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Exciting activities for CI students and families!

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JOIN BCIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Attention: BCIC Board is recruiting Directors!

We are seeking volunteer leaders to join BCIC Board of Directors!

Board members are actively involved in events, expected to attend monthly board meetings, and chair at least one committee. BCIC responsibilities are varied, so we are looking to diversify our current board.

If interested, please [apply here](#) or attend one of our information sessions at the Barrington Area Library. RSVP to bcic220@gmail.com if you plan to attend or have questions.

Session 1: Friday Morning May 5th at 9:15am

Session 2: Thursday Evening May 11th at 6pm (Immediately before our open board meeting)

****Application deadline is May 15.****

Character Bee

(Registration is CLOSED)

This brand new event will be so much fun! We can't wait to see our students shine!

Character Bee is Mrs. Weerts' (CI middle school social studies teacher) wonderful vision. Thanks Mrs. Weerts! We appreciate all her time and support creating this new event for CI students and families.



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15K characters are in this [study guide](#). Good luck to all participants!

If you have any questions about the Character Bee, please email bcic220@gmail.com



Booth at KidFest and Kite Fly

Saturday, May 6 Barrington Park District hosts KidFest and Kite Fly from 11-3pm. We are happy to be back this year! Lots of fun outdoor activities for families! Visit the [park district's website](#) to learn more about other booths and activities. ([add to calendar](#))

The BCIC booth plans to have:

- Kites
- Character writing
- Chinese stamps
- Chinese jump rope
- Riddles

Volunteers can sign up here: [KidFest volunteers \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

Open BCIC Board Meeting

Join us in person May 11 from 7-9pm at the Barrington Area Library for our open board meeting. Hear about the plans for the end of the year, ways to help, and some summer plans. All CI parents (guardians, grandparents, etc.) are welcome! ([add to calendar](#))



CI Graduation Party - TODAY is the last day to sign up!

BCIC is hosting a luncheon for CI seniors and their families May 13 at 11:30am Royal Buffet in Hoffman Estates ([add to calendar](#)).

FINAL REMINDERS!!! BCIC graduation party tickets FOR

GRADUATES ONLY must be purchased by this Monday, May 1!

<https://barrington220.revtrak.net/barring.../bcic-events/...>

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2. Consider sponsoring a teacher's meal! It would be nice to acknowledge them in this way as they have done so much for our graduates over the years! (\$45)
3. Buy a "Shout Out" in our program to recognize your child! Includes photo and text. (\$20)
4. Place a half or full page ad celebrating our students or highlighting your business. (\$40/\$80)

We are so proud of all of our CI graduates. Together, we can make this a party they won't forget!

Chinese Virtual Book Fair - Starts May 17th

Before school ends stock up on books and supplies to prevent the summer slide. There's even a kid friendly robot that reads Chinese books! More information to come as the time approaches.



CI End of Year Celebration!

On June 1 from 5-7pm at Countryside Elementary, BCIC is hosting an outdoor picnic to celebrate the end of the school year for all CI families! (If you don't wish to pack your own picnic, Jimmy Johns will deliver sandwiches.) There's a short program in the middle from 5:45-6:15pm. ([add to calendar](#))

Dragon Boat racing club, build and race your own boat, Kona Ice Truck, booths, and more!

Come enjoy!

Lots of opportunity for volunteers to help! Please [sign up](#) if you are interested or email bcic220@gmail.com with questions.

Photos & Recaps of Previous Events

Fun and Games at Greencastle!

In April, we partnered with our favorite senior residents at Greencastle of Barrington for an afternoon of Fun and Games. The games were simple, engaging, and SO much FUN! Ask anyone who attended, and they'll agree!

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thanks goes to Qi (Sylvia) Feng from Greencastle or Barrington for helping us coordinate this day!

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Photo credit: Lisa Vraniak



John helps the residents with Sack Games



You need serious concentration to excel at this game...



Middle school volunteers plan their game stations



Tug of War was so much fun, we played it twice!



Mr. Yu and Zuzanna are getting into the game!



Chandler throws to a resident with Aaron and Evan as spectators

Welcome to Station, Incoming 6th Graders!

On April 11, BCIC hosted a panel consisting of current 6th and 7th grade CI students who helped answer questions about the transition and experiences as a middle school CI student. Mrs. Weerts & Mr. Yu (the two middle school CI teachers), some parents of the panelists helped answer questions as well.

Thanks to BCIC Secretary Becca Patchak for coordinating this evening's event!



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Congratulations New Members of the Chinese National Honor Society!



The purpose of the National Chinese Honor Society is to encourage its members to become life-long learners in order to gain a better understanding of Chinese language and culture, as well as to play an active role as a contributing global citizen in the twenty-first century.

For more information, please contact NCHS Committee at nchsclass@gmail.com

These students have

- studied Chinese for four semesters in high school
- an average of B or higher
- serve as a positive role model in the area of Chinese studies

CONGRATULATIONS!

BCIC Supports the Elementary School Events!

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parent volunteers. All three events were so enjoyable and offered exposure to our group! Thanks all!



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Here are the recaps from North Barrington, Countryside and Barbara Rose Elementary Schools . . .

- - North Barrington Elementary Multicultural Reading Night

On this evening, teachers and the principal read books about different countries. BCIC had a table with a friendship craft as well as panda stickers. They even did a bit of Chinese jump rope - fun! Thanks for Victoria Bleibel and her daughters for hosting the table!



North Barrington Elementary

- - Countryside Elementary Art and Book Fair

The BCIC Calligraphy Booth at Countryside's Art and Book Fair always tends to be a perennial favorite . . . and this year was no different! So many students came to our booth to try out their Chinese calligraphy skills! We provided them brushes, white paper and black paint. Plus we gave them guides for how to draw common characters (like "hello" is 你好, "I love you" is 我爱你).

So that's what we did, and it was a hit! Thanks to our volunteers and all who were involved in this fun, interactive activity!



Countryside Elementary

- - Barbara Rose Elementary Multicultural Night

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Mrs. Du for

her wonderful and informative China poster, Jay Murphy (BCIC president) for coordinating and Betty Kong for volunteering to make this fun booth!



Barbara Rose Elementary



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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