

Upcoming events and content:

- [BCIC Open Board Meeting](#) Jan 9th at 6:30pm
- [College Exploration Panel \(virtual\)](#) Jan 14th at 7-8pm
- [Lunar New Year Celebration](#) **Feb 2**
- Beijing Guitar Duo March 16th at The White House
- Call for Volunteers - LNY

Looking ahead:

- **LNY Mandarin Story Time** – An opportunity to celebrate Lunar New Year with engaging stories and cultural fun for K-2nd at the library
- **3rd - 5th Games in Chinese** – Games to boost language skills while having fun with friends
- **Parents Night** – Join us this March for an evening of connection and community-building

Event recaps:

- Becky Wiegel and Kathryn Wolfkiel at BCIC board meeting ([slides](#))
 - [Career Exploration Webinar](#)
 - [Dining at Yu's](#)
 - [Winterfest](#)
 - [Thanksgiving Cards for Greencastle](#)
 - [CI K-2nd Mandarin Story Time](#)
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[Register Here](#)

We invite all CI parents to join us for an update on BCIC activities and initiatives! If you're interested in shaping the future of our program, we especially encourage you to attend as we begin the process of filling BCIC board positions for next year.

**College Exploration Panel –
Tuesday, January 14, from 7-8pm**

[Register Here](#)

BCIC is so excited to offer this first College Exploration panel!

Please join BCIC and a panel of recent CI BHS graduates to learn more about the first year of college, what it is like to study Chinese language and culture at the college level, and tips for your own college searches.

We hope you will attend and bring your questions so we can make the webinar more interactive and relevant to you and your college interests.

We are excited to welcome:

Sahana: Computer Science and Data Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, plans to take classes in Chinese, considering minor, Chinese Language and Culture Club Board Member

Cindy: Political Science and International Relations, American University, choosing a focus in East Asia and Chinese language

Jeremy: Accountancy + Data Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, plans to continue studying Chinese for business degree, exploring UIUC's Chinese Club

Please register and we will send a Zoom link ahead of the webinar.

Lunar New Year at the White House 2025

February 2, 2025

**The Barrington's White House
Barrington - 145 W Main St**

Join Us for the Barrington Chinese Immersion Council (BCIC) Annual Lunar New Year Celebration! ???????? Happy Year of the Snake ????

Save the Date: Sunday, February 2, 2025, 1-5 pm Shihan Joe Gangi from Gangi Martial Arts will be performing interactive demonstration

Featured Cultural Activities: Chinese calligraphy Chinese Weiqi game Chinese Mahjong game Plus music, art and crafts, and cultural food.

We have several new activities that are sure to add to the fun and cultural experience! More information and tickets coming soon....

[Read more](#)

Volunteers Needed for Lunar New Year Event - Feb 2nd! ?????????

Interested in making our Lunar New Year celebration unforgettable! ????

We offer an opportunity to parents, HS students, 8th graders, and now including 7th and 8th graders with their parents to volunteer. This is your chance to contribute to the BCIC community and be a part of something special! Your involvement matters! Sign up and we'll reach out to you with further details. Let's make this Lunar New Year event truly spectacular together!

[Interested? Sign Up Here](#)

Beijing Guitar Duo

The Barrington White House is hosting the [Beijing Guitar Duo](#) on Sunday, March 16, 2025, performing. It will be a beautiful program by the internationally acclaimed Chinese artists. Students 18 and under are free with a paid adult ticket. Tickets are available now in limited quantity.

BCIC is interested to know if your family is interested in attending this event. Please take a moment to complete the very short survey:

<https://forms.gle/K5Zw35A31wzwhvA9A>

Chinese New Year and Dragon Exhibit at ELA Library

The Giant Dragons exhibit at the [ELA Area Library in Lake Zurich](#), organized by the American Museum of Natural History ([amnh.org](#)), is on display until February 2nd. Don't miss the chance to check it out!

November and December 2024 Event Recaps:

CI K-2nd Grade Mandarin Story Time

Thanksgiving Cards

Career Exploration

BCIC and Xilin Northwest hosted the Fall Career Exploration webinar on November 12. Students, parents and teachers enjoyed an interactive panel discussion with three leaders in finance, strategy, chemistry, food science, IT. They addressed the value of Mandarin language skills and knowledge of Chinese culture across their career paths and industries. Many thanks to our panelists:

Seth Morrell, Chief Strategy Officer, Burwood Group, IT Executive with Deep Enterprise, Startup, and Consulting Experience

Dennis van de Graaf, Senior Vice President, Data Governance, Wintrust Financial Corporation

Zheng You, Principal Scientist and Project Manager at Tate & Lyle,

Thank you to Zimin Mineo of BCIC and Roger Yang of Xilin Northwest (also CI parent/BCIC volunteer) for hosting the webinar!

Special Meeting with Becky Wiegel and Kathryn Wolfkiel

A special thank you to Becky Wiegel, Mr. Yu and Kathryn Wolfkiel for sharing with us updates on the CI program and explaining the process as students move to Middle School and High School. Here is a copy of the slideshow shared at the event:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/128mh7zIsXUNKt6pxvXC88_gZ4yAC-wV2L391rVVoVCk/edit?usp=sharing

Dining at Yu's

Winterfest



WeiQi instruction in 3rd Grade Class

WeiQi instruction with Master Guo are going strong at NB!

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