreciated. Gift cards may be mailed directly to:

Attn: Qi Teng

Greencastle of Barrington

445 E Main St

Barrington, IL 60010

Donations may be dropped off at Greencastle of Barrington. **Please mail or drop off donations by Friday, December 9.**

Street parking is behind the building, adjacent to Barrington Metra Station's north lot. Please call the office before dropping off donations to make sure someone is in the office to accept them, 847-382-1650.

Sending best wishes to Mrs. Floyd

As you may know, our recently retired CI Kindergarten English teacher has been undergoing some challenging health issues for some time. However, she has emailed and communicated to us that she wants to keep in touch with our students and their families!

For those who want to participate in a Zoom call with her, it will take place on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 pm. Keep on the lookout for a Zoom invitation! Otherwise, you can contact her via mail or email.

Her home address:
 Barb Floyd
 28437 W. Lindbergh Drive
 Barrington, IL 60010



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Her personal email:
floydbbarb@gmail.com

All of us at BCIC are sending Mrs. Floyd positive thoughts for a speedy recovery!

Mandarin Story Time Fun!

Thank you to all the CI families and high school volunteers who helped make our first story time a success. Special thanks to Kamala Diefenthaler and Yiming Wang for creating the fun Opposites program for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to kindergarten parents Yirong and Lily Zhu for helping with the games. Thank you to our teachers, Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Pauwels and Mr. Yu for supporting the event and assisting our student-volunteers and participants.



Volunteer Thank Yous!

We at BCIC would like to acknowledge the following people for their help in our various initiatives so far in 2022! We really appreciate your involvement!

- Petrina Wimer - designed BCIC logo
- LeeAnn Chang, - coordinated our new Spiritwear options
- Jason Diefenthaler, Qi Teng and Dr. Liang Chen - our featured speakers for the Career Exploration Webinar
- Roger Yang - co-chaired our Career Exploration Webinar
- Yirong and Lily Zhu - helped with Mandarin Storytime
- Carolyn O, Chloe M, Alexandria N, Mariana N and Flora S - our Student Mandarin Storytime Volunteers
- Mrs. Weerts - coordinated and hosted MingHin cultural dinner
- Mr. Yu and Mrs. Weerts - our Teacher Advisors



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.

And don't forget another super-simple way to donate: designate Barrington Chinese Immersion Council as your charity of choice with [smile.amazon.com](#)!

We appreciate your support!



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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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