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- CI End of the Year Celebration May

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- **CI Lunar New Year Celebration**



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BCIC Open Board Meeting

Join our BCIC Open Board Meeting! Hear how we are supporting the
CI program through initiatives,...

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The BCIC is holding an election in April to complete our Board of Directors for
the 2025/26 school year.

We are looking for experienced BCIC volunteers to join our team! Board members play an active role in organizing events, attending monthly board meetings, advocating for CI and leading at least one committee. With diverse responsibilities, we aim to build a well-rounded board to serve our community effectively.

- **Application Deadline:** March 12, 2025
- Get to know the board March 13, 2025 at our board meeting
- **Election Date:** April 10, 2025

If you're interested, please complete the application here:

[Apply Here](#)



Guitarduo

The Beijing Guitar Duo is coming to our own Barrington White House in two weeks! Tickets are still available to see the acclaimed Chinese musicians on Sunday, March 16 at 3pm. Student tickets are complimentary with an adult ticket purchase:

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

CI Student Panel for Incoming Ninth Graders

All current 8th graders and their families are invited to join BCIC for a panel discussion about the transition to high school in the Upper Atrium of Barrington High School. After the panel discussion, there will be a breakout for the current 8th graders to informally chat with the current high school students and/or teachers. At the same time, there will be a breakout for the current 8th grade parents to informally chat with current high school parents and/or teachers....

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CI Student Panel for Incoming Sixth Graders

All current 5th graders and their families are invited to join BCIC for a panel discussion about the transition to middle school in the media center (library) of Station Middle School. After the panel discussion, there will be a breakout for the current 5th graders to informally chat with the current middle school students and/or teachers. At the same time, there will be a breakout for the current 5th grade parents to informally chat with current middle school parents and/or teachers....

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CI 3rd – 5th Games in Chinese

Calling all CI 3rd-5th graders! Join us for an immersive and fun Chinese experience, as we dive into engaging Chinese word games that promise fun and learning. BCIC invites you to be a part of this...

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BCIC Parents Afternoon Out

April 6, 2025

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

1st BCIC Parents Afternoon Out You're Invited! Join us for the 1st BCIC Parents Afternoon Out for an afternoon of great company and delicious food! This event is a wonderful opportunity to foster...

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CI Class of 2025 Graduation Party

Support the CI graduating class by volunteering to serve food at the party or by sponsorships. Juniors, this is an opportunity for you to serve while getting ideas for your event next year!

Sponsorship Opportunities

2025 Character Bee

We are delighted to announce the upcoming Character Bee, an exciting and educational experience showcasing the language skills of your student(s). What is the Chinese Character Bee? The Chinese Character Bee is an opportunity for participants 1st through 5th to showcase their knowledge of Mandarin Chinese characters. Students will engage in friendly competition, promoting language proficiency, and celebrating the richness of the Chinese language....

[Register Here](#)

Check with your teacher to find the grade level sight words and the HSK challenge words. Remember to study the previous year's sight words too.

Parents and students, come be part of the Character Bee! We particularly need native Mandarin speakers as judges.

Character Bee Volunteer
Sign Up Here

BCIC Supporting PTO Events District-Wide

BCIC bridges the gap by supporting PTO events across the district. Through our presence at these events, we connect with families, share information about the CI program, and promote Chinese language and culture within the community.

Countryside	Barbara Rose	NB	ELC
Art and Book Fair - April 24th - BCIC will have a Chinese literacy table in the library.	Multicultural Show - April 11th - BCIC will host a table for China!	Family Reading Night - March 13 - BCIC hopes to support	Multicultural Dance - April 10th - BCIC hopes to support

???? Thank You for an Amazing
Lunar New Year Celebration! ?????

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for BCIC's Annual Lunar New Year Celebration! Your enthusiasm and participation made this event a huge success. From the incredible **interactive martial arts performance** by Shihan Joe Gangi to the cultural activities like **calligraphy, Weiqi, Mahjong, music, and art**, it was a day filled with joy, learning, and community spirit!

Special thanks to:

- District 220 for sponsoring the martial arts performance
- The Barrington Area Community Foundation for their generous grant
- The Barrington White House for hosting us
- Our amazing volunteers – this event wouldn't be possible without you!

Your participation and generosity help us continue to bring enriching cultural experiences to our students and families. We can't wait to celebrate with you again next year! ????????

Thank you so much for helping us celebrate the Year of the Snake with BCIC at the Barrington White House! Nearly 60 volunteers, including teachers, students, parents and community members shared their time and talents to make the celebration possible! We are grateful for all your help! We hope you enjoyed the celebration too.

BHS and 8th Grade NJHS may still receive service credit for volunteering. Please request credit for BCIC Lunar Celebration, Michelle Chase, michellechase@bcic220.org.

It was a beautiful day celebrating the Year of the Snake and the CI and Chinese World Language community. Thank you for volunteering!

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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