Be in the Know with BCIC

Upcoming Events:

- D220 Embracing Diversity: Multicultural Night
  - Monday, October 27 from 6:00-8:00 pm
  - Barrington High School Lower Atrium & Cafeteria
- BCIC (6-12th graders) Career Exploration: More details in come
  - Wednesday, November 11
  - Virtual
- BCIC Open Board Meeting with D220 Guest Speakers Becky Wiegel & Kathryn Wolfkiel (registration required; submitting questions to guest speakers optional)
  - Thursday, November 13 at 6:30 pm
  - Station Middle School
- BCIC Service Project: Make Thanksgiving cards in other languages for Greencastle residents (families & individuals)
  - Mail or drop off by Friday, November 21
  - Do on your own!
- BCIC Service Project: Make Thanksgiving cards in other languages for Greencastle residents (7-12th graders registration required)
  - Friday, November 14 from 3:40-5:00 pm
  - Station Middle School Classroom TBD
- BCIC (K-2nd graders) Storytime (registration required)
  - Saturday, November 15 at 10:30 am
  - Barrington Area Library Meeting Room B
- D220 Winterfest
  - Friday, December 12 and Saturday December 13
  - Barrington High School

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Time, Talent, & Treasure: We Need You!

BCIC relies on your help to provide quality experiences to our students while supporting our teachers & CI program in D220. We do this through financial donations & volunteering– both are critically important to our program's success.

Even if you cannot volunteer, we ask every parent to complete this google form to share your talents & potential willingness to volunteer with BCIC. It should only take a couple of minutes. Thank you for your help in completing this form ASAP. A board member will reach out to you.

*If you are interested in supporting BCIC through **financial donations**, see the links below.*

We welcome donations of any size & very much appreciate any company matches.

This link is a general donation towards BCIC that helps with all the things we support.

This link is specifically for a donation towards books to be used in our CI classrooms.

This link is specifically for a donation towards recruitment efforts.

All Adults: Please fill out this volunteer form

A few of the BCIC board members before the 2025 D220 Miami Nights Homecoming Parade

Matt Benkert, Yiming Wang, Leeann Chang, Becca Patchak, & Michelle Chase

Could you be the next director on our BCIC Board?

BCIC Board Member Applications Due by Friday, November 21, 2025

Have you been looking for a meaningful and fun way to give back to your community while having an impact on the educational experiences of your child(ren)? Please consider joining our BCIC board. There are two open seats. Please fill out this google form **by 11:59 pm on Friday, November 21, 2025**. If you have questions about what this entails, please reach out to a current board member to discuss further. Additional information will be emailed to all applicants.

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Fill Out the Google Form Application for BCIC Board

2025.11.13 bcic open board meeting

Join our BCIC Open Board Meeting in person or virtually to hear updates from our special guests from D220 administration. Learn about BCIC and hear how we are supporting the CI program through initiatives and events. Please use the registration link above to submit a question/comment for our guests prior to the meeting to be sure it is addressed during the meeting.

Register for the Open Board Meeting and submit your questions to our guests here!

Service Project for All Ages

Attention families! BCIC needs your help. Please sign up to make Thanksgiving cards for the residents at Greencastle. You will make your cards at home. You can either mail or drop off your cards at Greencastle by Friday, November 21. On the registration, be sure to indicate what language your cards will be in; we need Mandarin, Korean, Hindu, Russian, and English.

Calling all **7th, 8th, and BHS students!** You are invited to sign up to come make Thanksgiving cards together at Station Middle School (classroom TBD).

Supplies and snacks will be provided. We hope this event will be fun and relaxing. Service credit is available for 8th grade and up.

Middle school students will finish in time to take the activity bus home.

Please signup by Wednesday, November 12. We will need at least 5 students to sign up to hold this event. If you're not able to attend, you can still make cards for Greencastle independently. Thanksgiving Cards for the Residents of Greencastle of Barrington

Families & Individuals: Sign up to make cards at home

7-12th graders: Sign up to make cards at Station

Calling all K-2 CI students! Join BCIC on Saturday, November 15 from 10:30-11:30 am at the Barrington Area Library for some Mandarin fun at our CI Storytime! This event is geared for our students in CI grades K-2 and their parents/caregivers (siblings welcomed). Adult supervision required; it is not a drop off event. Be sure to register each person attending.

Register each guest for storytime!

Interested in sharing fun rhymes, songs, games, and crafts with young CI students? Parents, high school students, and middle school students are welcome to lead and assist during story time! Volunteer hours can be earned for 8-12th graders.

Sign up to be a storytime volunteer!

Miami Nights Homecoming 2025: Thank you!

Thank you to all our amazing students, families, & teachers that walked with BCIC at the Homecoming Parade. Kudos to BCIC board member, Leeann Chang, & her team for creating such an amazing float.

Special thanks go to the individuals & families listed below for donating items for the parade. From panda stickers & tattoos to Chinese fans to Miami Nights mirrored sunglasses (super helpful on our sunny day), you made the parade very special for so many kids. Thank you!!

**Pillaris*

**Anneline Bairan*

**Amy & Bryan Kim*

**Caryn Trombino*

**Zheng You*

**Daniel & Melissa Zierk*

**Corryn Flahavan*

Mid Autumn Festival Fun

In addition to all the teachers & volunteers, BCIC had more than 130 guests join us for our first ever community based Mid Autumn Festival. It was quite the celebration! We hope everyone enjoyed creating Chinese lanterns, making play-doh mooncakes, sampling real mooncakes, getting their faces painted, learning to play mahjong, making bunny ears out of plates, listening to Chinese stories at storytime, & most importantly, building community. Thank you for spending time with BCIC.

Special thanks go to CI parent, Hans Qi, for donating the mooncakes for everyone to sample!

Mrs. Zander and some students showing off their panda tattoos!

Mid Autumn Festival guests playing mahjong!

Students had fun making bunny ears!

Middle School Mid Autumn Festival Fun

Sponsored by BCIC, Mr. Yu organized a fun and meaningful Mid Autumn Festival event during the school day for our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. They sang songs, made playdoh mooncakes, and sampled mooncakes!

Unnamed 2

Every spiritwear order helps support BCIC!

Kids, grab some new CI gear to wear on Fridays to show your school spirit.

Adults, grab some new CI gear to wear around town or at upcoming BCIC events.

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